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## Memorandum

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To: All Flight Standards Divisions  
All Flight Standards District Offices  
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Subject: Deviation to FAA Order 8900.2, Number of Practical Tests Per Day

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This deviation allows a Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE), authorized to perform Initial Flight Instructor Practical Tests (Initial CFI), to conduct one additional test in the same calendar day if the Initial CFI Practical is not a complete test.

FAA Order 8900.2, Chapter 7, Section 2, Paragraph 14 (a) states: In the case of a designee administering an initial flight instructor practical test, the designee will not conduct more than one test per day. If the initial flight instructor test is not a complete practical test (i.e., a retest or continuance), the designee may seek permission from the managing FAA office to conduct an additional test on the same calendar day.

If the DPE is not conducting a complete practical test, we see no reason to require the DPE to seek permission from their managing office to conduct an additional test in the same calendar day. The next revision to FAA Order 8900.2 will reflect this change in the requirement, but until that time, this deviation remains in effect.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Jay Kitchens, Branch Manager, AFS-650, at 405-954-4784.

