

AERONAUTICAL CIRCULAR CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY – MACAO, CHINA

SUBJECT: *Language Proficiency Requirements*

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CANCELLATION:

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GENERAL:

The President of Civil Aviation Authority – Macao, China, in exercise of his power under Paragraph 89 of the Air Navigation Regulation of Macao (ANRM) and Article 35 of the Statutes of Civil Aviation Authority, approved by the Decree-Law 10/91/M, established this Aeronautical Circular (AC).

1 Introduction

In accordance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) *Annex 1 – Personnel Licensing* requirements, pilots, aeronautical station operators and air traffic controllers shall demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the language used for radiotelephony communications to the level specified.

English is the language used for radiotelephony communications in Macao, China.

All holders of the licenses referred in paragraph 2(a) below shall meet the language proficiency requirements specified in this AC.

2 Applicability

(a) The language proficiency requirements are applicable to the holders or applicants of the following AACM licenses:

(i) Private Pilot License (aeroplanes or helicopters)

- (ii) Commercial Pilot License (aeroplanes or helicopters)
 - (iii) Airline Transport Pilot License (aeroplanes or helicopters)
 - (iv) Flight Navigator License
 - (v) Flight Engineer License
 - (vi) Air Traffic Controller License
 - (vii) Aeronautical Station Operator License
- (b) Holders of the above mentioned licenses shall not exercise the privileges of their licenses unless they have complied with the language proficiency requirements in this AC.
- (c) Operators/organizations employing personnel holding or applying for the licenses referred to in paragraph 2(a)(ii) to 2(a)(vii) above shall ensure those personnel's compliance with the language proficiency requirements in this AC.

3 Language proficiency requirement

- (a) Aeroplane and helicopter pilots, flight navigators required to use the radiotelephone aboard an aircraft, air traffic controllers and aeronautical station operators shall demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the language used for radiotelephony communications to the level specified in the language proficiency requirements in the Appendix.
- (b) Flight engineers shall have the ability to speak and understand the language used for radiotelephony communications.
- (c) The language proficiency of aeroplane and helicopter pilots, flight navigators required to use the radiotelephone aboard an aircraft, air traffic controllers and aeronautical station operators who demonstrate proficiency below the Expert Level (Level 6) shall be formally evaluated at intervals in accordance with an individual's demonstrated proficiency level, as follows:
- (1) Those demonstrating language proficiency at the Operational Level (Level 4) shall be evaluated at least once every three years; and
 - (2) Those demonstrating language proficiency at the Extended Level (Level 5) shall be evaluated at least once every six years.

4 License endorsement

- (a) In accordance with the ANRM, paragraph 2(1) of the Fourth Schedule and paragraph 2(1) of the Eighth Schedule, a person applying in Macao for the grant or renewal of a license referred in paragraph 2(a) above shall be required to undergo a number of examinations under the supervision of the AACM. Applicants must meet the language proficiency requirements in this AC for the grant or renewal of the licenses referred to in paragraph 2(a) above.
- (b) Applicant who meets the language proficiency at the Operational Level (Level 4) or above will be endorsed accordingly in his/her license.

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APPENDIX**REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFICIENCY IN LANGUAGES USED FOR
RADIOTELEPHONY COMMUNICATIONS****1 General**

To meet the language proficiency requirements, an applicant for a licence or a licence holder shall demonstrate, in a manner acceptable to the AACM, compliance with the holistic descriptors in paragraph 2 below and with the ICAO Operational Level (Level 4) of the ICAO Language Proficiency Rating Scale in the Attachment to this appendix.

2 Holistic descriptors

Proficient speakers shall:

- a) communicate effectively in voice-only (telephone/ radiotelephone) and in face-to-face situations;
- b) communicate on common, concrete and work-related topics with accuracy and clarity;
- c) use appropriate communicative strategies to exchange messages and to recognize and resolve misunderstandings (e.g. to check, confirm, or clarify information) in a general or work-related context;
- d) handle successfully and with relative ease the linguistic challenges presented by a complication or unexpected turn of events that occurs within the context of a routine work situation or communicative task with which they are otherwise familiar; and
- e) use a dialect or accent which is intelligible to the aeronautical community.

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