



## **Regulation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand**

### **On Language Proficiency for Radio Communication of Personnel B.E. 2561**

---

Whereas the Regulation of the Civil Aviation Board No. 75 on the Privileges of Holders of Pilot Licence, Air Traffic Controller Licence and Flight Dispatcher Licence and the Regulation of the Civil Aviation Board No. 90 on the Privileges of Holders of Student Air Traffic Controller Licence prescribe that the holders of Aeroplane Pilot Licence, Airship Pilot Licence, Helicopter Pilot Licence, Vertical Take-off and Landing (VTOL) Aircraft Licence, Air Traffic Controller Licence and Student Air Traffic Controller Licence shall be entitled to exercise their privileges provided that they have acquired an acceptable level of English proficiency for aviation communication that is appropriate to perform duties in accordance with the criteria prescribed by the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand, whereby the proficiency level shall conform to the standards set forth in Annex 1 (most recent version) of the Convention on International Civil Aviation; be it, therefore, the Director General hereby issues this Regulation as follows:

**Clause 1.** This Regulation shall be known and cited as “Regulation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand on the Language Proficiency for Radio Communication of Personnel B.E. 2561”.

**Clause 2.** This Regulation shall come into force after sixty days following its publication in the government gazette.

**Clause 3.** The Regulation of the Department of Civil Aviation on Language Proficiency for Radio Communication of Personnel B.E. 2556, announced on July 24, 2013, shall be repealed.

**Clause 4.** In this Regulation:

“Personnel” means the aeroplane pilot, helicopter pilot, vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft pilot, airship pilot, air traffic controller, and student air traffic controller.

“Language Used for Radio Communication” means the language used for regular communication during flight and air traffic control operations, or English language.

“Test” means the language proficiency test for radio communication of Personnel Licence holders, which consists of components such as pronunciation, structure, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and interaction.

“Director General” means the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand.

“CAAT” means the Office of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand.

“Competent Official” means the Director General or the person designated by the Director General.

**Clause 5.** The holder of Personnel Licence who has completed the language proficiency test for radio communication at the approved Language Proficiency Testing Center (LPTC) and has achieved the test result of Level 4 (Operational Level – Level 4) or higher pursuant to the Language Proficiency Rating Scale prescribed by the International Civil Aviation Organization, shall submit a copy of test result and a valid, original copy of Personnel Licence to the Competent Official for endorsement of language proficiency rating on the Personnel Licence.

**Clause 6.** Upon receipt of the documents specified in Clause 5, the Competent Official shall endorse the language proficiency rating on the Personnel Licence as follows:

(1) Level 4 “Meets language proficiency requirement in accordance with ICAO Annex 1 for English Level 4 – valid until [Date].”

(2) Level 5 “Meets language proficiency requirement in accordance with ICAO Annex 1 for English Level 5 – valid until [Date].”

(3) Level 6 “Meets language proficiency requirement in accordance with ICAO Annex 1 for English Level 6 – valid for life.”

**Clause 7.** The holder of Personnel Licence whose language proficiency rating has not been endorsed on the Personnel Licence as per Clause 6 shall not be entitled to conduct international flights or air traffic control, as the case may be.

**Clause 8.** The validity of test result shall be as follows:

(1) Level 4 test result (Operational Level – Level 4) shall be valid for three years from the date of completion of the test.

(2) Level 5 test result (Extended Level – Level 5) shall be valid for six years from the date of completion of the test.

(3) Level 6 test result (Expert Level – Level 6) shall be valid for life.

**Clause 9.** The holder of Personnel Licence who has achieved the language proficiency test result below Level 6 (Expert Level – Level 6) shall undergo the language proficiency test at an LPTC appointed by the Director General, as follows:

(1) The holder of Personnel Licence who has achieved the test result of Level 5 (Extended Level – Level 5) shall undergo the language proficiency test every six years commencing from the date of completion of the most recent test.

(2) The holder of Personnel Licence who has achieved the test result of Level 4 (Operational Level – Level 4) shall undergo the language proficiency test every three years commencing from the date of completion of the most recent test.

**Clause 10.** The language proficiency test result of Level 4 or Level 5, as rated by an LPTC appointed by the Director General or an LPTC of a contracting state or a state entering into an agreement with Thailand, that has been endorsed on a Personnel Licence prior to the effective date of this Regulation shall remain valid until the period specified in Clause 8 (1) and (2). Upon expiration thereof, the holder of Personnel Licence shall complete the language proficiency test at an approved LPTC and thereafter submit the test result to the Competent Official for endorsement of language proficiency rating on the Personnel Licence pursuant to Clause 5 and Clause 6.

Announced on January 9, 2018.

-Signature-

(Mr. Chula Sukmanop)

Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand