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Subject: BHT 407 Initial PIC training, a clarification.

No pilot has performed PIC duties for Viking Aviation LLC without the proper training as a PIC in that aircraft. That said, no PIC has performed PIC duties for this certificate, in BHT 407, without the proper training in a BHT 407, ever.


However, the documentation of that information has not always been as clearly understood as it could have been. Oddly the documentation is understood by some but not all. Here is how we fix that.

Effective immediately every pilot that completes initial training to become a PIC in a BHT 407 will be checked in the BHT 407 with the resulting 8410. Previously some PICs did their required initial differences training for a BHT 407 in a BHT 407 and a check ride in a BHT 206L-3. While acceptable, the process has become confusing to others.

An example of other events, a PIC goes through initial, with no BHT 407 training because that pilot is going to a Bell 206L-4 base. Why no 407 training? Maybe no 407 available, many reasons but no 407 training. Their initial 8410 reflects Longranger. The same pilot later is going to a 407 base. The pilot must go back through initial training in a BHT 407, not differences training and then receives an 8410 at the completion of a successful check ride.

Initial training in a BHT 407 requires an 8410-check ride in order to complete initial PIC training in a BHT 407.

This policy will remain in effect until further notice.


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