



UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE

ESOL Examinations

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Level 2 Certificate in Business English (ESOL)*

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Grade A

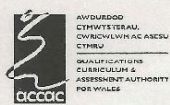
in the
Business English Certificate Higher
 Council of Europe Level C1

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BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATES (BEC)

University of Cambridge ESOL (part of UCLES) provides examinations in English for speakers of other languages.

The Business English Certificates (BEC Preliminary, BEC Vantage and BEC Higher) are designed to assess English language competence in the context of business. The examinations test Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

BEC is recognised and used by many higher education institutions and corporations across the world.

BEC Higher

BEC Higher assesses English language ability used in the context of business at Council of Europe 'Effective Operational Proficiency' Level (C1) for general language proficiency.

BEC examination	Council of Europe Level	UK National Qualifications Framework Level
BEC Higher	C2	Level 3
BEC Vantage	C1 ('Effective Operational Proficiency' Level)	Level 2
BEC Preliminary	B2 ('Vantage' Level)	Level 1
	B1 ('Threshold' Level)	Entry 3
	A2	Entry 2
	A1	Entry 1

For BEC Higher, there are three passing grades, A, B and C. Grade C indicates that the candidate has achieved a satisfactory level of performance; Grade A indicates the highest level of performance.

The Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE) has developed a framework which covers six levels of language proficiency aligned to the Council of Europe Common European Framework. Long-term research carried out by ALTE has shown what language learners can typically do at each level. The table below gives examples at BEC Higher level of typical ability in the work domain in each of the skill areas.

Typical candidates at **BEC Higher** level can:

Typical abilities	Listening and Speaking	Reading and Writing
Work domain	CAN follow discussion with only occasional need for clarification. CAN deal with unpredictable questions. CAN argue his/her case effectively and specify needs precisely. CAN engage in an extended conversation with a visitor on matters within her/his authority/competence.	CAN understand the general meaning of more complex articles. CAN, given enough time, write a report that communicates the desired message. CAN write most letters (s)he is likely to be asked to do. CAN, within a reasonably short time, understand most reports that (s)he is likely to come across.

Further information and examples of the Can-do statements can be found at www.alte.org
Further details of BEC are given in the BEC Handbooks, and at www.cambridge-esol.org

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A † symbol next to the grade indicates that the candidate was exempt from satisfying the full range of assessment objectives in the examination.