

ICAO Action

ICAO considered the relevant Final Reports as well as current English proficiency requirements for pilots using radiotelephony, which were developed at great effort and introduced into Annex 1 — *Personnel Licensing* in 2003. Developing detailed English language proficiency requirements for understanding documents would be a new complex effort for which ICAO does not have the required resources at present. It should be noted that in the Final Report of the ATR-72 accident, an expert concluded that “a person who actually can demonstrate general and aviation language proficiency of ICAO Level 4 is competent enough to understand text on work-related topics written in simple language.”

Due to resource restrictions, ICAO is unable to support this safety recommendation at this time.