



Internationally Recognized Language Examinations

Official FAO Languages	Provider	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) B1 - FAO level B (intermediate)	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) C1 – FAO level C (proficiency)
Arabic		Arabic Language Proficiency Test (ALPT) B1	Arabic Language Proficiency Test (ALPT) C1
Chinese	Hanban/Confucius Institute (Ministry of Education of China)	Test of Standard Chinese Language proficiency for non-native speakers, The Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi HSK (level III) http://www.chinesetest.cn/index.do	Test of Standard Chinese Language proficiency for non-native speakers, The Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi HSK (level V)
English	Educational Testing Service (ETS)	TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) http://www.ets.org/toeic Minimum scores for level B1 must be obtained in all four skills (Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing): Minimum TOEIC scores required.pdf	TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication). Minimum scores for level C1 must be obtained in all four skills (Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing): Minimum TOEIC scores required.pdf Cambridge Advanced Examination and Cambridge Proficiency Examination
	Educational Testing Service (ETS)	TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) https://www.ets.org/toefl TOEFL IBT Minimum total score of 42 for level B (4 for Reading, 9 for Listening, 16 for Speaking, 13 for Writing). TOEFL CBT Minimum total score of 137 for level B.	TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) TOEFL IBT Minimum total score of 95 for level C (24 for Reading, 22 for Listening, 25 for Speaking, 24 for Writing). TOEFL CBT Minimum total score of 220 for level C.
	British Council Cambridge English Language Assessment	IELTS (International English Language Testing System) https://www.ielts.org/ Minimum score of 4.0 must be obtained Cambridge ESOL Certificate in English Examinations depending on score http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/examsand-tests/cefr/	An overall score of 7.0 must be obtained Cambridge ESOL Certificate in English Cambridge Examinations depending on score http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/examsand-tests/cefr/

English	University of Michigan	<p>ECCE (Examination for the Certificate of Competency in English)</p> <p>https://michiganassessment.org/michigan-tests/ecce/</p> <p>An overall score of 650 must be obtained in the ECCE for level B</p>	<p>ECPE (Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English)</p> <p>https://michiganassessment.org/michigan-tests/ecpe/</p> <p>An overall score of 650 must be obtained in the ECPE for level C</p>
French	Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIP)	<p>TEF (Test d'évaluation de français)</p> <p>https://www.lefrancaisdesaffaires.fr/en/tests-diplomas/test-for-evaluating-french-tef/</p> <p>B1 level must be obtained in each of the five skills (Oral comprehension, Written comprehension, Vocabulary and syntax, Written expression, Oral expression)</p>	C1 level must be obtained in each of the five skills (Oral comprehension, Written comprehension, Vocabulary and syntax, Written expression, Oral expression)
	Centre International d'Études Pédagogiques (CIEP) Ministry of Education in France)	<p>TCF (Test de connaissance du français)</p> <p>http://www.ciep.fr/en/tcf</p> <p>B1 level must be obtained in the three Compulsory examinations (Listening, Proficiency in language structures, Reading) and in the two Optional examinations (Speaking, Writing).</p> <p>Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française (DELF) B1</p> <p>http://www.ciep.fr/en/delf-dalf</p>	<p>C1 level must be obtained in the three Compulsory examinations (Listening, Proficiency in language structures, Reading) and in the two Optional examinations (Speaking, Writing).</p> <p>Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF) C1</p>
Russian		The Test of Russian as a Foreign Language Level one TORFL-1	The Test of Russian as a Foreign Language Level one TORFL-3
Spanish	Instituto Cervantes/ University of Salamanca (Ministry of Education in Spain)	<p>Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE)</p> <p>http://www.dele.org/</p> <p>A minimum of B1 level must be obtained.</p>	A minimum of C1 level must be obtained.
	Instituto Cervantes, la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, la Universidad de Salamanca y la Universidad de Buenos Aires.	<p>Servicio Internacional de Evaluación de la Lengua Española (SIELE) B1 must be obtained in each of the 4 skills.</p> <p>https://siele.org</p>	Servicio Internacional de Evaluación de la Lengua Española (SIELE) C1 must be obtained in each of the 4 skills.

Proof of Knowledge of FAO Languages*

Valid as Level B	Valid as Level C
External Certificates considered valid by FAO	External Certificates considered valid by FAO
	UN LPE
Erasmus programme or university exchange programmes of at least six months duration (in which the courses were taken in a FAO language).	A high school diploma that proves that at least 50 % of the courses were taught in the target language (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian). FAO reserves the right to request the transcripts of the courses taken by the candidate.
	An undergraduate university degree that proves that at least 50% of the courses were taught in the target language (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian). FAO reserves the right to request the transcripts of the courses taken by the candidate.
	An advanced university degree that proves that at least 50 % of the courses were taught in the target language (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian). FAO reserves the right to request the transcripts of the courses taken by the candidate.
	International Baccalaureate

* Certification by supervisors and division directors **are not accepted** as valid proof of knowledge of FAO official languages.

* Publications in a FAO language **are not accepted** as valid proof of knowledge of FAO official languages.

* Language courses attended in FAO, other UN agencies or Language Institutes **are not accepted** as valid proof of knowledge of FAO official languages. Even if there is an end of session test, it cannot be recognized officially.

* Living and working experiences in a country with English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian as official language is not recognized as valid proof of knowledge of FAO official languages.