

	IELTS	TOEFL	Cambridge English Exams - FCE, CAE, BEC		
Overview	For people who want to study or work in an English-speaking environment. Two versions: Academic and General Training - <i>Listening</i> and <i>Speaking</i> are the same, <i>Reading</i> and <i>Writing</i> differs depending on which test. Aimed at B2 level learners	The TOEFL test measures your ability to use and understand English at the university level. It Evaluates how well you combine your reading, listening, speaking and writing skills to perform academic tasks. Everyone takes the same test - not level based	FCE: First Certificate - B2 Learners who want to work in an English speaking environment; study at an upper-intermediate level. Aimed at B2 level learners	CAE: Advanced English - C1 Learners who want to follow a course at university level; use English at a professional or managerial level. Aimed at C1 level learners	BEC: Business English 3 exams: Business Preliminary (B1) Business Vantage (B2) Business Higher (C1) Learners who want to show employers their ability to communicate effectively in everyday business situations
Content and Scoring	Tests <i>Listening, Reading, Writing</i> and <i>Speaking</i> . It uses a nine-band scale from band 1 (non user) to band 9 (expert) . Score for each section is averaged to produce an overall band score.	4 sections: <i>Reading, Listening, Speaking</i> and <i>Writing</i> . Scored on a scale of 0-120. Each section is worth 30 points total.	4 sections: <i>Reading, Use of English, Listening</i> and <i>Speaking</i> . Score out of 190. 180-190: Grade A (C1) 160-180: Grade B/C (B2) 140-160: Level B1	4 sections: <i>Reading, Use of English, Listening</i> and <i>Speaking</i> . Scored out of 210. 200-210: Grade A (C2) 180-200: Grade B/C (C1) 160-180: Level B2	4 sections: <i>Reading, Listening, Speaking</i> and <i>Writing</i> . Vantage: scored out of 190. 180-190: Grade A (C1) 160-179: Grade B/C (B2) Higher: scored out of 210. 200-210: Grade A (C2) 180-199: Grade B (C1)
Exam Format	Time: 2 hours 45 min. <i>speaking may be done on a different day</i> . <i>Listening</i> : approx. 30 min; 40 questions. <i>Reading</i> : 60 min; 40 questions. <i>Writing</i> : 60 min; 2 tasks. <i>Speaking</i> : 11-14 min - oral interview between test taker and an examiner. IELTS is a paper based exam - all responses are handwritten. B2 level.	Time: approx. 4 hours 30 min. to complete. <i>Reading</i> : 60 - 80 min; 36-56 questions. <i>Listening</i> : 60-90 min; 34-51 questions. <i>Speaking</i> : 20 min - 6 questions asked via computer alone - responses are recorded and sent to examiner . <i>Writing</i> : 50 min; 2 tasks. TOEFL is a computer based exam .	Time: approx. 3 hours 30 min. <i>Reading & Use of English</i> : 75 min; 7 parts; 52 questions. <i>Writing</i> : 80 min; 2 tasks. <i>Listening</i> : approx. 40 min; 4 parts, 30 questions. <i>Speaking</i> : 14 min; 4 parts - candidate speaks with examiner and one other exam candidate . FCE is available as a paper based or computer-based exam .	Time: approx. 4 hours . <i>Reading & Use of English</i> : 90 min; 8 parts, 56 questions. <i>Writing</i> : 90 min; 2 tasks. <i>Listening</i> : approx. 40 min; 4 parts, 30 questions. <i>Speaking</i> : 15 min; 4 parts - candidate speaks with examiner and one other exam candidate . CAE is available as a paper based or computer-based exam	Time: 2 hours 40 min (Vantage); 3 hours (Higher) . <i>Reading</i> : 1 hour; 45/52 questions. <i>Writing</i> : 45 min/70 min; 2 parts. <i>Listening</i> : 40 min, 30 questions. <i>Speaking</i> : 14 min: candidate speaks with examiner and one other exam candidate . BEC is available as a paper-based or computer-based exam .
Location	British Language Training Centres (BLTC) -Zwolle, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Utrecht	Amsterdam, Antwerpen	Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Rotterdam, Utrecht	Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Rotterdam, Utrecht	Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Rotterdam, Utrecht
Validity	2-year validity period	2-year validity period	Forever - <i>NB. Cambridge Exams for university entry - some institutions may only accept a result up to 2 or 3 years after the exam was taken</i>		
University requirements	Most universities require an IELTS score between 5.5-7; generally a min of 6 in NL	Generally, a minimum score of 80-90 is required for university applicants.	In some cases FCE, can be used for universities applications, minimum score is around 169-172. A pass in CAE or CPE is accepted by most institutions r higher education.		

Please make sure you know when the deadline is for your results, as some exam institutions can take 2 weeks before sending you the results of your test.