

English Language

Cobham can provide English language training at an internationally recognised language school in England which is accredited by the British Council and a member of English UK, which is the National Association of Accredited English Language Centres.

Course Input:

Cobham can organise English Language training for all students abilities;

- Military Pilots are required to reach IELTS standards; 6.5 in speaking and listening and 5.5 in reading and writing. This equates to STANAG 6001 level 3 in reading and writing and STANAG level 4 in listening and speaking.
- Military Rear Crew are to reach IELTS standards; 4.5 in speaking and listening and 4.0 in reading and writing. This equates to STANAG 6001 level 2.

Course Design:

The course begins with intensive general English language study before progression onto studying aviation English in preparation for flight training. Key course content includes;

- Development of all four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing)
- Important topics to broaden knowledge and provide opportunity for opinion forming
- Practice aviation English
- Extension of vocabulary
- Practice of all four IELTS skills and techniques (speaking, listening, reading and writing)

Course Output:

Pilots will have reached IELTS standards;

- 6.5 in speaking and listening: this indicates a COMPETENT USER, who has 'generally effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings' and 'can use fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations'.
- 5.5 in reading and writing: this is a MODEST USER with 'partial command of the language, coping with overall meaning in most situations, though likely to make many mistakes'. The individual 'should be able to handle basic communication in their own field'.

Rear Crew will have reached IELTS standards;

- 4.5 in speaking and listening and 4.0 in reading and writing: this describes a LIMITED USER who 'basic competence is limited to familiar situations'. This user 'has frequent problems in understanding and expression and is not able to use complete language'.