

2012 Air Force Strategic Language List

Applicable To: Total Force

The Air Force Strategic Language List (AF SLL) describes languages in which the Air Force has requirements authorized now and in out-years and strategic languages of interest. The AF SLL is based on the DoD SLL and is adjusted accordingly to align with validated AF requirements. The AF SLL for use by the Total Force in administering testing, training, recruiting and retention incentive programs is listed below.

The 2012 AF SLL identifies two categories of languages. The Enhancement Rate languages (those languages formerly named as Immediate Investment and Emerging languages) include languages immediately needed to meet urgent, current demands or for which the DoD anticipates expanding future requirements. The Sustainment Rate languages (those languages formerly named as Enduring languages) include languages for which DoD will have a continuing need during the next 10 - 15 years.

The 2012 AF SLL is effective until superseded.

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Enhancement Rate: Formerly Category A (Immediate Investment) and Category B (Emerging Languages)	
Amharic (AC)	Nepalese (NE)
Arabic-Iraqi (Gulf)(DG)	Persian-Afghan (PG)
Arabic-Levantine (Syrian)(AP)	Persian-Iranian (PF)
Arabic-Yemeni (AU)	Punjabi (PJ)
Azerbaijani (AX)	Pushtu-Afghan (PV)
Baluchi (BT)	Singhalese (SJ)
Bengali (BT)	Somali (SM)
Divehi (DV)	Tamazight (TZM)
Fulani (FV)	Tamil (TC)
Hebrew (HE)	Telegu (TE)

Hindi (HJ)	Ukrainian (UK)
Kazakh (KE)	Urdu (UR)
Krio (KW)	Uzbek (UX)
Lingala (LJ)	

Sustainment Rate: Formerly Category C (Enduring Languages)	
Afrikaans (AA)	Danish* (DA)
Albanian (AB)	Dutch* (DA)
Arabic-Algerian (DH)	Finnish (FJ)
Arabic-Egyptian (AE)	Flemish (FL)
Arabic (Modern Standard)(AD)	French* (FR)
Arabic-Lebanese (AQ)	Georgian (GG)
Arabic-Maghrebi (AM)	German* (GM)
Arabic-Moroccan (BS)	Greek* (GR)
Arabic-Peninsula (AN)	Gujarati* (GW)
Armenian (AR)	Haitian-Creole* (HC)
Bulgarian* (BU)	Hausa (HS)
Burmese (BY)	Hungarian* (HU)
Cambodian* (CA)	Igbo (Ibo)(JB)
Cebuano* (VB)	Ilocano* (JL)
Chavacano* (HV)	Indonesian (JN)
Chechen (CK)	Italian* (JT)
Chinese-Amoy* (YD)	Japanese* (JA)
Chinese_Cantonese* (CC)	Javanese* (JV)
Chinese-Mandarin* (CM)	Kirghiz (KM)
Czech*	
Korean* (KP)	Sorani (XS)
Kurmanje (XK)	Spanish* (QB)
Lao* (LC)	Swahili* (SW)

Lithuanian* (LT)	Swedish* (SY)
Macedonian (MA)	Tadjik (Tajik)(TB)
Manguindanao* (NG)	Tagalog* (TA)
Malay (ML)	Tausug* (MH)
Maranao* (LY)	Thai (TH)
Mongolian (MV)	Tibetan (TJ)
Norwegian* (NR)	Tigrinya (TL)
Polish* (PL)	Tupi (AU)
Portuguese-Brazilian* (PQ)	Turkish (TU)
Portuguese-European* (PT)	Turkmen* (UB)
Romanian* (RQ)	Uighur (UJ)
Romany (RM)	Vietnamese-Central* (VC)
Russian* (RU)	Vietnamese-Hanoi* (VN)
Serbo-Croatian (SC)	Vietnamese-Saigon* (VS)
Sindhi (SD)	Yakan* (YN)
Slovak (SK)	Yoruba* (YQ)
Slovenian (SL)	Zulu* (XU)

***Prevalent (formerly Dominant) in the Force (PIF):** PIF languages are those identified on the AF SLL as having sufficient capacity in the force to meet documented AF requirements. Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (FLPP) is not authorized for these languages unless member is participating in special programs or contingencies which authorizes payment.