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ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements

Maltese Operators

All Malta pilot licences now meet the ICAO Annex 1 requirements for language proficiency.

However, Maltese operators also employ pilots holding JAR-FCL licences issued by other JAA States and pilots holding a certificate of validation of a pilot licence issued by non JAA States.

ICAO Annex 6 requires that operators ensure that flight crew members demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the language used for radiotelephony communications as specified in ICAO Annex 1.

In the case of Maltese operators, this essentially means that operators have to ensure that pilots meet at least the ICAO Level 4 language proficiency in English.

Operators can ensure the level of language proficiency if the pilot's licence has at least an English Level 4 endorsement according to the ICAO language proficiency rating scale.

As some States have not endorsed the licences yet a statement from the State of licence issue which certifies that the pilot meets at least the ICAO Level 4 proficiency in English is also considered sufficient to meet the ICAO Annex 6 requirement.

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