

## INTRODUCTION TO HAP LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

The test of HAP has been designed to evaluate the operational language proficiency of pilots and controllers. The main objective of the test is to ensure that pilots and controllers have sufficient proficiency in English to ensure safe and efficient flight operations.

### Test Elements:

The test of HAP consists of four (4) parts. Each part is intended to assess the six ICAO skills as required in Doc 9835 (Pronunciation, Structure, Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension and Interaction). The part 4 of the test is especially focused on comprehension skills.

- **Part 1- Warm up and work related interview (4 minutes approx.)**

The warm up and work related interview is a dialogue between the interlocutor and the candidate. It consists of greetings, introduction, discussion around pilot or controller occupation and training etc.

- **Part 2- Picture prompt and discussion (3 minutes approx.)**

This part deals with the description of a picture. The interviewer provides an aeronautical picture to the candidate who has one (1) minute to observe the picture and two (2) minutes to describe it.

- **Part 3- Text prompt and discussion (5 minutes approx.)**

The interlocutor gives the candidate a text of about 150 words. The latter silently exploits it for three (3) minutes during which he can take notes that he can keep for the duration of the test. The interlocutor takes back the text and asks the candidate to comment on it. Then, he engages with the candidate in a series of questions and answers if necessary.

- **Part 4- Recorded events**

This part takes place in voice only and consists of listening and commenting on voice messages. Each message is played only once. It is in two subparts:

- **Part 4A- Recorded events on routine situations (3 minutes approx.)**

The candidate listens to messages associated with routine situations. Then, the interlocutor engages with the candidate in a series of questions and answers in order to assess his or her mastery and understanding of the subjects.

- **Part 4B- Recorded events on non-routine situations (5 minutes approx.)**

During this part, the candidate listens to messages associated with non-routine situations and with a variety of accents and themes. Then, the interlocutor engages with the candidate in a series of questions and answers in order to assess his or her mastery and understanding of the subjects.

- **Total time- 20 minutes approx.**

