

**IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ORAL PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (OPI)  
FOR COUNTRY LIAISON OFFICERS (CLOs):** [The following is a reprint of OSAF  
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1. Paragraph 10-8, Joint Security Assistance Training (JSAT) Regulation, states that CLOs assist with administrative details for IMSs from the CLO's country. In order to assist their students in the United States, CLOs must possess the English language skills necessary to fully participate in conversations, express facts, instructions, describe, report on, and provide narration about current, past, and future activities of their students. Their administrative duties involve daily communication with schoolhouse staff, field training activities, IMSOs, local community representatives, landlords, bank employees, hospital staff and police. Due to English language

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difficulties, AFSAT, DLIELC, and other bases have assisted in the performance and execution of liaison and other CLO administrative duties. This in itself negates the purpose of a CLO.

2. Presently, there is an 80 ECL requirement for CLOs. The ECL does not measure English comprehension and speaking skills; the OPI measures actual performance in real situations with a reduced risk of compromise. Therefore, due to the increased number of CLOs and past difficulties, we are implementing an OPI requirement of 2/2 effective immediately for future CLOs. The OPI requirements will be included in the supplemental conditions of future LOAs. It will not impact CLOs currently filling positions.

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