



# BUREAU FOR INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CO-ORDINATION



## **BILC POLICY RECOMMENDATION on the Acceptance of Commercial STANAG 6001 Certificates**

**Background:** The BILC community has discussed whether it is appropriate for national authorities to accept commercial entities' (including universities and colleges) issuance of STANAG 6001 certificates.

**Recommendation:** STANAG 6001 certificates should only be issued by recognized national Defence Language Testing Organizations. Because it is impossible to ascertain the validity of commercial STANAG 6001 certificates, nations that accept them risk undermining the integrity of official STANAG 6001 certificates, which potentially renders them meaningless. Because NATO requires national certification of Standardised Language Profiles for military purposes, BILC judges the acceptance of commercial certificates to be an unacceptable risk.

On an agreed bilateral basis, nations may accept STANAG 6001 certificates from other nations' recognized Defence Language Testing Organizations.