

Certificates for the accreditation of English language levels

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Table 1

CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, Council of Europe)	Official Language School (Escuela Oficial de Idiomas) – Royal Decree 1629/2006	Official Language School (Escuela Oficial de Idiomas) – Royal Decree 1041/2017	Certificates accredited by ACLES (Association of Language Centres in Higher Education)	Cambridge Assessment English						Educational Testing Service (ETS)	
				ESOL Examinations						TOEFL – IBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language - Internet Based)	TOEIC (Test of English for International Communications) Four skills
				General ¹	Linguaskill / Linguaskill Business	BEC (Business English Certificates)	ICFE / ILEC (International Certificate in Financial / Legal English)	IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Academic & General	BULATS (Business Language Testing System) Four skills		
C2 (Mastery)	C2 Level Certificate	Advanced Level Certificate C2	CertAcles C2	Proficiency (CPE)				8,5 - 9	90 - 100	114.120	
C1 (Domain)	C1 Level Certificate	Advanced Level Certificate C1	CertAcles C1	Advanced (CAE)	C1	Higher (BEC 3)	PASS with merit C1	7 - 8	75 - 89 9	95-113	Listening: ≥ 490 Reading: ≥ 455 Speaking: ≥ 200 Writing: ≥ 200
							PASS C1				
B2 (Advanced)	Advanced Level Certificate	Intermediate Level Certificate B2	CertAcles B2	First (FCE)	B2	Vantage (BEC 2)	PASS B2	5,5 - 6,5	60 - 74	72-94	Listening: ≥ 400 Reading: ≥ 385 Speaking: ≥ 160 Writing: ≥ 150
B1 Threshold	Intermediate Level Certificate	Intermediate Level Certificate B1	CertAcles B1	Preliminary (PET)	B1	Preliminary (BEC 1)		4 - 5	40 - 59	42-71	Listening: ≥ 275 Reading: ≥ 275 Speaking: ≥ 120 Writing: ≥ 120
A2 (Platform)	Basic Level Certificate	Basic Level Certificate A2		Key (KET)	A2			3,5	20 - 39		Listening: ≥ 110 Reading: ≥ 115 Speaking: ≥ 90 Writing: ≥ 70
A1 (Access)					A1				10 - 19		Listening: ≥ 60 Reading: ≥ 60 Speaking: ≥ 50 Writing: ≥ 30

¹ In Cambridge English certificates, only the level for which the candidate sat the exam is recognized.

Table 2:

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CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, Council of Europe)	APTIS ESOL (British Council)			Capman Testing Solutions 360 LPT (Language Proficiency Test) – Four Skills	Oxford University Press		UNICert accredited certificates	Certificat de Compétences en Langues de l’Enseignement Supérieur (CLES)	The European Language Certificate s (TELC)	Michigan Language Assessment		Trinity College, London (ISE)
	General	Advanced	For Teachers		Oxford Test of English	Oxford Test of English Advanced					The Michigan English Test (MET)	
C2 (Mastery)		C2								Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)		ISE IV
C1 (Domain)	C1	C1	C1	C1		C1	Level 3/4	CLES 3	TELC C1		C1	ISE III
B2 (Advanced)	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2	Level 2	CLES 2	TELC B2	Certificate of Competency in English (ECCE)	B2	ISE II
B1 Threshold	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1		Level 1	CLES 1	TELC B1		B1	ISE I
A2 (Platform)	A2	A1 / A2	A2	A2	A2		Basis		TELC A2		A2	ISE F
A1 (Access)	A1		A1	A1					TELC A1			ISE A1

Table 3

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CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, Council of Europe)	PTE (Pearson Test of English)			Learning Resource Network		Ánglica ESOL Examinations		Cambridge Boxhill Language Assessment (CBLA) OET (Occupational English Test)
	Pearson English International Certificate	Academic	Edexcel certificate in ESOL International	Certificate in ESOL International Four skills	General	General	Business	
C2 (Mastery)	Level 5	≥ 85	Level 3	LRN Level 3	IELCA CEF C2	Masters		C2
C1 (Domain)	Level 4	≥ 76	Level 2	LRN Level 2	IELCA CEF C1	AcCEPT / Proficiency	Proficiency	C1
B2 (Advanced)	Level 3	≥ 59	Level 1	LRN Level 1	IELCA CEF B2	Advanced	Advanced	B2
B1 Threshold	Level 2	≥ 43	Entry 3	LRN Entry Level (Entry 3)	IELCA CEF B1	Intermediate	Intermediate	
A2 (Platform)	Level 1	≥ 30	Entry 2			Pre-Intermediate / Elementary	Practical	
A1 (Access)	Level A1		Entry 1			Preliminary		

Table 4

CRUE only considers exams taken in person as valid. This in-person format must be clearly indicated on the certificate.

CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, Council of Europe)	London Test of English (LTE)	Burlinton Vtest	Gatehouse GA Classic IESOL	London School of Commerce	LanguageCert		
					International ESOL Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking	General Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking	Academic Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking
C2 (Mastery)	Level 5	C2	Level 3 – C2		Mastery C2		C2 Mastery 90+
C1 (Domain)	Level 4	C1	Level 2 – C1		Expert C1	C1 Effective Operational Proficiency 75+	C1 Effective Operational Proficiency 75-89
B2 (Advanced)	Level 3	B2	Level 1 – B2		Communicator B2	B2 Vantage 60-74	B2 Vantage 60-74
B1 Threshold	Level 2	B1	Entry Level 3 – B1	English for Tourism / JETSET ESOL B1/ ELSA B1	Achiever B1	B1 Breakthrough 40-59	B1 Breakthrough 40-59
A2 (Platform)	Level 1	A2	Entry Level 2 – A2		Access A2	A2 Waystage 20-39	
A1 (Access)	Level A1	A1	Entry Level 1 – A1		Preliminary A1		

CRUE recognizes the “Cambridge IGCSE First Language English” and “Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language” certificates. Since these certificates do not include a reference to an overall proficiency level, for this recognition to be valid they must be accompanied by the corresponding “Certifying Statement” from Cambridge International Examinations, which shows the holder’s language competence in the four skills: “Reading”, “Writing”, “Listening”, and “Speaking”, expressed in terms of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. If the certificate holder does not provide the corresponding “Certifying Statement” from Cambridge International Examinations, the level that will be considered will be the common level among the four skills mentioned.

It is recommended that students holding degrees in Philology in a Foreign Language or related Bachelor’s studies, as well as graduates in Translation (only applicable to the B language), who wish to pursue postgraduate studies, be exempt from taking a proficiency exam up to and including level C1, or from submitting equivalent certificates at that level in their specialized foreign language.

Likewise, native speakers of a foreign language who hold a high school diploma or equivalent qualification in their country may be exempt from proving B2-level proficiency in that language. This exemption also applies to Spanish students who hold a diploma or equivalent qualification to the Spanish Baccalaureate completed in a foreign language under European education systems (International Baccalaureate).

For certificates that report separate proficiency levels for each skill (speaking, writing, listening, and reading), it is recommended that the certificate level be considered as the lowest level obtained in any of the skills, regardless of the overall level stated in the document.

For other languages, please consult the equivalence tables of the CRUE language working groups:
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