

MEDIA INFORMATION SHEET

Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)

What is CPE?

CPE is the highest level Cambridge exam. It is at level C2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. It has been developed to offer a high-level qualification for those for those wishing to use English for study or professional purposes.

Who Takes CPE?

A CPE-level speaker should have a level of English approaching that of an educated native-speaker.

What is CPE's Structure?

- CAE has five papers:
- Reading
- Writing
- English in use
- Listening
- Speaking

When can it be taken?

Exam sessions are held in June and December.

Who recognises CPE?

- Universities & colleges
- Professional bodies
- Ministry and Government organisations

CPE can be used as proof of ability for managerial or professional occupations. It is likely to be suitable for learners who have reached a degree of maturity in their handling of abstract concepts and ideas.

CPE has been accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), the statutory regulatory authority for external qualifications in England, and its counterparts in Wales and Northern Ireland, at Level 3 in the National Qualifications Framework, under the title 'Cambridge ESOL Level 3 Certificate in English (ESOL)'.