

**VOLUME 2 AIR OPERATOR AND AIR AGENCY CERTIFICATION AND
APPLICATION PROCESS**

CHAPTER 3 THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS—TITLE 14 CFR PART 121

Section 1 General Information

2-296 OVERVIEW. A Certification Project Team (CPT), composed of inspectors from the certificate-holding district office and Flight Standards Certification and Surveillance Division, AFS-900, accomplishes certification of new Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 121 air carriers.

A. Before issuing an air carrier Operating Certificate, the CPT will verify that an applicant is capable of operating safely and is in compliance with the regulations and standards prescribed by the Administrator. To do this, the CPT will follow a structured process that uses a system safety-based approach to thoroughly assess the design and performance of the system the applicant proposes. Air Transportation Oversight System (ATOS) processes and tools form the basis for part 121 air carrier certification.

B. Refer to Volume 10, Chapter 6, The Certification Process of 14 CFR Part 121 Air Carriers, for guidance.

RESERVED. Paragraphs 2-297 through 2-315.