

Cambridge KET and PET English Tests

What are KET and PET?

The Cambridge **Key English Test (KET)** and **Preliminary English Test (PET)** are the first and second levels of the Cambridge examinations in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The examinations are arranged into five levels, for people with different English abilities, which are also called the Cambridge Main Suite examinations.

Who are KET and PET aimed at?

KET

- is for students at upper primary and junior secondary levels and those with 10 shields or more in the Cambridge Young Learners English (YLE) Flyers Test
- is for learners who have basic English skills. Candidates should be able to understand the main points of simple texts and communicate in the most familiar situations.

PET

- is the next level after KET
- is designed for people whose English is adequate for many practical purposes, including work, study and social situations. Candidates should be able to read simple textbooks and articles, write simple personal letters and communicate effectively in everyday situations.

Why choose KET and PET?

- They are internationally-recognised English qualifications which are also recognised in Hong Kong schools
- They are also ideal steps for anyone wishing to progress towards higher level examinations, such as First Certificate in English (FCE) which are suitable for upper secondary students and International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

What do the examinations involve?

KET and PET each have three papers:

Paper 1 Reading and Writing	Paper 2 Listening	Paper 3 Speaking
The Reading component assesses the candidate's ability to understand the main messages and how they deal with unfamiliar words and structures. The Writing component includes writing short messages and a story or letter.	This assesses the candidate's ability to understand dialogues and monologues on a range of everyday topics.	This assesses the candidate's ability to answer and ask questions about themselves and to talk freely about their likes and dislikes.

For more details, please visit:

www.britishcouncil.org/hongkong-exams-teenagers-adults.htm
www.CambridgeESOL.org/KET
www.CambridgeESOL.org/PET

Are there any practice materials available?

Yes, sets of past papers are available in our British Council Shop at our Admiralty premises.

You can also download all the information you need to prepare for the examination and sample papers from:
www.britishcouncil.org/hongkong-exams-teenagers-adults-sample-papers.htm
www.candidates.cambridgeesol.org/cs/

How can I register for the exam?

By post/fax Please mail or fax us the completed registration form including payment details and a copy of your Hong Kong Identity Card or passport. By post, you can pay by credit card or cheque made payable to 'British Council'

In person Hand in the completed registration form together with a copy of your Hong Kong Identity Card or passport at our Customer Services Centre 3/F British Council, and pay by credit card, EPS, or cheque

You can download the registration form from our website or collect it from our Customer Services Centre.

When are the results available?

All candidates receive a statement of results, showing how they have performed in each of the three papers, downloadable from our website approximately six weeks after the examinations. Successful candidates will receive a certificate awarded by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations three months after the examinations.

What are the conditions?

The examination date is fixed globally. Once your application has been accepted, change of examination date and time is not permitted.

No refund will be made for cancellation of examinations unless on medical grounds. British Council will make a 50% refund of the examination fee provided that the candidate puts such a request in writing and submits a medical certificate within three working days after the examination.

You may apply for a certifying statement if you have lost the original certificate. An administration fee will be charged for such service. Misprinted certificates will be replaced free of charge within six months of the certificates being issued.

