

B1 Business Preliminary

With a *Business Preliminary* qualification, you show employers that you have a good knowledge of English for practical, everyday use in business.

There are three exams in the [Business Certificates](#) suite of exams. Each one is targeted at a different level and *Business Preliminary* is the first of these exams. The content for each exam is based on everyday work and business tasks and is designed to develop your business English skills.

It is CEFR Level B1 ([What is this?](#))

Exam Format

Business Preliminary is made up of three papers developed to test your English skills: Reading & Writing (1 hour 30 minutes), Listening (40 minutes), Speaking (12 minutes per pair of candidates).

Preparation

You can find many free resources to help you prepare for the exam. Download our free sample papers to prepare the reading, the listening and the writing part. All answers will be provided.

[Prepare now](#)

[Additional practice](#)

Dates

There are many exam dates throughout the year offering both paper-based and computer-based exams *Business Preliminary*.

[Find exam dates](#)

Results

Business Preliminary results are reported on the [Cambridge English Scale](#).

You will receive a separate score for each skill, giving you a clear understanding of your performance. These scores are averaged to give you an overall result for the exam. You will also be given a grade and Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level.

[Sample *Business Preliminary* Statement of Results](#)