

Cambridge English Advanced

Brief exam guide



*English for high achievers in the
academic and professional world*

Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)



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One exam – endless opportunities

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) is a high quality, international English language qualification that you can use for your university and student visa application. Preparing for the exam helps you develop the language skills needed for success in study and work.

Prove to universities you are prepared for study

The exam is accepted by educational institutions worldwide, including top universities and colleges in Australia, North America and the UK.



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US



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University

Australia



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Australia



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Show employers you are ready to work

High level English language skills enhance your employment opportunities.

Many of the world's top employers accept the exam, including Accenture, Bayer, Dell and Ernst & Young.

Demonstrate to immigration officials you qualify for a visa

As well as using your certificate for university applications worldwide, you can also use it for your student visa application to the UK and Australia.

What level is the exam?

The exam focuses on Level C1 (IELTS band score 6.5 to 8.0) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – the level required for academic and professional success.

What's in the exam?

Supported by the largest research programme of its kind, the exam is designed to be fair to users of all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds.

It covers all four language skills (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) and knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

Reading: 1 hour 15 minutes	Shows you can deal with different types of text.
Writing: 1 hour 30 minutes	Shows you can write a variety of text types, such as essays and proposals.
Use of English: 1 hour	Lets you demonstrate your knowledge and control of grammar and vocabulary.
Listening: 40 minutes	Shows you can follow and understand a range of spoken materials.
Speaking: 15 minutes	Shows you can communicate in a real-life context. You take the test face-to-face with one or two other candidates.

Each paper is worth 20% of the total marks.

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“ I’m a Spanish university student.
My Cambridge English: Advanced certificate
got me onto a course in Canada at the
University of British Columbia.
My ambition? To work for an organisation that
builds and develops international relations. ”

Alexandra, Student
Audiovisual Communications
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The exam can be taken on paper or on computer.

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