

Briefing instructions for AEPS Aviation English testing

Welcome to the AEPS Aviation English Proficiency Evaluation.

Please read these instructions carefully and ask the examiners for clarification on any items which you do not fully understand.

The test will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

The AEPS test is designed to assess your ability to understand and use radio phraseologies as well as common English. The test is intended to measure the six following subskills: Pronunciation, Structure, Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension and Interactions.

Procedure

If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask the examiners. When you are ready to start the test, just tell the examiners that you are ready. Once the test is started you cannot stop it. So be sure that you are fully ready and you do not have any remaining questions.

The actual practical test is divided in 2 sections:

1. Plain language test,
2. R/T practical test

as follows:

Plain language Test (approx. 10 minutes)

The test developed by AEPS for the plain language test is composed of the following exercises:

Part A: Introduction exercise

This exercise is based on an interview during which you are asked to introduce yourself. Please explain who you are, why you take/took flying classes, what you intend to do with your flying skills, if you have special hobbies... The assessors may ask questions in order to facilitate conversation.

Part B: Aviation English Reading

You are given a short text or document linked to the aviation world (i.e. NOTAM, safety information, meteorological report...). You have 2 minutes to read and review it. Afterwards, you are asked to summarize the subject, speak about it in order to show the assessors that you have understood the meaning and the content of the document.

The documents are selected at random from a database.

Part C: Picture description

You are presented with an aviation-related picture. You have about 30 seconds to provide a description of what you see.

The pictures are selected from a database.

Part D: Open questions

You are asked to answer open questions using an aeronautic lexical field.

The open questions are selected at random in a database.

R/T Practical Test (approx. 10 minutes)
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The R/T-testing scenario is a simulation of an actual flight.

NOTE: Unexpected events may be included in some R/T-test scenarios – but not all of them – as these are normally already covered by the other portions of the language proficiency assessment.

You are the pilot in command and the operational examiner is playing the role of the air traffic controller. You are asked to use standard radiotelephony communication whenever possible. If no standard phraseology is available for the situation, use plain language.

The ICAO/EASA test is:

- An assessment of your standard radiotelephony communication and plain English language level in an aviation-operational environment
- Linked only to aviation topics and/or an aviation work-related context
- Based only on a practical use of the English language in real 'aviation' life
- Designed to evaluate your ability to communicate (both ways) effectively within an aviation-related topic

The ICAO/EASA test is not:

- A test about your grammatical knowledge, nor vocabulary
- A formal translation exercise
- An assessment of your operational or technical skills (procedures)
- A TOEFL (or similar) exam