

# Practise with a pretest

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The calendar on the right shows scheduled dates for pretest windows for the following exams:

Cambridge English Qualifications	
• A2 Key (KET)	• A2 Key (KET) for Schools
• B1 Preliminary (PET)	• B1 Preliminary (PET) for Schools
• B2 First (FCE)	• B2 First (FCE) for Schools
• C1 Advanced (CAE)	• Pre A1 Starters, A1 Movers, A2 Flyers
• C2 Proficiency (CPE)	• IELTS

The following exams can be pretested at almost any time:

Cambridge English Qualifications	
• B1 Business Preliminary (BEC Preliminary)	• BULATS (Online Speaking and Writing only)
• B2 Business Vantage (BEC Vantage)	• TKT: Modules 1-3
• C1: Business Higher (BEC Higher)	• TKT: Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)
	• TKT: Young Learners

## Approximate length of time for each paper, in minutes

A2 Key/ Key for Schools	B1 Preliminary/ Preliminary for Schools	B2 First/ First for Schools	C1 Advanced	C2 Proficiency
Reading 55-60 Listening 40 Writing 10-15	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 50	Reading 45 Listening 45 Writing 40-45 Use of English 40	Reading 50-60 Listening 40 Writing 45 Use of English 40-45	Reading (Parts 1-4) 40 Reading (Parts 5-7) 60 Listening 40 Writing 60
IELTS	BULATS Online	Business B1 Preliminary, B2 Vantage and C1 Higher	TKT Modules 1-3 TKT Young Learners TKT CLIL	Pre A1 Starters A1 Movers A2 Flyers
Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 60	Writing 45 Speaking 15	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 25-70	Per paper 70	Reading, Writing and Listening 20  Reading and Writing 30 Listening 25  Reading and Writing 40 Listening 25



# Pretesting Calendar 2019

Pretesting window:  

Pretesting window weeks commencing:	Cambridge English Qualifications A2 Key/Key for Schools B1 Preliminary/Preliminary for Schools B2 First/First for Schools C1 Advanced C2 Proficiency	Cambridge English Qualifications Business Certificates (B1 Preliminary, B2 Vantage, B3 Higher)	IELTS (Academic, General Training)	Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters, A1 Movers, A2 Flyers
21 January 2019				
28 January 2019				
4 February 2019				
11 February 2019				
18 February 2019				
25 February 2019				
4 March 2019				
11 March 2019				
18 March 2019				
25 March 2019				
1 April 2019				
8 April 2019				
15 April 2019				
22 April 2019				
29 April 2019				
6 May 2019				
13 May 2019				
20 May 2019				
27 May 2019				
3 June 2019				
10 June 2019				
17 June 2019				
24 June 2019				
1 July 2019				
8 July 2019				
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28 October 2019				
4 November 2019				
11 November 2019				
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25 November 2019				
2 December 2019				
9 December 2019				
16 December 2019				
23 December 2019				

## Score return times

Raw scores for each pretest candidate are sent back to institutions by email within three weeks of our receiving the completed pretests. Writing papers are sent to examiners for individual comments, and scores are returned to institutions within four weeks of receipt of the papers. You may administer the pretests at any time within the window, but please note that the earlier you send back the completed pretests, the sooner you will receive the scores.

## Procedure

To request on-demand pretests, please contact the Pretest Administrator eight weeks before the date you wish to participate, via the online request form, with an estimate of the number of pretests required. The online request form is located at [www.cambridgeenglish.org/pretesting](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/pretesting). The username is **esolpretester** and the password is **practice**. The deadlines for requesting pretests with fixed Pretesting windows will be announced via the Pretesting invitation which is sent out twice a month.

We try to accommodate all requests but cannot guarantee to send the full number of all components you request, especially if the number is large; Writing papers in particular are limited.

Please note if we are able to satisfy a large request, you may receive different versions of the same component; this means that for Listening tests you cannot conduct the pretest for all candidates in the same room simultaneously.

If you can offer pretest candidates outside the scheduled window, please contact us as we may be able to meet your request, especially in the case of Cambridge English Qualifications C2 Proficiency.

## Timing of pretests

The table below shows the usual length of time for each paper, in minutes. You must also allow 20 minutes at each administration for the standard 'Anchor test' (Writing tests and IELTS tests do not require Anchor tests).