

Cambridge ESOL examinations related to the Common European Framework of Reference

Cambridge ESOL examinations relate to the CEFR and to each other as below.

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CEFR	General English	Academic	Professional				
Mastery C2	CPE Certificate of Proficiency in English	IELTS				BULATS	
Effective Operational Proficiency C1	CAE Certificate in Advanced English		BEC Higher	ILEC	ICFE		
Vantage B2	FCE First Certificate in English		BEC Vantage				
Threshold B1	PET Preliminary English Test		BEC Preliminary				
Waystage A2	YLE Flyers						
Break-through A1	KET Key English Test						
	YLE Movers						
	YLE Starters						
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages	Cambridge Young Learners English Tests	General English	International English Language Testing System	Business English Certificates	International Legal English Certificate	International Certificate in Financial English	Business Language Testing Service

IELTS bands compare broadly with the CEFR in the following table:

Corresponding CEFR Level	IELTS approximate Band score
C2	9.0
	8.5
	8.0
	7.5
C1	7.0
	6.5
	6.0
B2	5.5
	5.0
	4.5
B1	4.0
	3.5
A2	3.0
Not measured below 3.0*	

* IELTS is not considered to be reliable below 3.0, and does not aim to measure at this level.

For more information, see the IELTS website