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# Air Force Strategic Language List

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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 Department of Defense (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 AF SLL identifies four categories of languages. "Immediate" identifies languages that the DoD immediately needs to meet urgent, current demands. "Emerging" identifies languages for anticipated expanding DoD future requirements. "Enduring" identifies languages seen by DoD as a continuing need during the next 10-15 years. "All Others" identifies languages not included in previous DoD categories but that are identified as requirements on AF Unit Manning Documents or are included for their proximity to other, more critical languages already on the list.

The AF SLL is effective until superseded.

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### Enhancement Rate: Formerly Category A (Immediate Investment) and Category B (Emerging Languages)

Arabic-Yemeni# (AU)	Acholi (AH)
Baluchi (BT)	Amharic (AC)
Pashtu-Afghan (PV)	Arabic-Levantine (Syrian)# (AP)
Persian-Afghan (Dari) (PG)	Azerbaijani (AX)
Persian-Iranian (Farsi)# (PF)	Bengali (BN)
Somali (SM)	Burmese (BY)
Urdu (UR)	Hindi (HJ)
	Kirghiz (KM)
	Punjabi (PJ)
	Tadjik (TB)
	Uzbek (UX)

### Sustainment Rate

Arabic-Algerian# (DH)	Korean*# (KP)
Arabic-Egyptian# (AE)	Kurdish-Kurmanje (XK)

Arabic-Iraqi (Gulf)# (DG)	Kurdish-Sorani (XS)
Arabic-Jordanian# (AK)	Malay (ML)
Arabic-Lebanese# (AQ)	Portuguese-Brazilian* (PQ)
Arabic-Maghrebi# (AM)	Portuguese-European* (PT)
Arabic (Modern Standard)# (AD)	Romanian*# (RQ)
Arabic-Moroccan# (BS)	Russian*# (RU)
Arabic-Peninsula# (AN)	Serbo-Croatian (SC)
Arabic-Sudanese# (AV)	Spanish*# (QB)
Arabic-Tunisian# (BW)	Swahili* (SW)
Chinese-Mandarin*# (CM)	Tagalog* (TA)
French*# (FR)	Thai (TH)
German*# (GM)	Turkish# (TU)
Hausa (HS)	Ukrainian (UK)
Hebrew (HE)	Vietnamese-Central* (VC)
Indonesian (JN)	Vietnamese-Hanoi* (VN)
Japanese*# (JA)	Vietnamese-Saigon* (VS)

### All Others

Afrikaans (AA)	Krio (KW)
Albanian (AB)	Lao* (LC)
Armenian (AR)	Latvian (LE)
Basque (BQ)	Lingala (LJ)
Bulgarian* (BU)	Lithuanian* (LT)
Cambodian* (CA)	Macedonian (MA)
Cebuano* (VB)	Manguindanao* (NG)
Chavacano* (HV)	Maranan* (LY)
Chechen (CK)	Mongolian (MV)
Chinese-Amoy* (YD)	Nepalese (NE)
Chinese-Cantonese* (CC)	Norwegian* (NR)
Czech* (CX)	Polish*# (PL)
Danish* (DA)	Romany (RM)
Divehi (DV)	Sindhi (SD)
Dutch* (DU)	Singhalese (SJ)
Finnish (FJ)	Slovak (SK)
Flemish* (FL)	Slovenian (SL)
Fulani (FV)	Swedish* (SY)
Georgian (GG)	Tamachek (TT)
Greek* (GR)	Tamil (TC)
Gujarati* (GW)	Tausug* (MH)
Haitian-Creole* (HC)	Telegu (TE)
Hungarian* (HU)	Tibetan (TJ)
Icelandic (JC)	Tigrinya (TL)
Igbo (Ibo) (JB)	Turkmen* (UB)
Jlocano* (JL)	Uighur (UJ)

Indonesian (JN)  
Italian\* (JT)  
Javanese\* (JV)  
Kashmiri (KB)  
Kazakh (KE)

Wolof (WQ)  
Yakan\* (YN)  
Yoruba\* (YQ)  
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.

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