



Cambridge

English Qualifications

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION – KEY FACTS

Cambridge English Qualifications are based on research into effective teaching and learning. They motivate people of all ages and abilities to learn English and develop practical skills for the real world.

Each exam focuses on a level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)*, helping learners to improve their speaking, writing, reading and listening skills step by step.

Include Cambridge English Qualifications as part of your institution's published English language requirements to gain reliable proof of a students' real-life communication skills and reach a wider pool of candidates.

B2 First

An upper-intermediate qualification which demonstrates that students have the practical English skills needed for foundation and pathway courses, pre-university programs and community college admissions.

C1 Advanced

A high-level, focused academic English exam which shows that students have the English language skills they need to succeed at undergraduate and graduate level.

C2 Proficiency

C2 Proficiency is our highest level qualification, it proves that students have the English skills to study demanding subjects, including undergraduate and graduate programs.

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| Global availability | Cambridge English Qualifications can be taken across our network of centers in more than 130 countries worldwide. To find an exam center visit: www.cambridgeenglish.org/centers |
| Exam dates | Exam dates are available throughout the year. For a list of dates visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B2 First: www.cambridgeenglish.org/first-dates • C1 Advanced: www.cambridgeenglish.org/advanced-dates • C2 Proficiency: www.cambridgeenglish.org/proficiency-dates |
| Exam fees | Fees vary as they are set locally by centers to ensure that they are affordable for students. |
| Exam format | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each exam is available in paper-based or computer-based format. • The exams cover Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking, as well as Use of English and vocabulary. • The Speaking test is always face to face. Candidates take the test with two Cambridge English examiners and one other candidate. <p>For more information about exam content, download our comprehensive guide at www.cambridgeenglish.org/guide-for-institutions</p> |
| Results issued | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2–3 weeks from exam date for computer-based version • 4–6 weeks from exam date for paper-based version. |
| Results format | <p>Results for B2 First, C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency are reported on the Cambridge English Scale. Candidates receive a Statement of Results which shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scores for each of the four skills (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) and for Use of English • an overall score, which is an average of their individual scores. <p>Candidates are also awarded a Grade (A, B, C) and CEFR level. For more information visit: www.cambridgeenglish.org/understanding-results</p> |
| Results Verification Service | <p>You can use our free, secure online Results Verification Service to check a candidate's results for all three exams: www.cambridgeenglish.org/verifiers</p> <p>Students are required to supply their Candidate ID number and Secret number to allow institutions to verify results. These two numbers are included on the candidate's Confirmation of Entry, which they receive from their center when registering for the exam.</p> |
| Expiration of results | Because B2 First, C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency are in-depth exams, results do not expire. You can choose how long scores are acceptable for your institution and purpose. |

* Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – the international standard for describing language ability. www.cambridgeenglish.org/cefr



COMPARING CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH SCALE SCORES TO IELTS

If your institution already uses IELTS scores for admissions purposes, specifying scores on the Cambridge English Scale is easy.

You can use the table on the right to ensure that the Cambridge English Scale score you ask for is at the same level as your IELTS requirements.

As the producer of IELTS, we can provide a reliable comparison between IELTS results and B2 First, C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency scores, reported on the Cambridge English Scale.

For more information about how we make these comparisons, please visit cambridgeenglish.org/scale-institutions.

* Minimum Cambridge English Scale score needed to achieve each IELTS band score.

| IELTS band score | Cambridge English Scale score* |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9.0 | 209+ |
| 8.5 | 205 |
| 8.0 | 200 |
| 7.5 | 191 |
| 7.0 | 185 |
| 6.5 | 176 |
| 6.0 | 169 |
| 5.5 | 162 |
| 5.0 | 154 |
| 4.5 | 147 |
| 4.0 | 142 |

SETTING YOUR REQUIREMENTS

When setting your requirements, please specify the Cambridge English Qualification(s) and the overall Cambridge English Scale score(s) your institution requires. You can also specify a minimum score in each skill if relevant.

Example requirement:

| IELTS | C1 Advanced |
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| Overall IELTS band score of 7.0 No less than 6.5 in each skill | Overall Cambridge English Scale score of 180 No less than 175 in each skill |

WHY USE CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS

Be sure of a student's English language skills

Choose exams for your admissions requirements that are more than a snapshot of a student's level of English. Cambridge English Qualifications are in-depth exams, and preparing for them helps students to improve their English. They provide a reliable indicator of language ability, reducing the risk that students' English does not match expectations.

Rely on secure and trusted exams

Backed by over 100 years of research, our exams are trusted as secure English tests by governments worldwide. Our authorised exam centres follow a detailed code of practice. Test-day photographs are taken of all candidates. These can be viewed, along with candidate results, on our free online Results Verification Service.

START ACCEPTING CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EXAMS

Attract high-achieving applicants from all over the world by adding Cambridge English Qualifications to your institution's list of recognized English language proficiency tests. Go to www.cambridgeenglish.org/institutions-accept and complete the short form to start accepting today.

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