

C2 Proficiency

A *Proficiency* qualification shows the world that you have mastered English to an exceptional level. It proves you can communicate with the fluency and sophistication of a highly competent English speaker.

Preparing for and passing the exam means you have the level of English that's needed to study or work in a very senior professional or academic environment, for example on a postgraduate or PhD programme.

It is CEFR Level C2 ([What is this?](#))

Exam Format

The exam is made up of four papers developed to test your English language skills: Reading & Use of English (1 hour 30 minutes), Writing (1 hour 30 minutes), Listening (about 40 minutes), Speaking (16 minutes per pair of candidates).

Preparation

You can find many free resources to help you prepare for the exam. Download our free sample papers to prepare the reading, the listening and the writing part. All answers will be provided.

[Prepare now](#)

[Additional practice](#)

Dates

There are many exam dates throughout the year offering both paper-based and computer-based *Proficiency*.

[Find exam dates](#)

Results

Proficiency results are reported on the [Cambridge English Scale](#).

You will receive a separate score for each skill, giving you a clear understanding of your performance. These scores are averaged to give you an overall result for the exam. You will also be given a grade and Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level.

[Sample *Proficiency* Statement of Results](#)