Introduction to ELPT

http://www.elptest.vacau.

The ELPT is a test of Aviation English, which meets ICAO, EASA and JAA requirements.

Test format

The ELPT is an Oral Interaction Test and consists of two testers and a single candidate. One tester will interact with the candidate and the other will be solely assessing the candidate's language level.

Test structure

The test consists of four parts. The first and last part tests the candidates' general English skills. The second and third, that is the middle section test the candidates aviation specific knowledge. It is important to test both radio telephony and general English skill and this is mandated by ICAO, EASA and the JAA.

Part 1 and Part 4

These sections test the candidates' general language ability.
Part 1- the candidate speaks about familiar topics such as his/her hobbies, pastimes, work-life, plans and ambitions.

Part 4 requires the candidate to demonstrate his/her ability to speak on an aviation related topic and to demonstrate an ability to compare and contrast visual stimuli, speak about his/her opinions of general topics. These topics may include the environment, the nature of the aviation industry, trends for the future of aviation and so on.

Part 2 and Part 3

In these sections the candidate will take part in a radio telephony simulation. The candidate will be required to demonstrate his/her ability to communicate outside of standard phraseology. The candidate will also be required to report and develop the simulation scenario in a follow up discussion.

How are the tests marked?

The tests are scored as per ICAO recommendations. *ICAO document 9835AN/453* contains a scale relating to language ability at different level. The scale starts at 1 (the lowest level) and ends at 6 (the highest level-called "Expert"). Level 4 (called "operational") is the minimum level required for transnational operations.

Further details as well as a sample candidate booklet and a link to a sample test are available at http://www.elptest.vacau.com