

Summary of Typical Candidate Abilities

CEF	ALTE Level	Description
C2	5 Very Advanced	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone persuasively and effectively; 📖 understand all but the most specialised letters and documents; 👁 put points persuasively when dealing with clients, and speak effectively and at length in meetings; ✍ write most kinds of letters and reports and take dictation on non-routine matters.
C1	4 Advanced	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone for most purposes; 📖 understand quickly most letters and documents, with some dictionary help; 👁 deal with clients effectively, handling matters outside their own field; ✍ write most letters and reports with few errors.
B2	3 Upper Intermediate	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone with good understanding; 📖 understand most reports and non-routine letters, with dictionary help; 👁 deal with clients and resolve most problems in their own field; ✍ write more complex messages and non-routine factual letters, if work is checked.
B1	2 Lower Intermediate	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone for routine messages (e.g. arrangements for a meeting); 📖 understand routine letters and information about familiar products or services; 👁 deal with clients on routine matters (e.g. taking orders) and engage in limited conversation (e.g. talking about personal interests); ✍ write factual messages and routine letters, if work is checked.
A2	1 Elementary	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone for simple messages (e.g. My flight is late. I will arrive at ten o'clock); 📖 state and understand simple messages or instructions; 👁 deal with clients by asking and responding to simple questions (e.g. Where is the post office?); ✍ write simple messages and letters following a standard model.
A1	Beginner	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level may know some phrases.
Below A1		

CEF = The Council of Europe Framework

ALTE = The Association of Language Testers in Europe

Explanation of Scores

Standard and Computer Tests

Scores for the Standard and Computer tests are given on a standard scale out of 100. The scores relate to CEF/ALTE levels as follows:

Level	A1*	A2/ALTE1	B1/ALTE2	B2/ALTE3	C1/ALTE4	C2/ALTE5
Score	0 – 19	20 – 39	40 – 59	60 – 74	75 – 89	90 – 100

*A1 includes candidates who are working towards A1

All scores are subject to statistical error (Standard Error of Measurement). One SEM for the Overall Score is + / – 3 points and for section scores (Listening / Reading and Language Knowledge) + / – 4 points. Users are advised to interpret results accordingly. Please contact your local BULATS Agent for more details.

Speaking and Writing Tests

Scores for the Speaking and Writing tests are represented by the CEF/ALTE Level and a + = or – sign.

+ means the candidate is at the upper end of this band

= means the candidate is in the middle of the band

– means the candidate is at the lower end of the band

If you require more information about the conditions the test was taken under please contact the company, organisation or Agent who organised the testing session.