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Designee Quality Assurance Branch (AFS-650)
The Designee Quality Assurance Branch, AFS-650, is the principal element of Flight Standards concerning Designee Quality Assurance. The principles and tenants of the Designee Workforce Oversight System are integral to the quality assurance function established within AFS-600.

With respect to this, the branch performs the following functions:

- Develops and implements a risk based approach used to support decisions impacting designee management.
- Develops IT business requirements to collect and analyze data on the performance of designees and the designee systems.
- Performs data analysis which may require data mining from various sources, including current AFS data bases, audit findings and survey information. May recommend additional data collection opportunities, as necessary, to measure desired outcomes.
- Develops and implements survey tools based upon business requirements to determine designee system effectiveness through data collection.
- Coordinates designee issues within Flight Standards and other services within AVS.
- Serves as the AFS lead for delegation oversight integration projects within AVS.
- Provides technical expertise to the AFS/AVS policy divisions in carrying out assigned projects, with responsibility for developing project plans, determining resource requirements, conducting technical research and special studies, and encouraging timely project completion.
- Administers the National Examiner Board (NEB) and is the repository for all applications from prospective designees. Provides the co-chairperson for the NEB. The NEB is responsible for creating and maintaining a national designee candidate pool, and providing the most highly qualified candidates for the FSDO/IFO/MIDO for appointment.

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Light Sport Aviation Branch (AFS-610)
AFS-610 manages the light sport aviation operations national program and develops and publishes guidance for light sport aircraft operations in coordination with the Aircraft Maintenance Division (AFS-300), the Civil Aviation Registry (AFS-700), and the General Aviation and Commercial Division (AFS-800). AFS-610 also works with Aircraft Certification and other directorates and divisions in developing guidance and policy, airworthiness certification, operations, and inspection functions.

The branch also does the following:

- Maintains continuing liaison with industry and FAA segments involved with light sport aircraft/sport pilot certification, standardization, and training issues.
- Plans, develops, and conducts initial seminars in support of light sport aircraft/sport pilot certification. Provides technical assistance to FAA elements on matters related to these programs. Provides public information seminars as necessary in order to ensure compliance with light sport aircraft/sport pilot regulatory requirements.
- Provides technical assistance to Flight Standards Service field offices in designating and conducting surveillance of designated pilot examiners authorized sport pilot examining privileges.
- Manages the acceptance and tracking program for industry-developed repairman courses. Provides oversight of accepted repairman courses through direct and indirect surveillance.
- Participates in the National Examiner Board (NEB) as subject matter experts in selecting Sports Pilot Examiners (SPE) and Designated Airworthiness Representatives-Light Sport Aircraft/Amateur Built (DAR-LDB/AB). Assists the NEB in selecting qualified applicants to attend initial training.
- Assists the Designee Standardization Branch, AFS-640, in the development of DAR-LSA/AB recurrent courses. Supports the FAA field offices
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