



Aviation ICAO English

This course is an exam preparation course for aviation professionals and those planning to enter the industry who need to achieve and maintain Level 4 (operational) as measured by the ICAO Language Profile descriptors.

The aim of this course is to improve students' communicative competence with particular reference to the six ICAO language proficiency descriptors: pronunciation, structure, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and interaction. Students will develop their listening skills with authentic recordings, learn to use the functional language and vocabulary required in both standard and non-standard aviation situations, improve their communication, including pronunciation, in voice-only (telephone and radiotelephone R/T) situations, and focus on core professional skills.

ICAO Level 4 proficiency is a requirement for commercial and private airline pilots, including helicopter pilots who fly internationally; Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs) and assistants; anyone using air-ground voice communications for international air operations.

Location	Lessons per week	Lesson schedule	Max. class size	Course length	Start dates	Levels
LAL Fort Lauderdale	20 lessons/ 15 hours (45 minutes per lesson)	Mornings or afternoons	15 students	10 weeks	08 Jan, 02 Apr, 01 Oct 2018	B1 Intermediate and higher
LAL Boston					11 Jun 2018	

Sample Timetable

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Topic	Language & Communication in Aviation	Communication Errors	Making Requests	Abbreviations	American and British English
Subjects	Listening Standard phraseology and plain language Pronunciation Improving clarity and delivery Speaking Avoiding misunderstandings	Reading & discussion Identifying problems with readback Writing Taking notes for detailed readback	Speaking Standard phraseology and plain language Listening & speaking Understanding situations and making requests to solve problems	Discussion Operational Q&A based on abbreviations Reading & listening Identifying abbreviations used in an operational environment and identifying their importance to pilots	Listening Transmissions spoken in different accents by aviation professionals across the world Reading & discussion Typical results of communication breakdown
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
	Language focus Using the correct vocabulary and grammar Functional English Question forms Speaking practice Discussion in pairs	Speaking Requesting and providing clarification Communication errors Omitted or incorrect call sign Language focus Clarifying original messages	Reading Matching abbreviations and acronyms to explanations Listening Identifying abbreviations Pronunciation Clarity of vowels and consonants	Practice Putting it all together: Standard phraseology and plain language Communication Asking questions to understand situations and making requests to solve problems	Listening & speaking Understanding and responding to requests Review of the week & progress check