

FAR Part 117 vs FAR Part 121

Item	"New" FAR Part 117	Current Rule FAR Part 121
Applicability	Applicable to all types of passenger operations - scheduled and non-scheduled, domestic and international.	Different rules for scheduled, non-scheduled, domestic, supplemental and international Part 121 operations.
Flight Duty Periods (FDP)	Limits the length of the FDP based on the time of day the pilot starts the FDP and number of landings the crew is to perform. See table below.	Currently there are no limits in the regulations. The 16-hour limit was obtained through a legal interpretation and does not take into account the time of report and is not adjusted for the number of flights scheduled in the FDP.
Minimum Rest	Minimum rest is 10 hours, which begins when the crew is released from duty. This is designed to ensure an 8-hour sleep opportunity. The crew will be required to notify the company if the rest break needs to be extended to achieve the 8-hour sleep opportunity.	9 hours reducible to 8 hours that starts when the crew is released from duty and ends when the crew reports for duty. Does not factor in a sleep opportunity.
Reduced Rest	Not applicable.	Reducible to 8 hours rest.
Maximum Flight Time Limits, Unaugmented	Hard limit, not extendable. See Table below.	8 hours scheduled that can be extended due to "unforeseen circumstances."
Cumulative Limitations	Cumulative fatigue protections are measured in terms of flight hours... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 block hours in any 672 consecutive hours (28 days) • 1,000 block hours in any 365-day period ... and duty hours: • 60 flight duty period hours in any 168 consecutive hours • 190 flight duty period hours in any 672 consecutive hours. 	Limits flight hours on the basis of weekly, monthly and yearly basis dependent on type of operations flown and type of equipment operated (e.g. domestic, international or supplemental).
Flight Duty Period - Split Duty	Applied to night operations between the hours of 2200 and 0500 and requires a 3-hour rest in a suitable accommodation during the FDP.	No current limits.

Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Defines short-call and long-call reserve. -Airport/standby reserve (as defined in Part 117) is part of the pilot's FDP. -Maximum short-call reserve availability period is 14 hours. -Maximum amount of time spent on reserve and FDP is the value in the Table B FDP table plus 4 hours or 16 hours, whichever is less, as measured by the start of the reserve availability period. - May be shifted from long-call to short-call only if pilot receives a legal rest period (10 hours). 	Reserve not defined in current FAR.
FDP Extensions	FDP may be extended by 2 hours with concurrence of PIC. Extension beyond 30 minutes can only occur once before receiving a 30-hour rest period. Any extension cannot violate the cumulative duty limit. Strict reporting requirements on all extensions beyond 30 minutes.	No current rule for extensions or reporting. Everything is based on scheduled operations and flight time.
Fitness for Duty	Joint responsibility between the pilot and the airline for ensuring the pilot is fit for duty. The pilot must sign that he or she is fit for duty to take the flight. If a pilot reports fatigue, he or she must be removed from the flight.	Current FAR is vague in regards to fitness for duty.
Fatigue Risk Management Systems	Provides an option to develop an FAA-approved FRMS.	No current option.

Maximum Flight Time Limits—Unaugmented Operations

Time of Report (Acclimated)	Maximum flight time (hours)
0000-0459	8
0500-1959	9
2000-2359	8

Maximum Flight Duty Period Limits—Unaugmented Operations

Time of Start (Acclimated Time)	Maximum Flight Duty Period (hours) for lineholders based on number of flight segments						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
0000-0359	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
0400-0459	10	10	10	10	9	9	9
0500-0559	12	12	12	12	11.5	11	10.5
0600-0659	13	13	12	12	11.5	11	10.5
0700-1159	14	14	13	13	12.5	12	11.5
1200-1259	13	13	13	13	12.5	12	11.5
1300-1659	12	12	12	12	11.5	11	10.5
1700-2159	12	12	11	11	10	9	9
2200-2259	11	11	10	10	9	9	9
2300-2359	10	10	10	9	9	9	9