

Guide to the Cambridge English Placement Test for English UK Members

English UK is working in association with Cambridge ESOL to provide English UK Members of any size with an accessible way of using the Cambridge English Placement Test within their centre. This document is designed to answer any queries English UK Members may have about the test and provides interested centres with details of how to order.

What is the Cambridge English Placement Test?

The Cambridge English Placement Test is:

- an **online adaptive test** of general English, Listening, Reading and Language Knowledge;
- designed to be **short and flexible** to meet the needs of users who want to place English language learners at all levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) from **Pre-A1 to C2** in a wide variety of contexts;
- an excellent product that stands out from its competitors because it accesses an exceptionally **large word bank** of over one million words and is **continually being developed** by Cambridge ESOL.

How does the Cambridge English Placement Test work?

- This online test is adaptive so that as the candidate progresses through the test, each item is chosen on the basis of the candidate's response to the previous item.
- The test becomes progressively easier or more difficult until a **consistent level of ability** is achieved, and the candidate's level of English can be identified.
- Each test taken is **virtually unique**, helping to ensure **integrity of test results**.
- The test is **secure** and **fast**, taking a maximum of 30 minutes.
- The **results are reported instantly** as an overall score on a scale of 0-100, indicating the CEFR level from Pre-A1 to C2.

Why order the Cambridge English Placement Test through English UK?

English UK's collaboration with Cambridge ESOL offers members the most **accessible** and **cost effective** means of using the Cambridge English Placement Test in their centres. Under the new agreement, members can purchase in multiples of **100 tests directly** from English UK, without having to negotiate a separate contract based on a significantly higher number of tests with Cambridge ESOL.

What is the cost for an English UK member?

English UK are able to offer the Cambridge English Placement Test to member centres at a cost of **£5 per test***. Members must purchase a **minimum of 100 tests** and any subsequent tests required must be ordered in consignments of 100. This represents a substantial saving to centres who cannot afford to order tests directly from Cambridge ESOL at their standard minimum test order number of 10,000.

*The Cambridge English Placement Test is exempt from VAT

Can I try the test before I buy it?

Yes, Cambridge ESOL has provided both a tutorial about the test and a sample demonstration for interested schools. Please visit <http://www.cambridgeesol.org/placement/> and enter the token DEMCPTE1. Please note that the demonstration test is not adaptive and does not give a score.

How do I get started?

Registering for the Cambridge English Placement Test is easy, all you need to do is fill out a one page registration form which is available as a download from the Training section of the English UK website at www.englishuk.com/training alternatively please contact the Professional Services Officer at English UK on training@englishuk.com or 020 7608 7960.

You will also need to read **English UK's Terms & Conditions** for the Cambridge English Placement Test along with the **Cambridge Placement Test Sub-Licence Terms** document. Both of these documents are also available to download from the website or by contacting the Professional Services Officer at English UK as above.

Once a member has purchased the minimum 100 tests they will receive an email confirming their registration, will be provided with their username and password to access the Cambridge English Placement Test administrator website and will then be sent 100 test tokens in order to access the tests.

What support will be available to me?

Members who register to purchase the Cambridge English Placement Test through English UK will automatically become Test Administrators and will receive the following documents:

1. Cambridge English Placement Test FAQs
2. Cambridge English Placement Test Reliability
3. Cambridge English Placement Test Technical Requirements
4. Cambridge English Placement Test Instructions for Supervisors
5. Cambridge English Placement Test User Guide for Test Administrators

Further support will be available through the Cambridge English Placement Test website or from the Professional Services Team at English UK.

Further Information

If you have any queries or would like further details about the Cambridge English Placement Test please contact the Professional Services Officer at English UK on training@englishuk.com or 020 7608 7960.