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
- A2 Key (KET) for schools
- B1 Business Preliminary (BEC Preliminary)
- B1 Business Vantage (BEC Vantage)
- B2 Business Vantage (BEC Vantage)
- C1: Business Higher (BEC Higher)
- C1 Advanced
- C1 Proficiency
- Pretest Qualifications
- TKT: Language Content and Language Integrated Learning
- TKT: Modules 1–3
- TKT: Young Learners

Approximate length of time for each paper, in minutes:

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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 sooner you send back the completed pretests, the sooner you will receive the scores.

Procedure

To request on demand pretests*, please contact the Pretest Administrator four 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. 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.

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).

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