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REGISTRATION FOR AVIATION ENGLISH COMPETENCY TEST IN YEAR 2016

1 CAAS has arranged with the Regional Language Centre (RELC) to conduct the Aviation English Competency Test (AECT). This test is open to any holder of a Singapore professional pilot licence, private pilot licence or flight engineer licence who has not attained the ICAO Level 6 proficiency for English Language. For more information on the language proficiency test (AECT), please refer to Appendix 1.

2 The test dates are available on RELC's website (www.relc.org.sg/eb/aect/) and are as follows:

Dates of AECT	
26 January 2016, Tuesday	26 July 2016, Tuesday
23 February 2016, Tuesday	30 August 2016, Tuesday
29 March 2016, Tuesday	27 September 2016, Tuesday
26 April 2016, Tuesday	25 October 2016, Tuesday
31 May 2016, Tuesday	29 November 2016, Tuesday
28 June 2016, Tuesday	27 December 2016, Tuesday

3 To make reservation for the AECT, please email RELC Examinations Bureau at exams@relc.org.sg with the following details:

- a. Name (as in NRIC or Passport)
- b. Licence number
- c. Expiry date of the Language Proficiency (if applicable)
- d. Organisation
- e. Test date
- f. Mobile/cell phone number
- g. Email address

4 Applicants must make reservation with RELC not less than 2 weeks before the intended date of taking the AECT. Reservation is on a first-come first-served basis and each session can take up to a maximum of 8 test applicants only.

5 Candidates are required to complete a registration form, a letter of undertaking (for those not yet holding a Singapore licence) and make payment at RELC on the day of their test. Payment is to be made directly to RELC by either cash, Visa or Mastercard only. The test fee, as stipulated by RELC, will be charged as follows:

Total Number of Candidates Per Session	Test Fee Per Candidate
1	\$2280.00
2	\$1140.00
3	\$760.00
4	\$570.00
5	\$456.00
6	\$380.00
7	\$380.00
8	\$380.00

6 The AECT will be conducted at the RELC, which is located at:

RELC Examinations Bureau
Level 3, RELC Building
30 Orange Grove Road
Singapore 258352

7 The results of the AECT will be released by CAAS within 3 working days. Once notified, applicants may come to the CAAS Licensing Office for licence endorsement.

8 The CAAS Licensing Office is located at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 2, South Pier, Level 3 Unit no. #038-039, Singapore 819643.

9 For AECT registration enquiries, please contact:

Ms Dini Sandys Manager, Examinations Bureau (65) 6885 7824 Dini.Sandys@relc.org.sg	Ms Amanda Ng Exams Management Executive (65) 6734 4259 Amanda.Ng@relc.org.sg
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10 For flight crew licensing related enquiries, please contact:

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Conduct of AECT

1 The AECT is conducted as a 20-minute interview to determine the specific language proficiency level of the candidate. The test is conducted by two CAAS-authorized testers. Candidates who are required or intend to take the AECT are to contact Regional Language Centre, exams@relc.org.sg, to make arrangements to take the test.

2 The test comprises the following three parts:

Part 1: Introduction (5 minutes)

In this segment, the candidate will be asked a few questions about himself and work. The aims are to establish rapport with the candidate and to serve as a warm-up for the next two segments.

Part 2: Situational Talk – English Language (10 minutes)

In this segment, the candidate will be asked to explain in English language how he would react in a particular situation, such as a medical emergency during flight, or engine fire prior to descent. The tester will engage the candidate by posing the selected situation and may prompt the candidate, if necessary, during the discussion. The aim is to test the candidate's use of natural language rather than to seek a correct response to the given situation.

Part 3: Closing (5 minutes)

In the final segment, the tester will engage the candidate on an aviation-related topic before bringing the interview to an end. The focus of this segment is on the use of English language.

3 During the test, candidates will be assessed in the following six areas:

- (a) Pronunciation (includes an accent that is internationally intelligible);
- (b) Structure (relevant grammatical structures and sentence patterns);
- (c) Vocabulary (a wide range of vocabulary which is appropriate to the situation);
- (d) Fluency (includes spontaneity and appropriate speed of delivery);
- (e) Comprehension (includes ability to listen and understand others); and
- (f) Interactions (includes ability to manage the speaker-listener relationship effectively).

4 The overall language proficiency rating is based on the level reached in the candidate's weakest area. Failure to comply with descriptors in one category at a particular level indicates that the next lower proficiency level will be awarded. For instance, a candidate who is rated Level 4 for the category of Pronunciation but is rated Level 5 for all other categories will be given an overall proficiency rating of Level 4. Hence an individual must demonstrate proficiency at Level 5 in all categories in order to receive a Level 5, and so on for other levels.