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FROM: DLIELC/CC

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Defense Language Institute English Language Center (DLIELC) Electronic Programming Guidance (The e-Wheel).

1. In order to better meet the needs of Military Departments (MILDEPs) and Security Cooperation Officers (SCOs), DLIELC has developed a new electronic programming guidance called the e-Wheel. Effective 5 Sep 2014, you can use the e-Wheel to determine estimated time in training for International Military Students (IMSs) attending DLIELC.

2. The new e-Wheel combines historical data from 1997 to 2013 and linguistic distance between English and the student's native language to calculate estimated time in training at DLIELC.   Although the amount of time it takes a student to learn English varies based on many factors, the e-Wheel allows MILDEPs and SCOs to more accurately estimate the number of weeks a student should need in English language training (ELT) to achieve the required English Comprehension Level (ECL) proficiency. In addition, the e-Wheel provides users with the ability to add on Specialized English Training (SET) and the Oral Proficiency Skills for Aviation (OPSAV) course as well as calculate when the student needs to begin DLIELC training in order to graduate and meet a programmed follow-on training (FOT) start date.

3. The DLIELC e-Wheel is convenient and easy to use. To access the DLIELC e-Wheel, go to:

　　http://www.dlielc.edu/DLICourseEstimator/index.html

You will be directed to a screen enabling you to select the Internet browser best suited to your computing capabilities (see Image 1 attached). If you have Internet Explorer 8, 9, or 10 loaded on your computer, select the top icon.   For all other modern browsers or mobile devices, select

the bottom icon. Your selection will then direct you to the e-Wheel site (see Image 2 attached). You can bookmark your selection if you wish to skip this screen on your subsequent visits.

4.   Once you access the DLIELC e-Wheel site, all you need to do is select the country of the student, the in-country ECL score range, and the required ECL score from the dropdown menu. If the student needs to attend Specialized English Language training or OPSAV, you can select the *Yes* button. Then, click on *Calculate* and the e-Wheel will compute the estimated number of weeks in training for the student. Once the number of training weeks is calculated, the desired graduation date and calendar prompt will appear. Based on the start date of the student's FOT training, you can enter the desired DLIELC graduation date on the calendar prompt and the estimated DLIELC start date will appear (see Image 3 attached).

5.   DLIELC designed, tested and validated this new, improved electronic wheel to provide you with a more accurate estimating tool to program students for ELT. We are committed to continuous improvement and plan to revalidate the e-Wheel every six months with up-to-date data and additional enhancements as needed.   We value and welcome your comments on the effectiveness of the new e-Wheel and its ability to meet your programming needs.

6.   The DLIELC POC for this memorandum is Meg Flynn, DLIELC Plans and Programs. You can contact her at (210) 671-3741, DSN 473-3741, or by e-mail at margaret.flynn@us.af.mil.

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Image 1: Browser Selection Screen

Image 2: e-Wheel Screen

STUDENTS HOME COUNTRY

SELECT

IN COUNTRY ECL SCORE

REQUIRED ECL SCORE

OPSAV REQUIRED?

No

SET REQUIRED?

No

DLIELC COURSE LENGTH ESTIMATOR

Calculate

**Image 3: e-Wheel Screen with Estimated Time in Training
and Start Date Calculation**

STUDENTS HOME COUNTRY

AFGHANISTAN

IN COUNTRY ECL SCORE

55-59

REQUIRED ECL SCORE

80

OPSAV REQUIRED?

No

SET REQUIRED?

Yes

DESIRED GRAD DATE:

04/10/2015

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF WEEKS TO COMPLETE DLIELC COURSE(S):

30

ESTIMATED START DATE:
9/12/2014
TO GRADUATE BY DESIRED GRAD DATE

Calculate