

ALCOAST 136/07
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SUBJ: COAST GUARD FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM SHIFT TO WEB-BASED TESTING

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 111301Z MAY 06/ALCOAST 275/06

1. THE DEFENSE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST VERSION 5 (DLPT5) HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR DEPLOYMENT BY THE CIO AND FOR USE ON THE COAST GUARD STANDARD WORKSTATION (CGSW) IMAGES 5.1 AND 5.2. ESUS AND ESDS WILL SUPPORT LOCAL SOFTWARE INSTALLATION. ALL OTHER APPLICATION SUPPORT QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER AT (831) 583-2400. IN ORDER TO INSTALL THE APPLICATION, CG-AUTHORIZED DLPT TEST SITE ESOS MUST SUBMIT A HELPDESK TICKET REQUESTING INSTALLATION OF THE DLPT5 SOFTWARE AND REFERENCE THIS ALCOAST. LOCAL ESUS/ESDS CAN DOWNLOAD THE INSTALLER FROM THE TISCOM WEBSITE ([HTTP://CGWEB.TISCOM.USCG.MIL/ISD1/ISD1A/EACERT/CGDEAL.ASP](http://CGWEB.TISCOM.USCG.MIL/ISD1/ISD1A/EACERT/CGDEAL.ASP)).

2. THE COAST GUARD HAS BEEN PAYING FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY PAY (FLPP) TO QUALIFIED MEMBERS SINCE JANUARY 2006. QUALIFICATION FOR FLPP INCLUDES TESTING ON THE DEFENSE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST (DLPT). REF A IS THE MOST RECENT UPDATE TO THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM.

3. ON 1 JANUARY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) SWITCHED FROM PAPER-BASED TESTING (DLPT4) TO WEB-BASED TESTING (DLPT5) FOR THE SPANISH, CHINESE MANDARIN, KOREAN, RUSSIAN AND MODERN STANDARD ARABIC LANGUAGES. DLPT5 IS NOW THE OFFICIAL TEST FOR ALL CG MEMBERS TO MEET THE FLPP CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN THESE LANGUAGES. THIS ALCOAST PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR TRANSITION FROM DLPT4 TO DLPT5. DLPT4 EXAMS IN THE ABOVE LANGUAGES MUST NO LONGER BE ADMINISTERED AND WILL NOT BE SCORED BY THE NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER. EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICERS (ESOS) SHOULD MAINTAIN THE DLPT4 TEST MATERIAL CURRENTLY ON HAND UNTIL SPECIFIC DISPOSITION AND/OR DESTRUCTION GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY CG INSTITUTE.

4. TO ADMINISTER THE DLPT5, THE 35 CG-AUTHORIZED DLPT ESOS MUST COMPLETE THE TEST ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING AND EXAM AS SPECIFIED IN THE DLPT5 USERS GUIDE FOUND ON CGCENTRAL.

5. UNTIL DLPT5 SOFTWARE IS INSTALLED ON CG WORKSTATIONS, DLPT5 TESTS CAN BE TAKEN AT DOD DLPT5 TEST SITES. CURRENTLY, ISC ALAMEDA, ISC HONOLULU, ISC KODIAK, ISC MIAMI AND CG INSTITUTE ARE THE ONLY CG UNITS CONFIGURED TO ADMINISTER THE DLPT5 EXAMS. CONTACT YOUR ESO TO SET UP A TEST DATE.

6. WAIVER AUTHORIZATION: BECAUSE MOST OF THE CG DLPT-AUTHORIZED TEST SITES ARE NOT YET READY TO ADMINISTER THE DLPT5, AN AUTOMATIC SIX MONTH EXTENSION OF FLPP CERTIFICATION IS GRANTED TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING FLPP AND WHOSE CERTIFICATION WILL EXPIRE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2007.

7. AS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES ARE TRANSITIONED TO THE DLPT5 FORMAT, THEY WILL BE USED AS THE OFFICIAL TESTS FOR FLPP CERTIFICATION. PRE-DLPT5 EXAM VERSIONS WILL BE AUTHORIZED UNTIL THE CORRESPONDING DLPT5 EXAM IS OFFICIALLY RELEASED. VIETNAMESE, PORTUGUESE, BAHASA INDONESIAN AND TAGALOG REMAIN DLPT4 EXAMS. THE JAPANESE VERSION DLPT5 EXAM IS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE IN JULY OF 2007, AND THE FRENCH VERSION IN 2009. HAITIAN-CREOLE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH A SPEAKING PROFICIENCY TEST AS ARRANGED BY THE PROGRAM MANAGER, LCDR MICHELE BOUZIANE (202) 475-5486.

8. A LIST OF CG-AUTHORIZED DLPT TEST SITES WITH APPLICABLE ESOS IS AVAILABLE ON CGCENTRAL, LEARNING TAB, FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM CHANNEL. FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT DLPT5 DEPLOYMENT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ESO OR CG INSTITUTE POC, CWO KING, AT KENNETH.D.KING(A)USCG.MIL, OR (405) 954-7275. FOR A LIST OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DLPT5, CHECK CGCENTRAL.

9. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

10. RDML CYNTHIA COOGAN, DIRECTOR OF RESERVE AND TRAINING, AND PATRICIA A. THOMPSON, CG-63, SEND.

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