



Cambridge English Qualifications

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Why take a Cambridge English Exam

English is very important in daily life. Whether you have the ambition to go abroad for your work and studies or not, a good knowledge of the English language is essential. While the world of work is becoming increasingly international, many study books are in English and lectures at the university or college are often given through the medium of the English language.

By preparing for a Cambridge Exam, you will develop communication skills that you can use for everyday life, work and study.

Cambridge Exams B2 First, C1 Advanced & C2 Proficiency focus on general English and are fun to prepare for. The exams do not just cover academic English but are designed to test the English you will read, write, hear and speak in real-life situations. In addition, Cambridge Exams are established and prestigious exams certified by University of Cambridge and recognised all around the world.

Why Masterclass Academy of Languages?

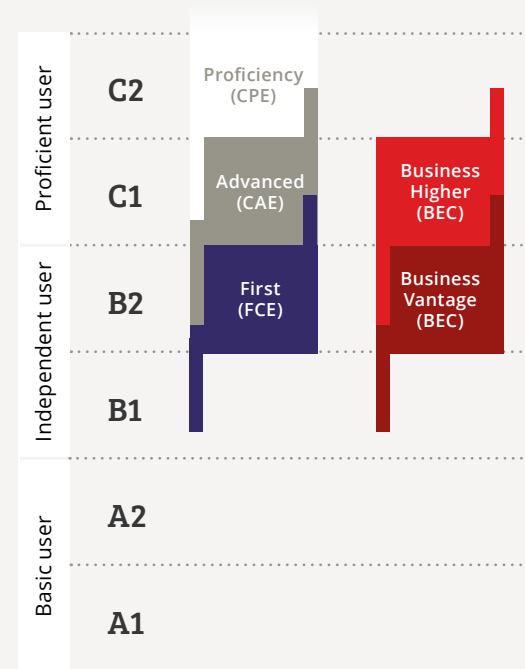
Masterclass Academy of languages has organized the Cambridge Examinations in the Netherlands for the past 10 years in South Holland and has been granted excellent administration by Cambridge University Assessment.

We strongly believe in fairness and it is our aim to make it possible for everyone to broaden their future life and career possibilities with a Cambridge qualification. Therefore, we keep our prices low and can offer further discounts when larger numbers of candidates are registered.

If you need to prepare for your exam, you have the opportunity of selecting any one of the following Cambridge English Exam preparation courses:

- B2 Cambridge First
- C1 Cambridge Advanced
- C2 Cambridge Proficiency
- B2 Cambridge Business Vantage
- C1 Cambridge Business Higher

Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)



At Masterclass, we have your interests at heart and are flexible in our offer. We listen to your needs and act on these. Our registration system is quick and easy and will save you time during busy moments.

We will provide you support throughout the year to ensure you have all the tools, materials and know-how you need to prepare and register your pupils for the Cambridge exams.

We can also offer attractive discounts on preparation materials from Cambridge University Press.

How to take a Cambridge Exam?

Cambridge allows its examination centres to organize exam sessions at fixed dates throughout the year. Masterclass has chosen a number of sessions where we offer all potential candidates the opportunity of registering for an exam. These dates are indicated in Tables 2 to 9 below.

Our registration system is simple. We provide you with an individual registration form where you can fill in your details. Once we receive it back from you we will check it and enter you in the Cambridge registration system. Your registration will then be complete.

If you need special arrangements due to temporary or long-term learning difficulties or health conditions, there are a number of ways that we will help you in order to make your experience as pleasant as possible during your examinations and ensure that you have a fair chance of passing the exam. Special arrangements are possible, for example, for broken limbs, a long-term illness, dyslexia, ADHD, or a specific learning

difficulty. Please feel free to enquire about the possibilities.

Our fees

Our registration fees depend on the format of the examination (paper based/computer based).

Table 1. Exam Fees

PAPER BASED EXAM	
B2 First	€ 225,-
C1 Advanced	€ 240,-
C2 Proficiency	€ 260,-
COMPUTER BASED EXAM	
B2 First	€ 240,-
C1 Advanced	€ 255,-
C2 Proficiency	€ 275,-



Exam Dates

The sessions that Masterclass Academy of Languages will run in 2020 are in the tables below.

Exam dates B2 First 2020

Table 2. Official Examination Sessions
B2 First 2020 Paper Based

2020	PAPER BASED	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	SPEAKING EXAM
March	7 Saturday	17 January	4 March
	13 Friday	24 January	14 March
June	9 Tuesday	15 April	12 or 13 June
	20 Saturday	29 April	13 or 19 June
December	1 Tuesday	13 October	4 or 5 December
	12 Saturday	22 October	5 or 11 December

Table 3. Official Examination Sessions
B2 First 2020 Computer Based

2020	COMPUTER BASED*	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
January	11 Saturday	20 December (2019)
February	22 Saturday	1 February
March	21 Saturday	27 February
April	7 Tuesday	16 March
May	23 Saturday	01 May
June	13 Saturday	22 May
July	11 Saturday	19 June
September	25 Friday	03 September
October	17 Saturday	25 September
November	28 Saturday	06 November

* The speaking exam is on the same date as the written paper

Exam Dates C1 Advanced 2020

**Table 4. Official Examination Session
C1 Advanced 2020 Paper Based**

2020	PAPER BASED	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	SPEAKING EXAM
March	14 Saturday	24 January	7 or 13 March
	21 Saturday	30 January	13 or 20 March
May	16 Saturday	24 March	08-17 May
June	10 Wednesday	15 April	12 or 13 June
	20 Saturday	29 April	13 or 19 June
December	2 Wednesday	13 October	4 or 5 December
	12 Saturday	22 October	5 or 11 December

**Table 5. Official Examination Session
C1 Advanced 2020 Computer Based**

2020	COMPUTER BASED*	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
January	18 Saturday	18 December (2019)
February	15 Saturday	24 January
March	20 Friday	28 February
May	23 Saturday	1 May
June	27 Saturday	05 June
July	18 Saturday	26 June
September	19 Saturday	28 September
October	24 Saturday	02 October
November	7 Saturday	16 October
December	3 Thursday	11 November

* The speaking exam is on the same day as the written papers



Exam Dates C2 Proficiency 2020

**Table 6. Official Examination Sessions
C2 Proficiency 2020**

2020	PAPER BASED	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	SPEAKING EXAM
March	7 Saturday	17 January	4 March
June	12 Friday	15 April	13 June
December	3 Thursday	13 October	4 or 5 December

**Table 7. Official Examination Sessions
C2 Proficiency 2020 Computer Based**

2020	COMPUTER BASED*	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
February	29 Saturday	07 February
May	22 Friday	30 April
July	11 Saturday	19 June
November	21 Saturday	30 October

** The speaking exam is on the same date as the written paper*

Exam Dates B2 Business Vantage

**Table 8. Official Examination Sessions
B2 Business Vantage 2020 Computer Based**

2020	COMPUTER BASED*	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
February	21 Friday	24 January
March	20 Friday	28 February
May	9 Saturday	15 April
June	19 Friday	30 May
September	5 Saturday	15 August
November	25 Wednesday	1 November
December	11 Friday	20 November

** The speaking exam is on the same date as the written paper*

Exam Dates C1 Business Higher

**Table 9. Official Examination Sessions
C1 Business Higher 2020 Computer Based**

2020	COMPUTER BASED*	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
March	19 Thursday	28 February
May	9 Saturday	15 April
June	19 Friday	30 May
December	10 Thursday	20 November

** The speaking exam is on the same date as the written paper*



Appendix

Appendix 1. B2 First Exam format

B2 First is a test of all areas of language ability. A B2 First qualification proves that candidates have the language skills to live and work independently in an English-speaking country or study courses taught in English.

A B2 First qualification shows that an English speaker can:

communicate effectively face-to-face, expressing opinions and presenting arguments

follow the news/television

write clear, detailed English, expressing opinions and explaining the advantages and disadvantages of different points of view

write letters, reports, stories and lots of other types of text.

The updated exam (for exam sessions from January 2015) is made up of four papers developed to test all four language skills. The table below summarizes the content of each paper.

The Speaking test is taken face-to-face, with two candidates and two examiners. This creates a more realistic and reliable measure of the ability to use English to communicate.

PAPER	CONTENT	PURPOSE
Reading and Use of English (1 hour 15 minutes)	7 parts / 52 questions	Shows candidates can deal confidently with different types of text, such as fiction, newspapers and magazines. Tests the use of English with tasks that show how well grammar and vocabulary can be controlled.
Writing (1 hour 20 minutes)	2 parts	Requires candidates to be able to produce two different pieces of writing, such as letters, reports, reviews and essays.
Listening (about 40 minutes)	4 parts / 30 questions	Requires candidates to be able to follow and understand a range of spoken materials, such as news programmes, presentations and everyday conversations.
Speaking (14 minutes per pair of candidates)	4 parts	Tests the ability to communicate effectively in face-to-face situations. The speaking test is taken with one or two other candidates.

Appendix 2. C1 Advanced Exam format

This is the in-depth, high-level qualification that shows that candidates have the language skills that employers and universities are looking for.

More than 8,000 educational institutions, businesses and government departments around the world accept C1 Advanced as proof of high-level achievement in learning English.

Preparing for C1 Advanced helps learners develop the skills to make the most of studying, working and living in English-speaking countries.

A C1 Advanced qualification shows that a candidate can:

follow an academic course at university level

communicate effectively at a managerial and professional level

participate with confidence in workplace meetings or academic tutorials and seminars

express themselves with a high level of fluency.

PAPER	CONTENT	PURPOSE
Reading and Use of English (1 hour 30 minutes)	8 parts / 56 questions	Shows candidates can deal confidently with different types of text, such as fiction, newspapers and magazines. Tests their use of English with different types of exercise that show how well they can control their grammar and vocabulary.
Writing (1 hour 30 minutes)	2 parts	Candidates create two different pieces of writing, such as essays, letters/emails, proposals, reports and reviews.
Listening (about 40 minutes)	4 parts / 30 questions	Tests the ability to follow and understand a range of spoken materials, such as interviews, radio broadcasts, presentations, talks and everyday conversations.
Speaking (15 minutes per pair of candidates)	4 parts	Tests the ability to communicate effectively in face-to-face situations. Candidates will take the Speaking test with another candidate.

Appendix 3. C2 Proficiency Exam Format

This is Cambridge's highest level qualification and it shows mastery in English at an exceptional level.

It proves the ability to communicate with the fluency and sophistication of a highly competent English speaker.

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

A C2 Proficiency qualification displays an ability to:

study demanding subjects at the highest level (including postgraduate and PhD programmes)

understand the main ideas of complex pieces of writing

talk about complex issues, and deal confidently with difficult questions.

PAPER	CONTENT	PURPOSE
Reading and Use of English (1 hour 30 minutes)	7 parts / 53 questions	Shows candidates can deal confidently with different types of text, such as fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and manuals.
Writing (1 hour 30 minutes)	2 parts	Requires candidates to be able to write a variety of text types, such as essays, reports and reviews.
Listening (about 40 minutes)	4 parts / 30 questions	Requires the ability to follow and understand a range of spoken materials, such as lectures, speeches and interviews.
Speaking (16 minutes per pair of candidates)	3 parts	Tests the ability to communicate effectively in face-to-face situations.

Appendix 4. B2 Business Vantage

B2 Business Vantage, previously named Cambridge English: Business Vantage (BEC Vantage), shows that you are ready for a career in an international setting.

With this qualification, you show that you have the skills in English to work internationally. It helps to develop your career, if you want to apply for a new job, or even get a promotion.

A B2 Business Vantage certificate shows that you can:

write short business messages and reports

read articles from business publications

listen to, understand and give your opinions in meetings.

PAPER	CONTENT	PURPOSE
Reading (1 hour)	5 parts	Shows you can deal confidently with different types of text, such as business publications and correspondence.
Writing (45 minutes)	2 parts	Requires you to be able to produce two different pieces of writing, such as letters, reports, proposals and emails.
Listening (about 40 minutes)	3 parts	Requires you to be able to follow and understand a range of spoken materials, such as interviews, discussions and presentations.
Speaking (14 minutes per pair of candidates)	3 parts	Tests your ability to communicate effectively in face-to-face situations. You will take the Speaking test with one or two other candidates.

Appendix 4. C1 Business Higher

C1 Business Higher, previously named Cambridge English: Business Higher (BEC Higher), is a Cambridge English Qualification that shows you can operate effectively at a senior level in an international setting.

If you achieve this level, you have the standard needed for advanced communications in English in the field of work. It is the highest level Business English certificate that Cambridge offers and develops your English language skills for your work.

PAPER	CONTENT	PURPOSE
Reading (1 hour)	6 parts	Shows you can deal confidently with different types of text.
Writing (1 hour and 10 minutes)	2 parts	You need to be able to write a variety of different items such as memos, letters, emails, reports and proposals.
Listening (about 40 minutes)	3 parts	You need to be able to follow and understand a range of spoken materials, such as presentations, interviews and discussions.
Speaking (14 minutes per pair of candidates)	3 parts	Tests your ability to communicate effectively in face-to-face situations. Your Speaking test will be face-to-face with one or two other candidates. This makes your test more realistic and more reliable.





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