

# Aviation English – training & testing

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## A PROPOSAL FOR:

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**MAYFLOWER  
COLLEGE**

## Mayflower College...

- was founded in 1988 and specialises in the tuition of English to international students
- welcomes approximately 1000 learners per year from 50+ countries
- is located just a few metres from the seafront in the historic city of Plymouth
- has 20 classrooms (all with internet access and many rooms have a view of the sea)
- has a computer suite (20 terminals) with free internet
- has its own pub ("Pilgrims Inn") - this is a private pub only for Mayflower College students and their friends
- has been involved in Aviation English since 1992, providing general and aviation-specific courses to air traffic controllers and pilots
- is the founder of the Test of English for Aviation (T.E.A.) – the only test for pilots in Italy accredited by ENAC
- is the co-developer of the leading online programme for pilots & controllers preparing for ICAO Level 4 or 5 – ‘[Climb Level 4](#)’.



### Accreditation

- Mayflower College and its courses are “Accredited by the British Council” and Mayflower College is a member of English UK
- Mayflower College’s courses and the TEA test are listed in the ICAO’s Aviation Training Directory (<http://www.icao.int/td> )

To date approximately 20,000 pilots and controllers have taken T.E.A. throughout the world.



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## Programme A:

1 or 2-week courses in the Mayflower College, Plymouth - with the option of taking Test of English for Aviation (TEA)



## Programme B:

The online programme "Climb Level 4"



La solución en línea para alcanzar el "Nivel de Inglés 4 de la OACI"



The objective of the courses is to raise the level of English of the controllers to ICAO Operational Level 4 and higher. This means that the focus will be speaking and listening skills, especially in “plain” English in non-routine aviation situations.

The content of the course will reflect the requirements of the 6 areas covered by the ICAO descriptors

## **Pronunciation**

Stress  
Rhythm  
Intonation  
Enunciation

## **Structure**

Basic grammar  
Sentence patterns  
Tense forms

## **Vocabulary**

Paraphrasing  
Succinct and assertive language  
Abbreviations and

## **Fluency**

Linking words and phrases  
Speed of communication

## **Comprehension**

International accents,  
distinguishing similar  
sounding words/numbers

## **Interactions**

Ability to pass on information  
Ability to respond to unfamiliar situations  
Checking, clarifying, confirming, information

Based on a minimum group size of 8 persons the costs (per person) will be:

	1 week	2 weeks
Course	363 €	638 €
Host family accommodation (optional)	138 €	275 €
Test of English for Aviation – TEA (optional)	100 €	100 €

The “Course” price includes:

- Course (25 hours per week in groups of 8-12 persons)
- All the tuition materials
- Free use of Self-Study room (we have some excellent computer-based English courses especially for listening and pronunciation practice)
- Free access to the internet
- Free membership of the Mayflower College pub (“Pilgrims Inn”)

The “Host family accommodation” price includes a single room, breakfast and dinner each day. Host families are typically located 10-20 minutes bus ride plus a 10 -minute from the Mayflower College

The cost of a bus ticket for travel on local buses is approximately GBP 15 per week.

As an alternative to host family accommodation there is a wide range of hotel accommodation within walking distance of the Mayflower College, the seafront and the city centre. Price begin at GBP 40 per night for a single en-suite room with breakfast. Please contact Mayflower College for further information ([english@maycoll.co.uk](mailto:english@maycoll.co.uk))

*It is a very good course. I improved my general English and in my opinion I learnt a lot about aviation as a whole. The information was very useful and the teachers are very helpful, polite and friendly. I would recommend this College.*

**Bulgarian ATCO**

*I just passed the test to confirm my ICAO level 4. I'd like to thank you and your colleagues for the quality teaching you provided, it definitely helped me a lot. I'll be sure to remember that for a long time.*

**Russian ATCO**

## Travelling to Plymouth:

**Exeter Airport** (~40 miles from Plymouth): Flybe ([www.flybe.com](http://www.flybe.com)) operate scheduled flights from Alicante, Malaga and Mallorca.

**Bristol Airport** (~120 miles from Plymouth): There are scheduled flights to Bristol from Madrid, Mallorca, Malaga, Alicante, Barcelona, Fuerteventura, Las Palmas, Lanzarote and Tenerife (operated by Easyjet, Ryan Air etc)

### London Heathrow Airport:

- National Express ([www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)) operates regular coaches between Heathrow Airport and Plymouth (approximately 4 hours)
- Train tickets can be bought at <http://www.thetrainline.com>

Mayflower College will be pleased to provide further information and assist with transfers from UK airports to Plymouth ([english@maycoll.co.uk](mailto:english@maycoll.co.uk))



## Programme 2: the online programme “Climb Level 4”

*The course was very interesting. I think it's very important for all aviators, because it has a lot of new vocabulary and good audios, overall it's a good tool to improve our aviation English.*

**Italian pilot**

*I think it is a well designed program which provides us an easy way to improve our English language skills. The independent study of it is very convenient because we can train whenever we have spare time. My favorite part was “grammar”. It is brief, well structured and easy to remember.*

**Bulgarian ATCO**

*It covers wide range of all main subjects in Aviation radiotelephony and is well organised and very good in details. I made most of the exercises in ‘Listening’, but I didn’t have enough time to make them all. The exercises were interesting and I enjoyed myself while made them!*

**Slovak ATCO**

The online programme ‘Climb Level 4’ is the leading independent-study programme used by pilots and controllers in 40+ countries.

It includes the latest in speech recognition / artificial intelligence technology and covers all six of the ICAO skills (pronunciation, comprehension, vocabulary, interactions, fluency, structure)



Further information (in Spanish) can be found at:

- An overview of the programme:  
[http://www.maycoll.co.uk/aviation-english/cl4/es/Que\\_es\\_Climb\\_Level\\_4.pdf](http://www.maycoll.co.uk/aviation-english/cl4/es/Que_es_Climb_Level_4.pdf)
- Spanish website:  
<http://www.maycoll.co.uk/aviation-english/cl4/es/index.html>
- Presentation movie:  
<http://www.maycoll.co.uk/cl4/demo-download.htm>
- Testimonials from users:  
<http://www.maycoll.co.uk/aviation-english/cl4/en/testimonials.html>

Programme Name	Initial Assessment	Final Assessment	Number of Hours	Maximum amount of time to complete the programme
CL4 Shuttle:	yes	no	5	1 week
CL4 Short-Haul:	yes	yes	100	3 months
CL4 Long-Haul:	yes	yes	100	6 months
CL4 Stopover:	yes	yes	100	9 months

	Cost per person (EUR)
CL4 Shuttle:	40 €
CL4 Short-Haul:	316 €
CL4 Long-Haul:	436 €
CL4 Stopover:	516 €

