

OCONUS TESTING SNAPSHOT

WHAT IS IT? ECL TEST vs ALCPT

ECL

- Computer Adaptive Test (**CAT**), 45 mins, **OR** 100 item paper and pencil (**PP**), 1 hr
- New edition each Fiscal Year (**FY**), **1 Oct to 30 Sept**, and used only for that year
- Scores valid for 105 days. Test takers may test no more than 3 times in one FY
- Order new ECLs in July of each year. Tests are free of cost

ALCPT

- 100 item PP only, 1 hour test
- Sites may request up to 10 forms of test. Sales approved by ETF and fulfilled by OPM
- Tests usable for many years if test security is maintained and students don't write in booklets
- Tests administered and maintained by schoolhouses. TCOs do not have to be US citizens

BOTH

- Test English proficiency of non-native English speakers for military purposes
- Made and managed by DLIELC Testing Flight (DLIELC ETF)
- Correlation between ECL & ALCPT scores .95 or higher, when tests uncompromised

HOW IS IT USED? ECL TEST VS ALCPT

ECL

- Requirement for **IMS** going to Security Cooperation sponsored training
- Sites must wait at least 14 days between ECL test days
- An IMS slated for training can be retested 31 days after previous test
- Any deviation from the regs, a site **must** request a **waiver**, approved by ETF POC

ALCPT

- To place IMS in the **correct class** in their English language course **or** to test for **ECL readiness**
- To test for IMS progress at the end of their English course or midway for longer courses
- To verify English proficiency for some local employees on US installations OCONUS

Need more info? Check out our FAQ or the 1025.15 regs at www.dlielc.edu/testing.

If your site is interested in offering the CAT ECL, please contact your POC or dli.testing@us.af.mil.

ECL TCO MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

TCOs and ATCOs must be US citizens, military or civilian government, rank E-5 or GS-5 or higher

- Ensure ECL **test security** and track test materials using a test administration log
- Make and follow an ECL test schedule. Administer ECL tests
- Designate ATCOs and ensure they know the procedures and regulations
- Maintain a **continuity book** for next TCO, or in case of audit or inspection:
 - ⇒ Annual ECL request form, signed Packing List, Certificate of Destruction, Test Admin Log
 - ⇒ All originals in continuity book; scan and email copies to DLI once each FY
 - ⇒ MFR of current A/TCO personnel. Update MFR and notify DLI when personnel changes
- If PP site, send original used **answer sheets to DLI every month**. Never copy or scan answer sheets

Had a case of cheating or possible test compromise? Let us know immediately.

HOW TO SEND USED ECL ANSWER SHEETS

1. Send out used answer sheets **every month**. Do not wait and send them in bundles or batches.
2. Check that all answer sheet **headers are completely filled out by A/TCO**.
3. Put packet of **original used answer sheets** in a sealed envelope. Use your test roster as a **cover sheet**.
4. On this envelope, attach the label:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
TEST MATERIAL
TO BE OPENED BY THE NONRESIDENT ECL TEST MANAGER ONLY

5. Put this sealed envelop inside of a **second** sealed envelope addressed to:

POC: **YOUR COCOM NAME HERE**
DLIELC/ETF
2235 ANDREWS AVE
JBSA-LACKLAND, TX 78236-5259

6. Send this packet by dip pouch & certified or registered mail **each month**. Do not wait or bundle mailings.

For the official regulations, refer to the **1025.15 ECL Test Guidelines** in your continuity book, or go to www.dlielc.edu/testing.



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