

FRTOL Practical Test – CAA CANDIDATE BRIEF

Portable electronic devices (PED's) and cameras are NOT permitted in the examination room

The FRTOL Practical Test is a test of communication skills using standard phraseology and procedures.

Candidates are required to simulate flying the route indicated on the flight plan, transmitting all the required Radiotelephony calls on the appropriate frequencies.

The candidate will be expected to know when Radiotelephony transmissions are to be made and understand the nature of the information passed. The ability to interpret knowledge beyond that explained in CAP413 and the communications element of the UK AIP will not be assessed.

Candidates are to note the following:

- The test shall be assessed in accordance with standard phraseology contained in the latest edition of CAP413.
- The FRTOL Examiner will explain and demonstrate how to operate the testing platform.
- The candidate will be allocated time to plot the test route onto an aeronautical chart. Following a route brief by the FRTOL Examiner, the candidate is then allocated a further 20 minutes planning time to make notes for use in the test. The RTF Aide Memoire issued by the FRTOL Examiner can be used in the planning stage as well as the test.
- The FRTOL Examiner will play the role of an AGCS Radio Operator, FISO or ATCO. They will respond to calls made to their station as if it were a real-life flight.
- The test will start in accordance with the details contained within the Route Brief that has been presented by the FRTOL Examiner.
- At some stage during the test the candidate will be made aware of an emergency situation that may involve them, another aircraft, vehicle or vessel, person on board or within sight. The FRTOL Examiner will brief how the candidate will be made aware of the emergency and how the emergency will cease.
- The test may be carried out at the candidate's own pace with no requirement to wait the full time between transmission. However, the test must not take longer than the flight plan time stated on the Route Brief.
- A list of frequencies for communications facilities is provided. The candidate may not require all these frequencies. If a frequency or facility is not listed, it should not be required; however aeronautical information is always available from the FIR FIS frequency.
- After the candidate has completed the simulated flight test, the FRTOL Examiner will ask a number of additional assessable questions relating to the test route flown and/or the content of CAP413 prior to the result being disclosed at the debrief.
- Questions regarding the content of the test, or what is required from the candidate should be asked prior to the test commencing.
- The FRTOL Examiner may interject at any time and reserves the right to terminate the test at any point.
- The Practical Test Route and its associated documentation must not have been disclosed to the candidate or Training provider prior to the start of the test.