

LANGUAGECERT

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About PEOPLECERT: 170k exams delivered in 150 countries in the last 12 months



PEOPLECERT Comprehensive Portfolio (500+ Exams and Growing)

- ✓ **Global Best Management Practice** (ITIL[®], PRINCE2[®], RESILIA[®], MSP[®], MoV[®], MoR[®], P3O[®], IASSC Lean Six Sigma)
- ✓ **ECDL** (European Computer Driving Licence)
- ✓ **PEOPLECERT-branded Certifications**
 - ✓ **Management Systems Professionals** (ISO 9001, 10019, 14001, 19011, 20000, 22000, 27000)
 - ✓ **Professional Valuers (Appraisers)**
 - ✓ **LANGUAGECERT**
 - ✓ **esPro BULATS**
- ✓ **PEOPLECERT Co-owned/Co-branded Certifications**
 - ✓ **Lean IT, DevOps, SIG, Guild of Project Controllers** etc.

Our vision for LANGUAGECERT

PEOPLECERT through PEOPLECERT Qualifications Ltd, a UK based Awarding Body, **acquired all assets and IP of International English Language exams from City & Guilds**, aiming to combine a widely reputable series of qualifications with unrivalled examination technologies for global delivery.

- ✓ **Further improvements** on the actual exam content
- ✓ **Award-winning assessment technology**, including online proctoring, instant marking and many more
- ✓ **Fresh and innovative** approach to the teaching community, candidates, and all other stakeholders

LANGUAGECERT International ESOL Qualifications Design

Exam structure and content based on:

- ✓ **Regulatory requirements set by Ofqual** - 'The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation', the governmental authority for certificate recognition in England & N. Ireland.
- ✓ **The principles of CEFR** - 'Common European Framework of Reference for Languages', promoted by the Council of Europe

LANGUAGECERT International ESOL Qualifications **Key Features**

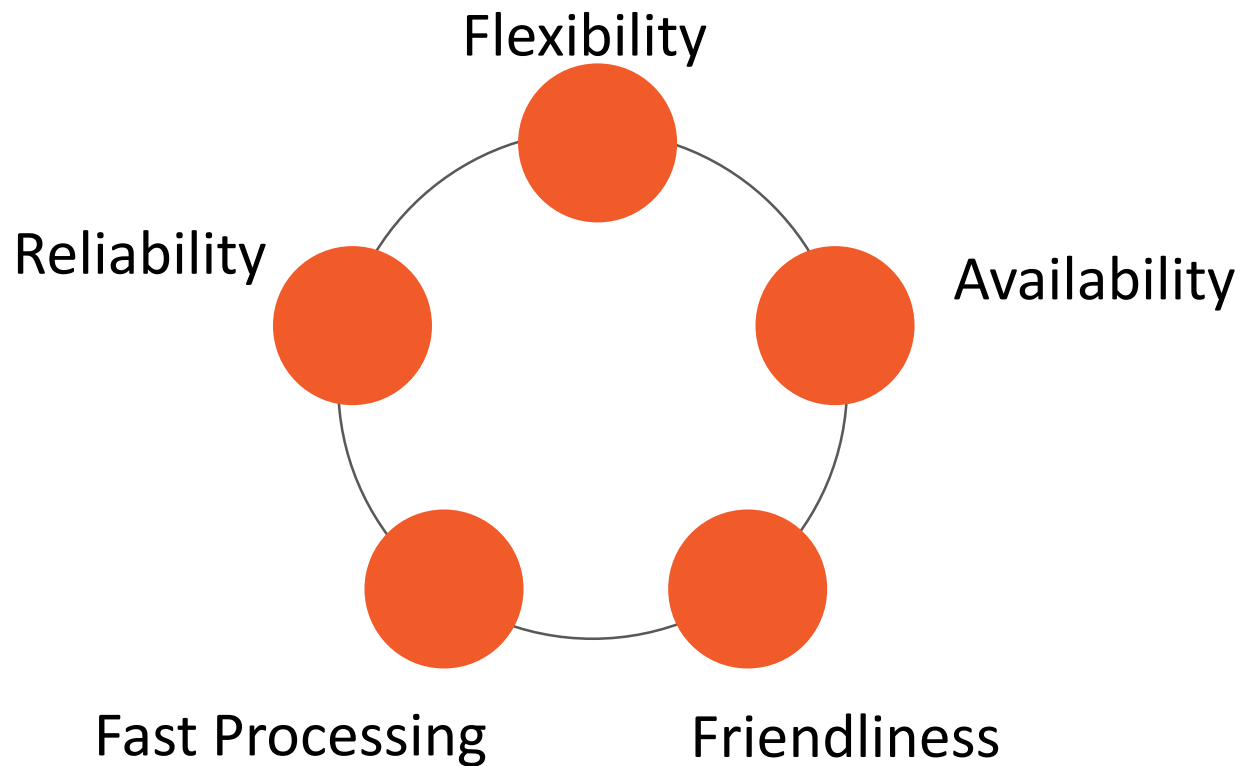
- ✓ **Two independent exams**
 - ✓ **IESOL:** International English for Speakers of Other Languages-
Listening, Reading, Writing
 - ✓ **ISESOL:** International Spoken English for Speakers of Other Languages
- ✓ **Flexible and Reliable** Examinations Platform
- ✓ **50% pass threshold** & Compensation of one 'narrow fail'

International ESOL Qualification Levels

CEFR	LANGUAGECERT	Description
C2	Mastery	Proficient user
C1	Expert	Advanced user
B2	Communicator	Independent user – intermediate
B1	Achiever	Independent user – upper intermediate
A2	Access	Basic user – elementary
A1	Preliminary	Basic user – beginner

LANGUAGECERT International ESOL Exams

Main Advantages



LANGUAGECERT International ESOL Exams

Main Advantages

- ✓ **Flexibility**
Separate exams for IESOL & ISESOL– learners can choose to take either one or both exams and earn corresponding certificates (IESOL / ISESOL; ESOL)
- ✓ **Availability**
Exams are offered **on demand**, two times a month per exam (e.g. 2xB2 IESOL AND 2xB2 ISESOL)
- ✓ **Friendliness**
 - **IESOL: one paper only** and lasts 2 to 3 hours depending on the level
Candidates are allowed to use a monolingual dictionary
 - **ISESOL: short conversation** between a Candidate and an Interlocutor
- ✓ **Fast Processing**
 - Registration can be made up to **7 days** before an exam day for paper based exams
 - Results are issued in a maximum of **10 business days** after an exam
 - Certificates are downloadable by the candidates and dispatched **5 days** after results issue
- ✓ **Reliability**
 - **PEOPLECERT** is responsible for the format, invigilation and security of exams
 - **Marking** of both IESOL and ISESOL exams is carried out centrally by PEOPLECERT

LANGUAGECERT IESOL Exam (Listening, Reading & Writing)

Main Features

- ✓ The exam lasts 2-3 hours, depending on exam level
- ✓ The exam can be taken independently of the 'spoken' exam
- ✓ The exam comprises of Listening, Reading & Writing tasks
- ✓ During Listening, audio for each task is repeated twice at all exam levels
- ✓ Multiple choice questions are 3-option
- ✓ Candidates are allowed to use a monolingual dictionary during the exam

LANGUAGECERT IESOL Exam (Listening, Reading & Writing)

Content

- ✓ **Listening: 26 items, depending on the level**
 - Multiple choice questions (3 tasks)
 - Filling in gaps using 1-5 words (1 task)
- ✓ **Reading: 26 items, depending on the level**
 - Multiple choice questions (2-3 task)
 - Multiple matching questions (1 task at higher levels)
 - Filling in gaps using 1-5 words (1 task)
- ✓ **Writing: 2 extended writing tasks**
 - The extent of the texts to be produced depends on the level
 - Both extended writing tasks are compulsory
 - A list of genres and sample scripts with marks can be accessed on our website

LANGUAGECERT IESOL Exam (Listening, Reading & Writing)

Marking

- ✓ **Listening & Reading – Pass mark: 50%**
 - 1 mark awarded per correct answer
 - No penalty for wrong answers

- ✓ **Writing – Pass mark: 50%**
 - 0-3 marks are awarded for each of the following criteria:
 - Communication skills
 - Grammar
 - Vocabulary
 - Structure

LANGUAGECERT ISESOL Exam (Spoken)

Main Features

- ✓ The exam lasts only a few minutes (6-17 min, depending on exam level)
- ✓ The exam can be taken independently of the 'written' exam
- ✓ The exam comprises a four-part one-to-one interview
- ✓ The exam is scripted, but the Interlocutor is allowed to respond naturally and to rephrase when necessary
- ✓ The exam is recorded and the learner's performance is assessed by an independent marker at a later stage, ensuring impartiality

LANGUAGECERT ISESOL Exam (Spoken)

Content

✓ Part 1: Interview format

The Interlocutor asks up to 5 questions focusing on personal information.

✓ Part 2: 2-3 Situational roleplays

The Interlocutor outlines the situation and then initiates (1st situation) or expects the Candidate to initiate (2nd situation). Each situation should consist of at least two exchanges (4 turns).

✓ Part 3: Interaction

The Interlocutor outlines a communicative task, gives the Candidate some visual material and allows the Candidate some time to think. Then they both interact to carry out the task.

✓ Part 4: Long turn

The Interlocutor gives the Candidate a topic (repeated twice) and allows the Candidate some time to think and make notes. The Candidate then talks about his/her topic for some time. If time allows, the Interlocutor asks a couple of questions related to the topic.

LANGUAGECERT ISESOL Exam (Spoken)

Marking

- ✓ **Pass mark: 50%**
- ✓ The Candidate is assessed on performance in each part of the exam according to the following criteria
 - Overall communication skills
 - Grammar
 - Vocabulary
 - Pronunciation
 - Fluency & interaction

In summary

LANGUAGECERT ISESOL Exam (Spoken)

CEF	LANGUAGECERT	Duration	Contents
A1	Preliminary	6 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Personal Information ✓ Situational Roleplay ✓ Interactive Task ✓ Long Turn
A2	Access	8 minutes	
B1	Achiever	12 minutes	
B2	Communicator	13 minutes	
C1	Expert	15 minutes	
C2	Mastery	17 minutes	

In summary

LANGUAGECERT IESOL Exam (Listening, Reading & Writing)

CEFR	LANGUAGECERT	Duration	Skills Tested
A1	Preliminary	2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Listening ✓ Reading ✓ Writing
A2	Access	2 hours	
B1	Achiever	2 ½ hours	
B2	Communicator	2 ½ hours	
C1	Expert	3 hours	
C2	Mastery	3 hours	

LANGUAGECERT International ESOL Exams

Unique Features

- ✓ **All levels** of International ESOL qualifications available: A1/A2/B1/B2/C1/C2 (CEFR levels)
- ✓ **ISESOL exams**
 - **Short exam duration** (6-17 minutes depending on level)
 - **Friendly exam set-up** – each candidate examined individually, not with another candidate
 - **Impartiality guaranteed** – session is led by an Interlocutor, who does not make the assessment
 - **Fairness for all candidates** – session is recorded for marking by an independent Marker; re-marking is possible
 - **Pass Mark: 50%**
- ✓ **IESOL exams**
 - **Optimal exam duration** – not too long, but ‘comfortable’ (2-3 hours depending on level, +10 min for final check)
 - **Candidates are free to allocate time as they need** - unified test for Reading, Writing & Listening
 - Candidates are allowed to use a **monolingual dictionary** during the exam
 - Spelling examined in Writing only
 - **Multiple choice questions** with 3 possible answers each
 - **2 essays** (length depending on level)
 - **Listening comprehension bolstered** – audio played twice
 - **1 mark per item** – no penalty for wrong answers
 - **Pass mark: 50%** – Reading, Writing & Listening percentages averaged out, so any ‘50%+50%+45%’ combination means ‘Pass’
- ✓ **Special needs accommodated**
- ✓ **Reliability** ensured by **PEOPLECERT**, an established global leader in certification

LANGUAGECERT and esPro BULATS

- ✓ Professional Spanish Language examinations worldwide.
 - ✓ The tests continue to be developed by Cursos Internacionales de la Universidad de Salamanca, however they are administered through a new online platform provided by LanguageCert's mother organisation, PeopleCert.
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- ✓ LanguageCert USAL esPro BULATS offers the following **three** tests to cover all four language skills:
 - ✓ LanguageCert USAL esPro BULATS Listening and Reading & Language Knowledge
 - ✓ LanguageCert USAL esPro BULATS Writing
 - ✓ LanguageCert USAL esPro BULATS Speaking

LC recognition in the Czech Republic by the MŠMT

- Ministry of Education publishes 2 vital LISTS of RECOGNISED LANGUAGE EXAMS: so called MATURITA LIST and LIST of STANDARDISED EXAMS
 - MARCH 2016: The LanguageCert examinations are entitled to replace the so called “optional part” of the leaving exam (Maturita) in English.
 - AUGUST 2016: The LanguageCert examinations are recognised as standardised examinations by the Czech Ministry of Education responsible for accrediting foreign language examination systems in the Czech Republic. The level of knowledge required depends on the requirements set by the government bodies, institutions, etc. with reference to each post.

LC accredited centre in the Czech Republic

AJAK ŠUMPERK <http://ajak-sumperk.cz/languagecert>

Brno English Centre <http://www.brnoenglishcentre.cz/cs/skola-anglictiny/zkousky/languagecert/>

Březinka jazyková škola e-jazyky – Praha <http://www.e-jazyky.cz/languagecert.php>

Channel Crossings - Praha <http://www.chc.cz/produkty-a-sluzby/jazykova-skola/mezinarodni-jazykove-zkousky/LanguageCert.html>

edulab s.r.o. / ELEC - České Budějovice <http://www.edulab.cz/index.php/jazykove-zkousky>

Gymnásium na Pražačce – Praha <http://www.gymnazium-prazacka.cz/language-cert>

ISS COP VM - Valašské Meziříčí <http://www.isscopvm.cz/skola/jazykova-skola/mezinarodni-zkousky-language-cert-10239/>

OA Hradec Králové <http://www.oahk.cz/jazykova-skola/jazykove-zkousky-languagecert/>

OA Neveklov http://www.oaneveklov.cz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=526&Itemid=296

Agentura Parole - Chomutov <http://www.parole.cz/>

Thank you!

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