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**IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES OF ICAO ANNEX 1
TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION - PERSONNEL LICENSING -
FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (ELP) OF FLIGHT ENGINEERS AND PILOTS OF
AIRSHIPS, POWERED-LIFTS, GLIDERS AND FREE BALLOONS AND APPLICATION OF ELP
STANDARDS TO PILOTS OF OTHER AIRCRAFT CATEGORIES.**

The Irish Aviation Authority, in pursuance of Article 4 of the Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel) Licensing, Order (S.I. No. 333 of 2000) (as amended), hereby directs in relation to the Standards and Recommended Practices of ICAO Annex 1 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation -Personnel Licensing - (hereinafter referred to as "Annex 1") that, with effect from 5th March, 2008,:-

1. The standards and recommended practices for the language used for radiotelephony communications specified in paragraphs 1.2.9.1, 1.2.9.4, 1.2.9.5, 1.2.9.6 and 1.2.9.7 of Annex 1 shall apply to pilots of airships and powered lifts in respect of the use of the English language.
2. The recommended practices for the language used for radiotelephony communications in paragraph 1.2.9.3 of Annex 1 shall apply to flight engineers, glider pilots (when required to have a pilot licence issued by the Authority) and free balloon pilots in respect of the use of the English language. The test standards and periods of validity specified in paragraphs 1.2.9.4, 1.2.9.5, 1.2.9.6 and 1.2.9.7 of Annex 1 shall apply to the flight crew referred to in this paragraph.
3. Pilots of microlight aeroplanes and gyroplanes shall, in respect of the use of the English language used for radiotelephony communications, meet the same test standards and periods of validity specified in paragraphs 1.2.9.4, 1.2.9.5, 1.2.9.6 and 1.2.9.7 of Annex 1.

Chief Executive
Irish Aviation Authority

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Direction and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

The Tenth Edition of Annex 1 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation - Personnel Licensing - (article 1.2.9) requires aeroplane, helicopter, airship and powered-lift pilots to demonstrate a minimum of ICAO Level 4 (Operational Level) language proficiency no later than 5th March, 2008. For Ireland, in effect, this means English Language Proficiency (ELP). ICAO Annex 1 also recommends that language proficiency standards be applied to flight engineers, glider pilots (when required to have a pilot licence) and free balloon pilots and the Authority has decided to implement this recommendation. The Authority has decided that microlight aeroplane pilots and gyroplane pilots should also be required to meet similar requirements to those specified in Annex 1, as appropriate to and commensurate with their licence privileges. This Aeronautical Notice applies the ELP requirements to those pilots other than the aeroplane and helicopter pilots comprehended by the provisions of JAR-FCL 1 (Aeroplane) and JAR-FCL 2 (Helicopter), as implemented by Aeronautical Notice Nr. P. 13, latest issue. Refer also Aeronautical Notice Nr. P 18, Issue 1 of Date 17 Jan 2008 in relation to arrangements for ELP certificate issue to all pilots.

(Note: The only category of pilots not required to meet ELP requirements in Ireland are Foot-Launched Powered Aircraft (FLPA) pilots, whose exemption/licence system prohibits flight in controlled airspace and does not require radiotelephony communication skills.)