



# NATO STANAG 6001 - ENGLISH TESTING IN THE CARABINIERI CORPS: FOCUS ON RECEPTIVE SKILLS

## JFLT – JOINT FORCES LANGUAGE TEST



### INTRODUCTION

#### CARABINIERI CORPS

A Multifaceted Force Serving Italy and the World: **Police & Military, Judicial Police & MPs, Stability Police** Abroad & Embassies, **Forestry Units**.

#### English SLP Requested

To enhance communication and collaboration in our national and international operations.

#### CLE - Centro Lingue Estere Carabinieri (Carabinieri Foreign Languages Center)

#### Organization

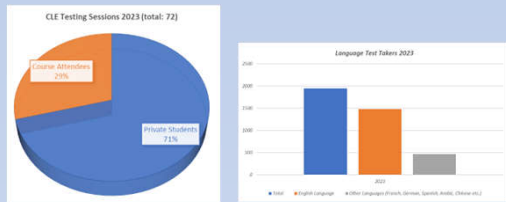
A dedicated center for language training and assessment.

#### Tasks

Providing language courses and certifying proficiency levels for Carabinieri personnel.

#### Objectives

Ensuring the Corps is equipped with the language skills essential for success in today's globalized world.



### TESTING

#### CLE - STANAG 6001 TESTING

BILC Certified Team, expertly trained and qualified to administer and assess language tests.

#### Computer-based Multi-level Test

To assess proficiency in Listening (L) and Reading (R) across different levels, (1,2,3,4), based on NATO STANAG 6001 descriptors and guidelines.

#### Test Format

60 questions, 15 per level.

#### Duration

Listening: approx. 1h 15'.

Audio played only once. Possible changes in the near future.

#### Reading: 2 hrs.

#### Questions

Multiple choice with 4 options per question.

#### PLUS System

The CLE uses the STANAG 6001 plus system to provide accurate and standardized scores for language proficiency (see Table below)

| QUESTIONS   | CORRECT ANSWERS     | LEVEL ACHIEVED |
|---|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>LEVEL 1</b><br>15 questions<br>(from 2 to 16)  | 0-6<br>7-9<br>10-15 | 0<br>0+<br>1   |
| <b>LEVEL 2</b><br>15 questions<br>(from 16 to 30) | 0-6<br>7-9<br>10-15 | 2<br>2+<br>3   |
| <b>LEVEL 3</b><br>15 questions<br>(from 31 to 45) | 0-6<br>7-9<br>10-15 | 2<br>2+<br>3   |
| <b>LEVEL 4</b><br>15 questions<br>(from 46 to 60) | 0-6<br>7-9<br>10-15 | 3<br>3+<br>4   |

### ITEMS CREATION AND MODERATION

#### ITEM CREATION

*In collaboration with the Ministry of Defense, the Carabinieri will chair STANAG 6001 item creation in 2025 for all the Italian armed forces.*

#### Deadlines

Strictly enforced to ensure timely delivery.

#### Quality

Stringent requirements are in place to guarantee items fulfill the necessary criteria.

#### Quantity

Producing a sufficient number of items to meet testing demands.

#### Moderation Pipeline

##### Step 1. Creation & Collection

Items are created and gathered from various sources.

##### Step 2. Moderation Sessions

3-4 sessions per year, 2 linguistic experts per team, working 1 week (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm). 120 items (L&R) reviewed per session.

##### Step 3. Piloting

Items are approved, modified/improved or discarded based on expert feedback.

##### Step 4. Database Upload

The leading force uploads approved items from all four Armed Forces into the central database.



### FUTURE HORIZONS

#### Elevating STANAG 6001 through Global Partnerships

Building upon existing international collaborations, CLE aims to **further expand its network of partnerships** with other military language centers and similar institutions.



#### GOALS

Ensuring the **highest quality and relevance** of testing materials through national leadership, **international collaboration** with partner institutions, and a standardized approach within NATO.

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