

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)	• TKT: Modules 1-3
• B2 Business Vantage (BEC Vantage)	• TKT: Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)
• C1: Business Higher (BEC Higher)	• 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 and Use of English 75 Listening 45 Writing 40-45	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	*On Demand Pretests	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	Business B1 Preliminary, B2 Vantage and C1 Higher TKT Modules 1-3, TKT Young Learners and TKT CLIL A2 Key, A2 Key for Schools, B1 Preliminary and B1 Preliminary for Schools	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

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Pretesting Calendar 2020

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, C1 Higher)	IELTS (Academic, General Training)	Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters, A1 Movers, A2 Flyers
20 January 2020				
27 January 2020				
3 February 2020				
10 February 2020				
17 February 2020				
24 February 2020				
2 March 2020				
9 March 2020				
16 March 2020				
23 March 2020				
30 March 2020				
6 April 2020				
13 April 2020				
20 April 2020				
27 April 2020				
4 May 2020				
11 May 2020				
18 May 2020				
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1 June 2020				
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7 December 2020				
14 December 2020				
21 December 2020				

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. 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).