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**20,000**  
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Find out about registering, costs and preparation courses.

### STEP 3 – Choose your exam date

We have dates every month – and you can register just one week before taking your exam.

Find out more at

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# Cambridge English Business Certificates

Brief exam guide



*Achieve your ambitions in international business*

## Show you are serious about your career

Join over 1 million people that have used *Cambridge English: Business Certificates (BEC)* to show that they have the work-focused English language skills for career success. These high-quality international English language exams are developed by Cambridge English Language Assessment – a not-for-profit department of the University of Cambridge.

- **Boost your employability** – get the English language skills you need to access the best jobs.
- **Excel in business-related studies** with proven English language skills.

### A globally accepted exam

The exams are trusted and accepted by leading employers, educational institutions and governments worldwide, including:

Adidas	Procter & Gamble
Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany	PwC
Casio	HSBC
China Merchants Group	Vodafone
ICN Business School, France	UNESCO-IHE
London South Bank University, UK	Università Bocconi
Newcastle University, UK	Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service
	Jinan University, China

For a full list of organisations using these market-leading exams, go to [www.cambridgeenglish.org/recognition](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/recognition)

### What's in the exam?

The exams are designed to be fair to people of all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds, and are supported by a dedicated research programme. They are work-focused exams which:

- **test all four language skills** (reading, writing, listening and speaking), plus grammar and vocabulary, in one exam
- **use real work-related tasks and activities** for practical use in the workplace
- **feature a face-to-face Speaking test** for a more realistic test of communicating successfully at work.

Your overall performance is calculated by averaging the scores you achieve in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. The weighting of each of the four skills is equal. For more information, and sample papers, go to [www.cambridgeenglish.org/bec](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/bec)

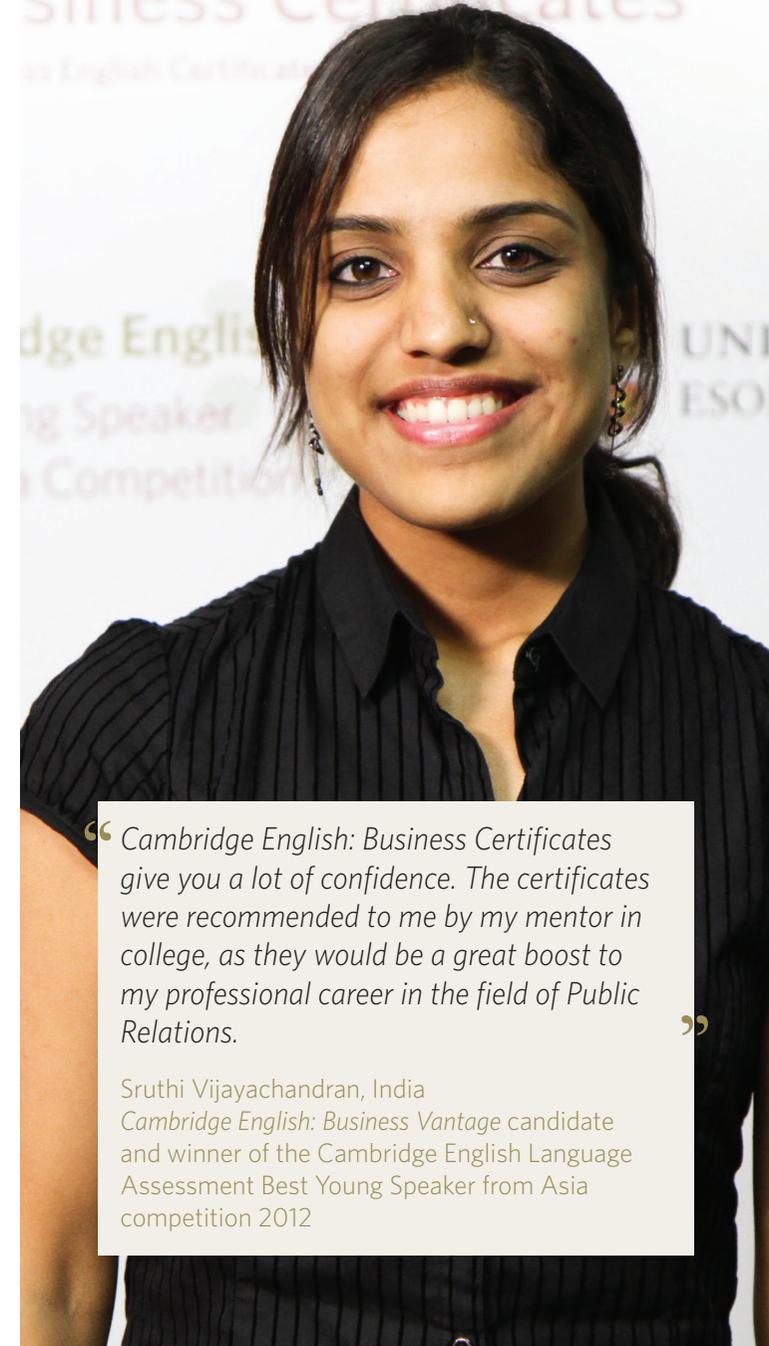
### What level are the exams?

These are certificates at three levels, so you can develop and improve your English to the level required by your chosen university or employer. The certificates are aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – the internationally agreed standard for describing language ability.

- **Cambridge English: Business Higher – CEFR Level C1** (*IELTS\** band scores 7.0–8.0)  
The level of English required for demanding study and work settings.
- **Cambridge English: Business Vantage – CEFR Level B2** (*IELTS* band scores 5.5–6.5)  
An upper-intermediate level of English.
- **Cambridge English: Business Preliminary – CEFR Level B1** (*IELTS* band scores 4.0–5.0)  
A level of English for practical everyday use in an international business environment.

\* *IELTS* (International English Language Testing System) is jointly managed by British Council, IDP: IELTS Australia and Cambridge English Language Assessment.

Business Certificates



“Cambridge English: Business Certificates give you a lot of confidence. The certificates were recommended to me by my mentor in college, as they would be a great boost to my professional career in the field of Public Relations.”

Sruthi Vijayachandran, India  
Cambridge English: Business Vantage candidate and winner of the Cambridge English Language Assessment Best Young Speaker from Asia competition 2012

