

Experts in Language Assessment

Cambridge English Business Preliminary

Business English Certificates (BEC) Preliminary CEFR Level B1

Understanding your Statement of Results

Your Statement of Results for *Cambridge English*: Business Preliminary gives you three pieces of information:

1. Your result: This is the most important piece of information. If you pass the exam, you will get a certificate with your grade on it. Or you could have one of these on your Statement of Results:

X - you were absent from part of the exam

Z - you were absent from the whole of the exam

Pending - your result is not ready yet

Withheld - you need to contact your centre

- 2. Your score: This is your score for the whole exam. You can see whether your score is near the top of the grade, in the middle or near the bottom. Your score is shown as a number between 0 and 100 which is converted from the total number of marks available in the exam. It is converted so that the score you need for each grade is the same every time the exam is taken. This is called a standardised score. Your score will not be shown on your certificate.
- **3. Your Candidate Profile:** This shows you how you performed on each of the papers in the exam. If you did not get the result you wanted, it will help you to decide which skills you need to improve. Your Candidate Profile will not be shown on your certificate.

NB: the bands on the Candidate Profile do not correspond to grades. There are no pass or fail levels in the individual papers. Your marks for each paper are added together to calculate your result for the whole examination.

Your certificate

We have made enhancements to the way we report the results of our exams because we believe it is important to recognise your achievement.

Cambridge English: Business Preliminary - Level B2

Pass with Distinction

Exceptional candidates sometimes show ability beyond B1 Level. If you have achieved a Pass with Distinction, you will receive the *Business English Certificate Preliminary* stating that you demonstrated ability at Level B2.

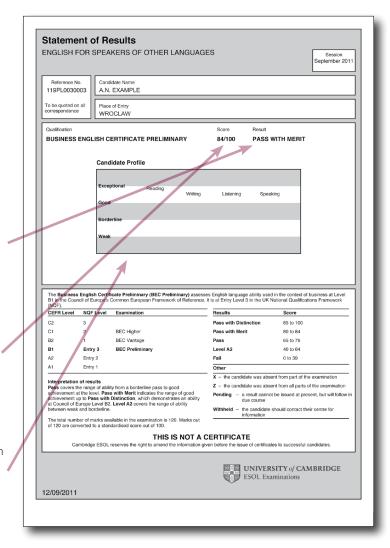
Cambridge English: Business Preliminary - Level B1

Pass with Merit or Pass

If you have achieved a Pass with Merit or Pass in your exam, you will be awarded the Business English Certificate Preliminary at Level B1.

Level A2 Certificate

If your performance is below Level B1, but falls within Level A2, you will receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that you demonstrated ability at A2 level. On the back of your certificate you will find additional information about your exam and Can Do statements for CEFR Levels B2, B1 and A2.



Results Verification Service

Candidates who need to allow employers, universities or other organisations to verify their examination results can do so quickly and securely with Cambridge ESOL's **Results Verification Service**. Just by sending organisations your Candidate ID and Candidate Secret Number (printed on your Statement of Entry) they can check your result instantly online at http://verfication.CambridgeESOLonline.org

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 framework at www.CambridgeESOL.org/CEFR

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