



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND**

6 December 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: HQ AETC/IA

SUBJECT: Extension of Limited Duration Waiver to the English Comprehension Level (ECL) Testing Validation Period

Reference: AETC/IA Approval for Extension of Limited Duration Waiver to the English Comprehension Level (ECL) Testing Validation Period dated 23 September 2022 (Rescinded)

1. Due to the continued challenges from increased International Military Student (IMS) vetting requirements across the globe, it remains evident that the ECL test validity period should be amended. This requirement impacts multiple countries, especially partner nations fielding major weapons systems and requiring a wide range of personnel to operate and maintain these systems.
2. In coordination with the DLIELC/CC, I have determined the temporarily extended ECL testing validity period of 180 days should be further extended for an additional 12 months beyond 31 December 2023 while we pursue a permanent policy change. The current waiver of the 105-day ECL testing validity window will automatically expire on 31 December 2024 unless otherwise extended. This memorandum rescinds the previous one, dated 23 September 2022.
3. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Dave Lowe, AETC/IAO, at (210) 652-1764 or via email at david.lowe.35@us.af.mil, with any questions regarding this subject matter.

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Attachment:

IA MFR Extension of Limited duration Waiver to ECL Testing Validation Period (23 Sep 22)

cc:

DLIELC/CC