

Notes for Candidates - AELP Test for English Language Proficiency Requirements

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What is AELP Test?

AELP Test is an officially approved Test for the EASA/ICAO English Language Requirements satisfaction. The Test has been Approved by ENAC - the Italian CAA and with AELP you can be assessed to obtain any ICAO level, until level 6 included.

There is no difference as for validity with other Tests. It is managed by Italian experienced examiners and administrators and built in a way to be user friendly for all categories of aviation stakeholders (Pilots, Student Pilots, Controllers, FISOs, student controllers and FISOs, etc.) to evaluate in the best way as possible your English.

How is it structured?

The AELP Test has three Parts. and lasts 25-28 minutes in total.

Part 1 - Opening Questions

The examiner will ask you some initial general questions regarding your life, your job and your interest in aviation, just to begin a normal conversation.

There are no right/wrong answers, just a conversation as much normal as possible. Only your English will be evaluated.

Throughout all the test you can ask to repeat or for clarification if something is not clear or if you don't understand any question.

Some examples:

- What do you do for a living?
- Can you talk about a positive aspect regarding your job?
- Describe a typical take-off procedure.

Part 2 - Listening Comprehension

In part 2 you will hear 10 short audio messages that you have to repeat to the examiner to demonstrate that you have understood the messages.

You can use the same words or use your own words and you can ask the examiner to repeat the audio if you feel not to have understood it completely.

You can find some examples in our website.

After these 10 audio files the examiner will give you a text with an article or a story in aviation with some words missing. Then he will play an audio where this story or article is read fully and you will have simply to write down the missing words.

It is not important **how** you write them down, we are not interested if you spell them fully correctly, we just check if the meaning of the missing word is ok.

We call this exercise "Fill in the gaps".

Here you are an example:

"A Boeing 767 was crossing the position on taxiway Bravo 03, proceeding to cross Runway 02 Left/17 exactly in accordance with his authorisation. The tow truck driver saw the aircraft in on the runway, but it did not seem to be moving at all. At that point he had no other choice but to continue to cross in order to the runway as fast as possible".

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Part 3 - Photos and Discussion

In part 3, the examiner will show you two pictures and ask some questions to describe them and about the situations that you see in the photos.

For example:



After the photos, the examiner will ask you some final questions about an aviation topic, just to start a discussion and a conversation.

As for part 1, there is no correct or incorrect answer in terms of the topic itself, the scope is to evaluate your English.

Some examples:

- *What is miscommunication in aviation?*
- *How can poor spoken English among pilots lead to air disasters?*

When will I get the certificate?

In a few days after completing the Test you will receive your certificate with the achieved level as per ICAO/EASA regulations, digitally signed, to your email inbox.

Hand it over to ENAC or your Civil Aviation Authority to get it transcribed onto your licence.

That's it.

For any questions, to check the dates of the next testing session or of any need contact the examiner:

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