

English Language Proficiency Assessment

Pilots and air traffic control officers must meet a standard of English language proficiency endorsed on their licences by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

As part of your training at Emirates Flight Training Academy, you'll take a series of assessments with the English Language Proficiency Training Organisation (ELP TO). This is based at EFTA and is approved by the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA).

The assessment

The EFTA ELP TO uses the English Language Proficiency for Aeronautical Communications (ELPAC) test designed by EUROCONTROL.

The online test is an assessment of your listening comprehension, followed by a spoken conversation to assess how well you can express yourself in English.

If you achieve a Level 5 in both the listening and speaking tasks, you'll have the opportunity to demonstrate your communicative competence to achieve a Level 6.

Our assessors

Our assessors are thoroughly trained and go through continuous checks to ensure they comply with the regulations. We maintain high standards to make sure you're assessed competently and fairly. The results of your assessment will be based on the criteria set out by the developers of the test in line with ICAO directives.

Our experts have decades of experience in the field of English language training and testing in a variety of sectors including aviation. And our operational experts are all instructors in technical knowledge who have achieved Level 6 in the ELPAC test.

If you have any questions about the assessment, please contact efta.elpto@emirates.com.