

# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE SPANISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST FOR PILOTS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

According to the Commission Regulation EU n° 1178/2011 (AIR CREW) FCL 055, aeroplane, helicopter, powered-lift and airship pilots required to use the radio telephone shall not exercise the privileges of their licences and ratings unless they have a language proficiency endorsement on their licence in either English or the language used for radio communications involved in the flight. The endorsement shall indicate the language, the proficiency level and the validity date.

For pilots, The validity for the Language Competence Assessment is a period of 4 years for Operational Level (Level 4), 6 years for Advanced Level (Level 5) and indefinite for Proficiency Level (Level 6). The necessary requirements referred to Language Competence are established in ICAO Annexes 1, 6, 10 and 11.

For ATCOS, The validity for the Language Competence Assessment is a period of 3 years for Operational Level (Level 4), 6 years for Advanced Level (Level 5) and 9 years for Proficiency Level (Level 6). The necessary requirements referred to Language Competence are established in ICAO Annexes 1, 6, 10 and 11.

As for ATC controllers, requirements and implementation are established in COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 805/2011 of 10 August 2011 laying down detailed rules for air traffic controllers' licences and certain certificates pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

## 2. AUTHORIZED SPANISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CENTER

Society Services and Studies for Air Navigation and Safety Aeronautics, hereinafter SENASA, according to the applicable regulations is a language proficiency center duly authorized by the Aviation Safety Agency (AESA), for determining the level of language proficiency (Ability to speak and understand the language) in Spanish language used in radio communications.

## 3. SPANISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

ECAE examination (evaluation for aeronautical communications in Spanish) is a proficiency test that measures up to ICAO level 6 (expert) both for pilots and air traffic controllers.

The ECAE test consists of two parts:

- **Listening Test 1**, with an approximate duration of 20 minutes.
- **Oral Interaction Test 2**, with an approximate duration of 25 minutes.

The ECAE test qualifies up to ICAO level 6.

## 4. REQUIREMENTS TO SIT THE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

To be holder of a valid passport or ID number.

## 5. HOW TO APPLY

The application will be made through the SENASA web page, so that, at the time of presentation of the same, the applicant must show that he has read, understands and accepts this General Information document.

## 6. PICK OF THE DAY AND TIME TEST PERFORMED

During the registration process, the applicant must make his selection of day and time for the completion of the test based on the availability of places shown site by SENASA.

## 7. PRICE AND PAYMENT

The prices for the various services provided by SENASA in relation to the assessment of language proficiency are the following:

ECAE Test:	169 €
Other services: ELP endorsement processing at AESA:	50 € (taxes included)
	
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Payment will be made once completed your application, in the manner indicated in SENASA's website.

## 8. PLACE TO CARRY OUT THE TESTS

All tests will be performed at SENASA facilities in Madrid, situated in Avda. de la Hispanidad, 12.

## 9. CANDIDATES IDENTIFICATION

All applicants must establish their identity prior to start the language proficiency test by presenting their ID document or driving license as well as a pilot or air traffic controller license. Those holders of a pilot, ATCO, student pilot or student ATCO will also show such documents to the examiner.

## 10. APPEARANCE OF APPLICANTS TO LEVEL TEST

Language Proficiency Applicants will turn up to sit the test on the date and time requested within the registration process.

Applicants who fail to appear at the completion of the test the day and time requested, won't have the right to claim a refund of the amount paid.

## 11. ATTITUDE DURING THE TEST RUN

Applicants must show appropriate behavior during the performance of the test. If they were caught committing some kind of fraud will not be allowed to continue.

In these cases, the Test Center Manager will notify the facts occurred and will apply the convenient measures.

## 12. ASSESSING AND COMMUNICATING TEST RESULT

The evaluation of the results is carried out by two raters. In case of discrepancy between them, the test will be evaluated by a "third rater" who will establish the final result.

If the level obtained is the required by the applicable regulations, SENASA will issue a certificate of language proficiency within a maximum of 15 days since the completion of the test.

## 13. REVIEWS AND CLAIMS FOR THE PROFICIENCY TEST

Applicants who do not agree with the test result, may complete the Complaint Form. The claim cost is 65 €, to be made effective by the payment mechanism described in SENASA web page.

## 14. CANCELLATION AND REFUND TEST

Those applicants requesting refund of the test for failure to appear on the day booked, the following penalty will be applied:

- Test: Refund of 70% of the amount (essential to communicate this event through [ecae@senasa.es](mailto:ecae@senasa.es) within 48 hours in advance. If communication is done in less time, or the candidate doesn't turn up, no refund will take place).

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