Pretesting Calendar 2024

Practice with a Pretest

Pretesting is a free service offered by Cambridge English where students can practise for exams using real Cambridge English materials.

Procedure

To request pretests please contact the Pretesting Team with an estimate of the number of pretests required, via the online request form located at cambridgeenglish.org/pretesting. The username is esolpretester and the password is practice. The deadlines for requesting pretests with fixed session windows can be found in the Session Windows table. On demand pretests* must be requested four weeks before the date you wish to participate.

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. 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. Requests will be confirmed approximately one month before the start date of the session window.

Timing of pretests

The Pretesting Papers table 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 do not require Anchor tests).

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.

Contacts

For more information about pretesting, please visit cambridgeenglish.org/about-pretesting or contact us at Pretesting@CambridgeEnglish.org.

For any IELTS related queries please contact IELTSPretesting@CambridgeEnglish.org.

2024 Session Windows:

Cambridge English Qualifications, Mainsuite – A2 Key/Key for Schools (KET/KETfS), B1 Preliminary/Preliminary for Schools (PET/PETfS), B2 First/First for Schools (FCE/FCEfS), C1 Advanced (CAE), C2 Proficiency (CPE)			
Session	Requests Open	Requests Close	Session Dates
February	11th September 2023	15th December 2023	5th February - 1st March 2024
March - April	30th October 2023	26th January 2024	11th March - 19th April 2024
May	2nd January 2024	15th March 2024	6th May - 25th May 2024
August – September	15th April 2024	21st June 2024	5th August - 20th September 2024
October	10th June 2024	16th August 2024	30th September - 25th October 2024
November	8th July 2024	20th September 2024	4th November - 15th November 2024

*The following exams are available on demand, meaning they can be requested at almost any time of year:
TKT Modules 1–3, TKT Young Learners and TKT CLIL; A2 Key, A2 Key for Schools, B1 Preliminary and B1 Preliminary for Schools.

Pretesting Papers:

Paper	Approximate length in minutes			
	Reading	Listening	Writing	Other
A2 Key/Key for Schools	50–55	35	n/a	n/a
B1 Preliminary/Preliminary for Schools	50	35	n/a	n/a
B2 First/First for Schools	75 (Reading and Use of English)	45	n/a	n/a
C1 Advanced	50–60	40	45	40–45 (Use of English)
C2 Proficiency	40 (Parts (1–4)) 60 (Parts (5–7))	40	n/a	n/a
TKT (Modules 1–3, Young Learners and CLIL)	n/a	n/a	n/a	70 (All papers)

Sessions and on demand   Sessions only   On demand only

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