



**Language
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International English for Speakers of Other Languages exams

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In May 2015, LanguageCert acquired all assets and IP of the International English Language exam suite from City & Guilds, with the aim to combine a highly reputable series of qualifications with unrivalled examination technologies for global delivery.

Team of Experts.



Dr Michael Milanovic, *Chairman*

Former CEO of Cambridge English Language Assessment, with over 38 years of experience in English Language learning and assessment.

Nigel Pike, *Qualification Development Manager*

Distinguished assessment expert, with over 25 years of experience in language testing and previously Director of Assessment at Cambridge English.

Suzy Gunn, *Quality Officer*

Suzy is dedicated to ensuring LanguageCert's design, delivery and award of qualifications is of high-quality and value, and is fully committed to the growth of the business on a global scale.

LanguageCert International ESOL **Vetting and Editing Project**

- ❑ Hard copies of tests (more than 250 test forms in total; over 18,500 exam questions) were marked up with available statistics from previous administrations

- ❑ Teams of senior consultants vetted all items, and
 - either accepted items with minor/major edits
 - or rejected items

LanguageCert International ESOL Vetting and Editing Project

Level	Accepted	Rewritten	Rejected
□ A1	80%	11%	9%
□ A2	51%	38%	11%
□ B1	31%	52%	16%
□ B2	36%	39%	25%
□ C1	42%	32%	26%
□ C2	25%	54%	21%

Qualification Development

In parallel to the Vetting and Editing Project, the following have also been undertaken:

- ❑ Exam Development Processes were reviewed
- ❑ Assessment Methodology adjusted to reflect up-to-date, communicative assessment
- ❑ An item-banking system was developed to ensure efficiency and accuracy in the management of exam content
- ❑ A difficulty scale (LanguageCert Item Difficulty) was developed and implemented
- ❑ Certain amendments to the exam paper were implemented to improve its layout, clarity, and precision

Recognised by

Czech Republic



England



Greece



Hungary



Italy



New Zealand



Romania



Spain



Wales



Validation Project

- ❑ We are currently working with the Centre for Research in English Language Learning and Assessment (CRELLA) of the University of Bedfordshire to validate LanguageCert exams.
- ❑ Members of CRELLA have been involved in the development or validation of the following major testing and assessment programmes:
 - IELTS
 - TOEFL
 - Cambridge English: Advanced
 - Cambridge English: Proficiency

LanguageCert International ESOL Qualifications.



Communication



Separate exams
leading to separate
certificates



Same format in all
CEFR levels

LanguageCert International ESOL Qualifications.

Two separate exams at each CEFR level, leading to respective certificates covering all four language skills:

- International ESOL Written Exams (Listening, Reading, Writing)
- International ESOL Spoken Exams (Speaking)

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(Listening, Reading, Writing).

CEFR	LanguageCert	Duration	Skills Tested
A1	Preliminary	1 hour 40 mins	
A2	Access	1 hour 40 mins	<input type="checkbox"/> Listening
B1	Achiever	2 hours 30 mins	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading
B2	Communicator	2 hours 30 mins	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing
C1	Expert	3 hours	
C2	Mastery	3 hours	

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(Listening, Reading, Writing).

Main Features.

- ❑ Optimal exam duration: 2-3 hours depending on level, +10 min for final check
- ❑ Candidates are free to allocate time as they need (Reading & Writing)
- ❑ Grammar & Vocabulary are integrated in the Listening, Reading & Writing sections and not examined separately
- ❑ Student and teacher friendly exam – requiring little exam specific preparation
- ❑ 1 mark per item – no penalty for wrong answers
- ❑ **Pass mark: Overall 50%**

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(Listening, Reading, Writing).

Exam content **and task types.**

- ❑ **Listening: Four parts / 26 items**
 - ❑ Multiple choice questions (3 tasks)
 - ❑ Filling in gaps using 1-5 words (1 task)
- ❑ **Reading: Four parts / 26 items**
 - ❑ Multiple choice questions (2-3 task)
 - ❑ Multiple matching questions (1 task at higher levels)
 - ❑ Filling in gaps using 1-5 words (1 task)
- ❑ **Writing: Two writing tasks**
 - ❑ The length of the texts to be produced depends on the level
 - ❑ Both extended writing tasks are compulsory

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(Listening, Reading, Writing).

Marking Criteria.

Task Fulfilment

- ❑ Whether the candidate has given an answer that is relevant to the topic specified in the rubric
- ❑ Whether the extent of the answer is within the range indicated in the rubric
- ❑ Whether all the relevant content points have been covered.

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(Listening, Reading, Writing).

Marking Criteria.

Grammar

- ❑ Whether the language produced is grammatically correct
- ❑ Whether there is an adequate range of grammatical structures for the level
- ❑ Whether the grammatical structures used are appropriate to the register of the task.

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Marking Criteria.

Vocabulary

- Whether the vocabulary used is correct
- Whether the spelling is correct
- Whether the vocabulary is appropriate to the register of the task.

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Marking Criteria.

Structure

- ❑ How the ideas are organized
- ❑ How coherent the text produced by the candidate is
- ❑ What cohesive devices (connectors, referring expressions, punctuation, etc.) are used

LanguageCert International ESOL Assessment.

International ESOL Skill	Scaled score	Total score (scaled)	Grades
Listening	50	150	Fail 0-74 Pass 75-100 HP 101-150
Reading	50		
Writing	50		

- Grades reflect overall performance (i.e. candidates may not fail the exam as a result of their performance at a single section or skill)

LanguageCert International ESOL (Speaking).

CEFR	LanguageCert	Duration	Contents
A1	Preliminary	6 minutes	
A2	Access	9 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Information
B1	Achiever	12 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Situational Roleplay
B2	Communicator	13 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Interactive Task
C1	Expert	15 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Turn
C2	Mastery	17 minutes	

LanguageCert International ESOL (Speaking).

Main Features.

- ❑ Short exam duration: 6-17 minutes depending on level
- ❑ Topics and tasks based on practical experience
- ❑ Friendly exam set-up – each candidate examined individually, not with another candidate
- ❑ Session is led by an Interlocutor, who does not make the assessment
- ❑ Session is recorded for marking by an independent Marker
- ❑ **re-marking available**
- ❑ **Pass Mark: 50%**

LanguageCert International ESOL Speaking.

Marking Criteria.

Task fulfilment and coherence

- The ability to engage in effective communicative exchanges and connect utterances

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Marking Criteria.

Accuracy and range of grammar

- The ability to vary and demonstrate control of grammatical structures as appropriate to the task

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Marking Criteria.

Accuracy and range of vocabulary

- The ability to vary and demonstrate control of lexis as appropriate to the task

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Marking Criteria.

Pronunciation, intonation and fluency

- The ability to produce the sounds of English in order to be understood with appropriate stress and intonation and maintain the flow of speech

LanguageCert International ESOL Assessment.

International ESOL Skill	Scaled score	Grades
Speaking	50	Fail 0-24 Pass 25-34 HP 35-50

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Results

- ❑ Results are made available within ten business days
- ❑ Candidates receive feedback on their performance
 - Per skill
 - Per assessment criterion

Sample certificates

**Language
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This is to certify that
Insert Candidate's Name Surname

has been awarded the
**LanguageCert Mastery C2
Level 3 Certificate in International ESOL**

Speaking – Insert grade achieved

Certificate Number
1234567890ABCD Candidate Number
1234567890ABCD

Awarded on
10 October 2015


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Listening, Reading & Writing – Insert grade achieved

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- Qualification **handbooks**
- Qualification Overview
- Practice **materials**
- Excellent **customer service** and **support** services
- Flexible **registration** and **result issuance** services
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Thank you.

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