



# Notes for candidates of Test of English for Aviation (TEA)

## What is the TEA test?

- TEA is a test of your English ability – it is not a test of your operational knowledge.
- TEA is a test of plain English in an aviation context

TEA is a face-to-face interview with an examiner lasting about 20 minutes and consisting of three sections:

### **Section One** *Introduction*

You will be asked a series of set questions relating to your aviation background

### **Section Two** *Listening*

You will listen to a series of recorded statements presented by international speakers of English and have to identify and give feedback on the key elements. The topics will include non-routine and emergency situations in aviation and general situations.

### **Section Three** *Discussion*

You will be shown two pictures to describe and then discuss general topics related to the second picture.

## What happens on the exam day?

You should arrive at least twenty minutes before your appointment so that the administrator can take your photograph, which will appear on your certificate. Make sure you bring your passport or national identity card with you – you will not be allowed to take the test without it. You do not need to bring anything else with you. If you have a mobile phone, this must be turned off during the test. The test will be recorded for security reasons.

## What kind of results are given?

The test is marked according to the ICAO Language Proficiency Rating Scale. You will be given a mark between 1 and 6 for Vocabulary, Structure, Fluency, Pronunciation, Comprehension and Interactions. The overall mark will be the lowest of these scores.

## When will I receive my certificate?

Up to two weeks after you have taken the test.