English language proficiency requirements: at a glance

**General English Language Proficiency**

An authorised person is required to validate an applicant’s general English language proficiency for safety purposes in two stages.

The following are authorised people:
- CASA delegate
- Flight Examiner with an ELP endorsement
- Approved Testing Officer with ELP approval
- Person approved to conduct ELP assessments
- Head of Operations of a Part 141 or Part 142 operator
- Grade 1 instructor authorised by the Head of Operations

**Stage 1**
The applicant needs to provide evidence to confirm they have been engaged or tested according to one of the following criteria.

- Passed an approved course of English language
- Completed or receiving secondary education with English as the principle language of instruction
- Been employed in an English-speaking environment
- Passed one of the general English tests – IELTS, TOEIC or TOEFL

**General ELP assessment**

An applicant is required to be assessed by an authorised assessor. The assessment is conducted according to the ICAO Annex 1 standards to the expert level, not including technical content.

The following people are authorised assessors. They are trained and evaluated by CASA to conduct the assessment:
- CASA delegate
- Flight Examiner with ELP endorsement
- Approved Testing Officer with ELP approval
- Person approved to conduct ELP assessments

**A person who is a general ELP holder can do the following**

- apply for an RPL flight test
- apply for an RPL
- apply for and use an AROC
- fly solo as a student pilot

If the person doing the assessment is satisfied on the basis of both the interview and the evidence, then the applicant is a general ELP holder.

**Stage 2**
If the person doing the assessment is satisfied that the evidence is acceptable, then the applicant is interviewed to validate the evidence in the context of flight safety.

**Aviation English Language Proficiency**

An applicant is required to be assessed by an authorised assessor. The assessment is conducted according to the ICAO Annex 1 standards to the expert level, including technical content.

The following people are authorised assessors. They are trained and evaluated by CASA to conduct the assessment:
- CASA delegate
- Flight Examiner with ELP endorsement
- Approved Testing Officer with ELP approval
- Person approved to conduct ELP assessments
- Aviation English language proficiency assessors (61.270)

**Aviation ELP Assessment**

The applicant only receives an aviation ELP if they are assessed as meeting the standard in the Part 61 MOS and the CASA application form is completed. The applicant’s licence will be endorsed with the ELP assessment and expiry date, based on the following:

- level 6 assessment – doesn’t expire
- level 5 assessment – 6 years
- level 4 assessment – 3 years

**A person who holds a current aviation ELP can do the following**

- apply for a licence flight test
- apply for a flight crew licence
- apply for and use an AROC
- apply for and use an RPL radio endorsement
- fly solo as a student pilot