

# FCL.055 exam structure



## PART 1 - INTERVIEW

In part 1 of the exam, the candidate will have to answer standard questions relating to their current situation. This can be about training, work or pleasure. The candidate must answer in a structured manner with pertinent information and whilst using connectors to allow for a casual speech flow.

## PART 2 - VISUAL ANALYSIS

The visual analysis consists of an image. The candidate must initially describe this image to the examiner as best as possible and analyse it. A good aviation vocabulary is required as the image is most likely aviation related. The candidate must also be ready to answer any questions about the image and its content.

## PART 3 - AUDIO ANALYSIS

The audio analysis consists of an audio recording of ATC communication with pilots that the candidate must listen to, gather as much information as possible and explain what the audio is about to the examiner.

This audio is often the hardest part of the exam due to its complexity (audio distortion, busy airspace, emergencies and variable English accents...)

## PART 4 - SIMULATION

The simulation consists of a VFR or IFR flight simulation between the candidate and the examiner. The simulation scenario varies greatly but generally includes some of the following; taxi, take off, climb, emergencies, radar vectors and traffic information.

The examiner guides the candidate throughout the simulation as ATC. The candidate must use **Standard ICAO phraseology** and basic/conversational English to perform best during the exam.

## PART 5 - VIDEO ANALYSIS

The video analysis combines both visual and audio analysis. The candidate must explain the video as best as possible to the examiner whilst using common English language.

This part tests the candidate's description skills and analysis skills and is therefore similar to the visual analysis part. Use the Present Progressive.

## CONCLUSIONS

The standards for aviation English proficiency are nearly identical around the world yet the tests may vary. The purpose of this guide is to help present a basic idea of the ICAO English standards.

Don't try to memorise responses to questions but instead focus on as many ways to communicate your ideas and opinions.

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