

PERSONNEL LICENSING

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTING

INTERIM MEASURE FOR THE GRANTING OF A LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY RATING (LPR) TO COMMERCIAL AND AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOTS

This AIC must be read in conjunction with AIC 30.16 and AIC 30.20

In order to streamline the processing of testing for the awarding of a Language Proficiency Rating (LPR) to private pilots, commercial and airline aircrew, in compliance with ICAO Annex 1, Document 8735 Chap 5, the following interim measure is to be complied with when applying for an LPR:

INTERIM MEASURES FOR PROCESSING A LPR PRIVATE, COMMERCIAL AND AIRLINE PILOTS

Private Pilots, Commercial Pilots and Airline Transport Pilots are required by ICAO to have the LPR. All Pilots wanting a LPR can submit to Aviation Personnel Standards the following documentation:

- a certified copy of a South African Matric (Grade 12 certificate) with English as first or second language; or
- a certified copy of a post graduate certificate with English as a subject or as the medium of instruction; or
- an ICAO approved Foreign licence LPR endorsement; and
- a completed CAA form CAA-61-01.11.
- Payment of the prescribed fee as per CAR 187

On submission of the above documentation on or before the 15 December 2007, the applicant will then qualify for the Interim LPR and the licence would be endorsed with either a level 4 or 5 rating. All licences holders wanting to qualify for a level 6 would have to undergo an assessment prior to be endorsed with a level 6

Pilots who also hold a foreign licence with an ICAO LPR may submit a certified copy of their LPR endorsement on their foreign licence instead of the Matric or Post Graduate Certificate prescribed for South African Nationals.

LPR will be granted as follows:

PROFICIENCY LEVEL	Documentary Proof
Level 6: Expert	Testing required
Level 5: Extended – Retesting required every six years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South African Matric (Grade 12 certificate) with a pass in English First Language with a symbol of A, B or C. • a post graduate certificate with English as a subject or as the medium of instruction • Foreign National already endorsed with a rating

Level 4: Operational (Minimum level) Retesting required every three years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South African Matric (Grade 12 certificate) with a pass in English First Language with a symbol of D • South African Matric (Grade 12 certificate) with a pass in English Second Language with a symbol of A or B • Foreign National already endorsed with a rating
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Upon endorsement the applicant with a current South African licence may qualify for a level 5 LPR as prescribed by ICAO. We will only issue a level 6 rating on completion of a South African Assessment. On the first renewal of this licence or prior to the interim measure rating expiring foreign pilots with a SA CPL or ATPL have to undergo testing with a South African accredited ATO, to qualify for the full South African LPR.

This interim measure will remain valid until 31 December 2007, after which all licence holders requiring the LPR in terms of ICAO, shall be required to comply with the testing standards as laid out in AIC 30.20.

This interim measure does not prohibit any pilot from complying with AIC 30.20 and applying for a permanent South African LPR.

This measure is intended to spread the testing period and to allow some flexibility to commercial and airline aircrew operating outside the country.

As of the 1 January 2008, all initial applications for the issue of a CPL and ATPL will be required to undergo the testing for the LPR, as this would form part of the licensing requirements.

All CPL and ATPL holders endorsed during the interim phase must ensure that they undergo testing with the first renewal of their licence or prior to the interim endorsement expiring.

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