

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY



What is an English Language Proficiency Test?

The **ICAO English test** measures the ability to speak and understand English in an aviation environment. This includes how well one can efficiently communicate routine and non-routine situations both face to face and over the radio.

Why Do I need to do this?

The purpose of an international standard of English is to enhance global aviation safety

Required skills

The test measures the following:

Comprehension – to be able to understand English through various accents and dialects.

Communication – to communicate information clearly and effectively particularly during emergency situations.

Radio communications – communication over the radio can be vary different than speaking in person. Proper radio communication skills require the use of standard phraseology. It also requires the ability to understand distorted English created by radio interference.

ICAO rating scale

During the test the examiner evaluates the applicant based on the following areas:

Pronunciation – to speak English with a dialect or accent that is easy for the listener to understand.

Structure – grammatical structures and sentence patterns.

Vocabulary – the speak accurately and efficiently using the correct words.

Fluency – the continuous flow and rhythm of speech.

Comprehension – to understand and make sense of what is heard.

Interactions – how well one responds in a conversation. This may include checking, clarifying or confirming information if necessary.

Each category is graded on a scale between 1-6 (1 is the lowest, high is the proficient). The lowest score determines the final ICAO English rating. For example, an applicant may be scored 4 for every category except comprehension where the score was 3. As a result, the applicant will receive a final rating of 3. The international standard to be English proficient is level 4 or higher.

To achieve ICAO level 4 you must score at least 4 in EVERY category

Level	Validity
6 - Expert	No retest
5 - Extended	5 years
4 - Operational	3 years
3 - Pre-operational	
2 - Elementary	
1 - Pre-elementary	

Reassessment

Those who have ICAO English level 4 must retake the exam every three years while those with ICAO English level 5 have up to 5 years to be reassessed. Achieving ICAO English level 6 is considered an expert level and therefore does not require a reassessment.

READ MORE: <https://www.icao.int/safety/lpr/Pages/Language-Proficiency-Requirements.aspx>

Where

Johannesburg

(011) 824-1396, this is for Rand airport

(011) 701 2662 for Skyhawk Aviation

Durban

(031) 563 2080 Virginia Airport

Cape Town

TBA (JONO/DAMIAN)

How much does it cost?

The pricing varies depending on the ELPT expert. Please contact them for pricing as this is an external from RPAS Training Academy.

SACAA Form

<http://www.caa.co.za/Part%2061%20Licensing%20Forms/CA%2061-01.07.pdf>