

Background

- The Pearson English International Certificate, is an assessment solution for six levels of proficiency that assesses and accredits general English ability

What does the computer-based test include?

- Computer-based test delivered in secure test centre locations
- 4 skills mandatory: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking: all delivered in one test session
- CEFR-aligned
- On-demand delivery based on test centre availability; home delivery possible in some countries with remote proctoring
- Quick turnaround time on scores
- Ofqual regulated under the title Pearson Edexcel Certificate in ESOL International
- Awarded by Edexcel, the largest UK awarding body for academic and vocational qualifications, delivering more than 130 million exams each year
- Extended certification fall-back grades
- 6 computer-based tests (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2)
- 4 Readiness tests: A2-C1
- Credly badge when one successfully passes the test

Competitive advantages

More convenient

- Simple online booking, up to 24 hours in advance
- Testing on-demand based on local test centre availability, any time during the year
- Single test, under 2 hours

Enhanced Security

- Delivered at Pearson run test centres
- Completely digital delivery and evaluation provides greater accuracy and security

Faster results

- Fast results: weeks quicker than paper-based testing
- Under 2 weeks

Fair and accurate results

- English skills are assessed through integrated skill items (reading & writing, listening & speaking, etc.) so students are judged on their communicative skills, not rote learning.
- Treats regional accents equally

Customers needs - from interviews	Pearson English International Certificate 2021
Flexibility to pick the date of the test	✓
High standards for test delivery	✓
Shorter timeframe between registration and delivery	✓
Easier logistics than paper process	✓
More comprehensive test reports	✓
Frequent test delivery	✓
Cash flow	✓

How it works – The Test Centre Model

Individual test takers

- Test-takers select a test centre in their community from an online portal (Pearson’s TestHub)
- They choose test dates and times from the available list, determined by local test centres
- Teachers may wish to schedule a group of test-takers at a test centre and may select several dates and times
- Test purchases are made on Test Hub (via credit card) or via your local Pearson team
- Test Centres are compensated for each International Certificate exam delivered, at an hourly rate, depending on the length of the exam. Compensation is paid post-test delivery from Pearson via check or EFT.

Test Centre expectations

- Follow instructions for becoming a Pearson Vue Test Centre: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/For-test-centres/Get-started.aspx>
- Plan for secure, continuous candidate surveillance
- Provide an area separate from the exam delivery room for checking in candidates
- Purchase/install the ESP Security kit: (@\$500)
 - 2 Web Camera Logitech HD Webcam C615 or Logitech Pro 9000
 - Signature Device ePadLink: ePad Signature Pad – Model VP9801
- Administration and Proctor work stations with Windows 10 Professional or Enterprise operating system
- Computer work stations for students with Windows 10 Professional or Enterprise operating system
- Partitions between work stations or white noise machine recommended but not required
- Headphones: Plantronics 655 USB model with microphone or Andrea 445 with microphone



Admin, Proctor and Exam Delivery Machines

Processor

Note: Processors must support SSE 2.0 or higher.

Chipsets that fail:

ATI RS600, Intel G31 Express, Intel G33 Express, Intel G35 Express, Intel G41 Express, Intel G43 Express, Intel G45 Express, Intel Q33 Express, Intel Q35 Express, Intel Q43 Express.

Graphics Adaptor

OpenGL 2.0 or higher is required regardless of whether it is an “integrated chipset” or a machine with a dedicated video card.

RAM: 25 GB free disk space in NTFS format; Dual-core 2.4GHz CPU or faster with 2GB of RAM

Internet connection: Active Full-Time/Broadband internet connection of 512/512 kbps (up/down)