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FAQs:

English Language Proficiency, Aerodromes (ADR), Regulations

Question:

Why does the language proficiency requirement apply to the manoeuvring area, which includes taxiways, and not only to the runway?

Answer:

The manoeuvring area is a controlled area, and persons operating there need to have the same understanding of the instructions given. By limiting the language proficiency requirement only to persons that drive on the runways, the risk of a runway incursion is increased, since persons who do not meet the language proficiency requirements may operate very close to an active runway.

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