



# Pretesting Calendar 2012

## Practice with a pretest

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This calendar, on the right of the page, shows scheduled dates for Pretest windows for Main Suite, BEC and IELTS.

Other exams, see below, can be pretested at almost any time:

Professional English exams	Teaching Awards	General English
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BULATS (Writing only)</li> <li>ILEC (International Legal English Certificate)</li> <li>ICFE (International Certificate of Financial English)</li> <li>BEC Higher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TKT (Teaching Knowledge Test)</li> <li>TKT CLIL (Content &amp; Language Integrated Learning)</li> <li>TKT KAL (Knowledge about Language)</li> <li>TKT YL (Young Learners)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAE</li> <li>CPE</li> </ul>

### Score return times

Raw scores for each pretest candidate are sent back to institutions by email within three weeks of our receiving the completed pretests. Writing papers are sent to examiners for individual comments, and these are returned to institutions within four weeks of receipt.

### Approximate length of time for each paper, in minutes

KET/KET for Schools	PET/PET for Schools	FCE/FCE for Schools	CAE	CPE	TKT	TKT YL
Reading 60 Listening 40 Writing 15	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 50	Reading 60 Listening 40 Use of English 50 Writing 45	Reading 40-60 Listening 50 Use of English 60-75 Writing 60	Reading (pts. 1-4) 40 Reading (pts. 5-7) 60 Listening 40 Writing 60	60-80 per module	80
IELTS	BULATS	BEC	ILEC and ICFE	CLIL and KAL		
Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 60	Writing 45	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 25-70	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 75	70-80		

You can contact individual Pretest administrators directly, see addresses below:

#### Contact the Pretest administrator on:

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You may administer the pretests at any time within the window, but please note that the earlier you send back the completed pretests, the sooner you will receive the scores.

### Procedure

Please contact the Pretest administrator by email eight weeks before the window you choose, with an estimate of the number of pretests required.

We try to accommodate all requests but cannot guarantee to send the full number you request; Writing papers in particular are limited.

If you can offer pretest candidates outside the scheduled window, please contact us as we may be able to meet your request.

Please also note that if you have a large request, you may receive different versions of the same component, this means that for Listening tests you cannot conduct the test for all candidates in the same room simultaneously.

### Timing of pretests

The table below shows the usual length of time for each paper, in minutes.

You must also allow 20 minutes at each administration for the standard 'Anchor Test' (Writing tests do not require Anchor Tests).

Week of window:

Fixed date Pretesting Windows Weeks Commencing	Main Suite: KET, KET for Schools, PET, PET for Schools, FCE, FCE for Schools, CAE & CPE	BEC: Preliminary, Vantage, Higher	IELTS: Academic, General Training
30 January			
6 February			
13 February			
20 February			
27 February			
5 March			
12 March			
19 March			
26 March			
2 April			
9 April			
16 April			
23 April			
30 April			
7 May			
14 May			
21 May			
28 May			
4 June			
11 June			
18 June			
9 July			
16 July			
23 July			
30 July			
6 August			
13 August			
20 August			
27 August			
24 September			
1 October			
8 October			
15 October			
22 October			
29 October			
5 November			
12 November			

