

# LAL Language Centres

## English for Aviation: ICAO Level 4



This course is an exam preparation course for aviation professionals and those planning to enter the industry who need to achieve and maintain Level 4 (operational) as measured by the ICAO Language Profile descriptors. The aim of this course is to improve students' communicative competence with particular reference to the six ICAO language proficiency descriptors - pronunciation, structure, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and interaction. You will develop your listening skills with authentic recordings, learn to use the functional language and vocabulary required in both standard and non-standard aviation situations, improve your communication, including pronunciation, in voice-only (telephone and radiotelephone R/T) situations, and focus on core professional skills.

ICAO Level 4 proficiency is a requirement for commercial and private airline pilots, including helicopter pilots who fly internationally; Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs) and assistants; anyone using air-ground voice communications for international air operations.

Available in:	Fort Lauderdale
Lessons per week:	20 lessons = 15 hours (45 minutes per lesson)
Lesson schedule:	Mornings or afternoons
Class size max:	10 students
Course length:	10 weeks
Starting dates 2017:	03 Jan, 03 Apr, 05 Sep
Levels:	B1 Intermediate and higher

### SAMPLE TIMETABLE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Topic:</b> Language &amp; communication in aviation</p> <p><b>Listening:</b> Standard phraseology and plain language.</p> <p><b>Pronunciation:</b> Improving clarity and delivery</p> <p><b>Speaking:</b> Avoiding misunderstandings</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Communication errors</p> <p><b>Reading and discussion:</b> Identifying problems with readback</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Taking notes for detailed readback</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Making requests</p> <p><b>Speaking:</b> Standard phraseology and plain language</p> <p><b>Listening and speaking:</b> Understanding situations and making requests to solve problems</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Abbreviations</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Operational Q&amp;A based on abbreviations</p> <p><b>Reading and listening:</b> Identifying abbreviations used in an operational environment and identifying their importance to pilots</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> American and British English</p> <p><b>Listening:</b> Transmissions spoken in different accents by aviation professionals across the world</p> <p><b>Reading and discussion:</b> Typical results of communication breakdown</p>
		<b>BREAK</b>		
<p><b>Language focus:</b> Using the correct vocabulary and grammar</p> <p><b>Functional English:</b> Question forms</p> <p><b>Speaking practice:</b> Discussion in pairs</p>	<p><b>Speaking:</b> Requesting and providing clarification</p> <p><b>Communication errors:</b> omitted or incorrect call sign</p> <p><b>Language focus:</b> Clarifying original messages</p>	<p><b>Reading:</b> matching abbreviations and acronyms to explanations</p> <p><b>Listening:</b> Identifying abbreviations</p> <p><b>Pronunciation:</b> Clarity of vowels and consonants</p>	<p><b>Practice:</b> Putting it all together: Standard phraseology and plain language</p> <p><b>Communication:</b> Asking questions to understand situations and making requests to solve problems</p>	<p><b>Listening and speaking:</b> Understanding and responding to requests</p> <p><b>Review of the week and progress check</b></p>