

Cambridge English Business Preliminary

Understanding the Statement of Results

Your Statement of Results gives you two main pieces of information:

1 Overall score

This is your overall Cambridge English Scale score for the whole exam. It is the average of the individual scores that you receive for the four skills. This is the most important piece of information.

2 Individual scores

You will be given a Cambridge English Scale score for each of the four skills (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking). With these individual scores it is easy for you to see how you performed across the exam and if you need to improve in any of the skills.

You will also receive a CEFR level and a grade for the overall exam. These are also shown on the Statement of Results.

For more information on the Cambridge English Scale, go to: www.cambridgeenglish.org/cambridgeenglishscale

Certificate


As well as a Statement of Results, everyone who achieves a score of 140–170 will receive the Business English Certificate Preliminary. If you score between 120 and 139, you will receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that you demonstrated ability at CEFR Level A2.

The certificate will show your overall score on the scale, individual scores for each skill, CEFR level and grade.

Get your results online

The quickest and easiest way to get your results is to sign up for our free online results service. www.cambridgeenglish.org/candidates

Your results will be displayed there as soon as they are ready, and you can download a copy of your Statement of Results if you need to. You will need your Candidate ID Number and your Candidate Secret Number, which you can find on your Confirmation of Entry. If you cannot find your Candidate ID Number or your Candidate Secret Number, you should contact your exam centre.



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Statement of Results

Candidate name
An Example

Place of entry
Cambridge

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Result
Pass with Merit

Overall Score
156 1

CEFR Level
B1

CEFR Level	Cambridge English Scale	Certificated Results	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
B2	170	Distinction				
	160	Merit	160		155	158
B1	150	Pass		150		
A2	140	Level A2			2	
	130					
	120					
	110					

The Business English Certificate Preliminary (BEC Preliminary) assesses English used in the context of business at Level B1 in the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference.

Candidates achieving Pass with Distinction (between 160 and 170 on the Cambridge English Scale) receive the Business English Certificate Preliminary stating that they have demonstrated ability at Level B2.

Candidates achieving Pass with Merit or Pass (between 140 and 159 on the Cambridge English Scale) receive the Business English Certificate Preliminary at Level B1.

Candidates whose performance is below Level B1, but falls within Level A2 (between 120 and 139 on the Cambridge English Scale), receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that they have demonstrated ability at Level A2.

Cambridge English Language Assessment examination results can be quickly and securely verified online at: www.cambridgeenglish.org/verifiers

THIS IS NOT A CERTIFICATE

Cambridge English Language Assessment reserves the right to amend the information given before the issue of certificates to successful candidates.

Results	Score
Pass with Distinction	160 – 170
Pass with Merit	153 – 159
Pass	140 – 152
Level A2	120 – 139

Candidates taking the Business English Certificate Preliminary scoring between 102 and 119 on the Cambridge English Scale do not receive a result, CEFR level or certificate.

Cambridge English Scale scores below 102 are not reported for the Business English Certificate Preliminary.

Other

X - the candidate was absent from part of the examination
Z - the candidate was absent from all parts of the examination
Pending - a result cannot be issued at present, but will follow in due course
Withheld - the candidate should contact their centre for information
Exempt - the candidate was not required to sit this part of the examination

What is the CEFR?

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is an international system that describes learners' abilities in a foreign language using six levels, from A1 (the lowest) to C2 (the highest). All Cambridge English exams are developed in accordance with the principles and approach of the CEFR. This makes it easy for employers, schools, universities and other institutions to find out whether your English is at the right level for them by looking at your certificate or Statement of Results. You can find out more about the CEFR at www.cambridgeenglish.org/cefr