

C2 Proficiency

C2 Proficiency, formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE), is one of our Cambridge English Qualifications. It is our highest-level qualification – proof that you are a highly competent speaker of English.

A C2 Proficiency qualification shows the world that you have mastered English to an exceptional level. It proves you can communicate with the fluency and sophistication of a highly competent English speaker.

Preparing for and passing the exam means you have the level of English that's needed to study or work in a very senior professional or academic environment, for example on a postgraduate or PhD programme.

Key facts

CEFR level: C2.

Scale score: 200–130

Test format: Computer or paper-based

No. of papers: 4

Test length: About 4 hours



A C2 Proficiency qualification shows that you can:

- *study demanding subjects at the highest level, including postgraduate and PhD programmes*
- *negotiate and persuade effectively at senior management level in international business settings*
- *understand the main ideas of complex pieces of writing*
- *talk about complex or sensitive issues, and deal confidently with difficult questions.*

Reasons to choose C2 Proficiency:

- *This is our highest-level exam. Passing it proves that you have mastered English to an exceptional level.*
- *Helps you to develop the English skills needed to succeed in very high level academic or professional environments.*

