



# BEC

## Vantage

### Business English Certificates

CEFR Level B2

### Understanding your Statement of Results

Your Statement of Results for *Cambridge English: Business Vantage* gives you three pieces of information:

**1. Your result:** This is the most important piece of information. If you pass the exam, you will get a certificate with your grade on it. Or you could have one of these on your Statement of Results:

- X - you were absent from part of the exam
- Z - you were absent from the whole of the exam
- Pending - your result is not ready yet
- Withheld - you need to contact your centre

**2. Your score:** This is your score for the whole exam. You can see whether your score is near the top of the grade, in the middle or near the bottom. Your score is shown as a number between 0 and 100 which is converted from the total number of marks available in the exam. It is converted so that the score you need for each grade is the same every time the exam is taken. This is called a standardised score. Your score will not be shown on your certificate.

**3. Your Candidate Profile:** This shows you how you performed on each of the papers in the exam. For each paper, it shows how you performed compared to the standard of all the other candidates taking that paper at the same time. If you did not get the result you wanted, it will help you to decide which skills you need to improve. Your Candidate Profile will not be shown on your certificate.

**NB:** the bands on the Candidate Profile do not correspond to grades. There are no pass or fail levels in the individual papers. Your marks for each paper are added together to calculate your result for the whole examination.

### Your certificate

We have made enhancements to the way we report the results of our exams because we believe it is important to recognise your achievement.

#### Cambridge English: Business Vantage – Level C1

Grade A

Exceptional candidates sometimes show ability beyond B2 level. If you have achieved a grade A in your exam, you will receive the *Business English Certificate Vantage* stating that you demonstrated ability at Level C1.

#### Cambridge English: Business Vantage – Level B2

Grade B or C

If you have achieved grade B or C in your exam, you will be awarded the *Business English Certificate Vantage* at Level B2.

#### Level B1 Certificate

If your performance is below B2 level, but falls within Level B1, you will receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that you demonstrated ability at B1 level. On the back of your certificate you will find additional information about your exam and Can Do statements for CEFR Levels C1, B2 and B1.

**Statement of Results**  
ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

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Reference No 113GB5994001	Candidate Name A.N. EXAMPLE
To be quoted on all correspondence	Place of Entry ITQA

Qualification <b>BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATE VANTAGE</b>	Score <b>90/100</b>	Result <b>PASS AT GRADE A</b>
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**Candidate Profile**

Exceptional
Good
Borderline
Weak

The **Business English Certificate Vantage (BEC Vantage)** assesses English language ability used in the context of business at Level B2 in the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference. It is at Level 1 in the UK National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

CEFR Level	NQF Level	Examination	Results	Score
C2	3		Pass at Grade A	80 to 100
C1	2	BEC Higher	Pass at Grade B	75 to 79
B2	1	BEC Vantage	Pass at Grade C	60 to 74
B1	Entry 3	BEC Preliminary	Level B1	45 to 59
A2	Entry 2		Fail	0 to 44
A1	Entry 1		Other	

**Interpretation of results**  
Grade C covers the range of ability from a borderline pass to good achievement at the level. Grade B indicates the range of good achievement up to Grade A, which demonstrates an ability at Council of Europe Level C1. Level B1 covers the range of ability between weak and borderline.

The total number of marks available in the examination is 120. Marks out of 120 are converted to a standardised score out of 100.

**THIS IS NOT A CERTIFICATE**  
Cambridge ESOL reserves the right to amend the information given before the issue of certificates to successful candidates.

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### Results Verification Service

Candidates who need to allow employers, universities or other organisations to verify their examination results can do so quickly and securely with Cambridge ESOL's **Results Verification Service**. Just by sending organisations your Candidate ID and Candidate Secret Number (printed on your Statement of Entry) they can check your result instantly online at <http://verification.CambridgeESOLonline.org>

### What is the CEFR?

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is an international system that describes learners' abilities in a foreign language using six levels, from A1 (the lowest) to C2 (the highest).

All Cambridge English exams are developed in accordance with the principles and approach of the CEFR. This makes it easy for employers, schools, universities and other institutions to find out whether your English is at the right level for them by looking at your certificate or Statement of Results.

You can find out more about the framework at [www.CambridgeESOL.org/CEFR](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/CEFR)

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