



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

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: AETC/IA  
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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 105-day English Comprehension Level (ECL) Testing Validation Period Memorandum dated 1 Jun 21)

1. Due to the continued difficulties from COVID restrictions and increased International Military Student (IMS) vetting requirements across the globe, it is evident that the ECL test validation period waiver needs to remain in place. Many partner nations are struggling with getting the vetting accomplished on their IMS and meeting the U.S. and their respective nations' COVID restrictions. As before, getting students to DLIELC within the 105-day ECL testing validation window remains a challenge. When a partner nation cannot get their IMS to DLIELC prior to the testing validation period expiration, they are being forced, in many cases, to start completely over again, or identify a new IMS. This requirement has potential impact on multiple countries, especially with partner nations who are trying to field major weapon systems and require personnel to operate and maintain these systems.
2. My staff, in coordination with DLIELC, have determined the ECL testing validation period should remain extended for another seven months. I approve the continued extension of the testing validation period until 1 June 2022 (e.g. 135-day window) for all partner nations. This continued extension allows our U.S. embassy staffs to focus on vetting processes as we all fight through this COVID environment and the restrictions associated with it.
3. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Lowe at david.lowe.35@us.af.mil, or Comm 210-652-3746 or DSN 487-3746.

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