

Practise with a pretest

Pretesting is a free service offered by Cambridge English Language Assessment where students can practise for exams using real Cambridge English materials.

For more information about pretesting, please visit our website www.cambridgeenglish.org/about-pretesting or contact us at pretesting@cambridgeenglish.org

The calendar on the right shows scheduled dates for pretest windows for the following exams:

- · Cambridge English: Key (KET)
- Cambridae Enalish: Preliminary (PET)
- Cambridge English: First (FCE)
- Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)
- Cambridge English. Proficiency (CPE)
- Cambridge English: Key (KET) for Schools
- Cambridae Enalish: Preliminary (PFT) for Schools
- Cambridge English: First (FCE) for Schools
- Cambridge English: Business Vantage (BEC Vantage)

Cambridge English:

Business Preliminary

(BEC Preliminary)

The following exams can be pretested at almost any time:

- BULATS (Online Speaking) and Writing only)
- Cambridge English: Financial
- Cambridge English: Legal

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- Cambridge English: Business Higher
- TKT: Modules 1-3
- TKT: Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)
- TKT: Knowledge About Language
- TKT: Young Learners

Score return times

Raw scores for each pretest candidate are sent back to institutions by email within three weeks of our receiving the completed pretests. Writing papers are sent to examiners for individual comments, and scores are returned to institutions within four weeks of receipt of the papers.

You may administer the pretests at any time within the window, but please note that the earlier you send back the completed pretests, the sooner you will receive the scores.

Procedure

To request on-demand pretests, please contact the Pretest Administrator eight weeks before the date you wish to participate, via the online request form, with an estimate of the number of pretests required. The online request form is located at

www.cambridgeenglish.org/pretesting. The username is esolpretester and the password is practice. The deadlines for requesting pretests with fixed pretesting windows will be announced via the pretesting e-zine.

We try to accommodate all requests but cannot guarantee to send the full number or all components you request; Writing papers in particular

If you can offer pretest candidates outside the scheduled window. please contact us as we may be able to meet your request.

Please also note that if you have a large request, you may receive different versions of the same component; this means that for Listening tests you cannot conduct the pretest for all candidates in the same room simultaneously. The maximum request for pretests is 150 per component.

Timing of pretests

The table below shows the usual length of time for each paper, in minutes. You must also allow 20 minutes at each administration for the standard 'Anchor test' (Writing tests and IELTS tests do not require Anchor tests).

Approximate length of time for each paper, in minutes

Cambridge English: Key/ Key for Schools	Cambridge English: Preliminary/ Preliminary for Schools	Cambridge English: First/ First for Schools	Cambridge English: Advanced	Cambridge English: Proficiency
Reading 55-60 Listening 40 Writing 10-15	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 50	Reading 45 Listening 45 Writing 40-45 Use of English 40	Reading 45–60 Listening 40 Writing 45 Use of English 30–40	Reading (Parts 1-4) 40 Reading (Parts 5-7) 60 Listening 40 Writing 60
IELTS	BULATS Online	Cambridge English: Business Certificates (Preliminary, Vantage and Higher)	Cambridge English: Legal and Cambridge English: Financial	TKT Modules 1-3 TKT: Young Learners TKT: CLIL and TKT: Knowledge About Language
Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 60	Writing 45 Speaking 15	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 25-70	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 75	70 per paper

You can contact individual Pretest Administrators directly - see addresses below:

Contact the Pretest Administrator at:

GAPPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org* BECPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org IELTSPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org BULATSPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org ILECPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org ICFEPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org TKTPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org

* General, Academic, Professional - formerly known as Main Suite exams

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Examiners and Pretesting



Week of window:

Fixed date pretesting windows Weeks commencing	General, Academic and Professional Cambridge English: Key/ Key for Schools Cambridge English: Preliminary/ Preliminary for Schools Cambridge English: First/ First for Schools Cambridge English: Advanced Cambridge English: Proficiency	Cambridge English: Business Certificates (Preliminary, Vantage, Higher)	IELTS (Academic, General Training)	
26 January				
2 February				
9 February				
16 February				
23 February				
2 March				
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30 March				
6 April				
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5 October				
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26 October				
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9 November				
16 November				