

Aptis ESOL



FAQs



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What is Aptis ESOL?

Aptis ESOL is recognized as an official certification of linguistic competence in English. Aptis ESOL is an innovative multi-level English exam, designed and developed by experts in the field of language assessment from the British Council and supported by the latest research in assessment methodology. For more information about Aptis, visit our [web del British Council](#)

Aptis ESOL is regulated by the Office of Qualifications and Exam Regulation ([Ofqual](#)).

In Spain, Aptis ESOL is recognized by many institutions and education departments as an official proof of English language proficiency.

What type of exam is Aptis ESOL?

All components of Aptis ESOL are computer-based, including speaking. For more information about Aptis ESOL, see the Aptis ESOL candidate guides.

What does Aptis ESOL assess?

Aptis ESOL assesses your proficiency in all four English skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing, across the range of levels A1 to C2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).



Which Aptis ESOL variant should I take?

There are three variants of Aptis ESOL:

- [Aptis ESOL General](#),
- [Aptis ESOL Teachers](#)
- [Aptis ESOL Advanced](#).
- Aptis ESOL General (A1 a C)
- Aptis ESOL Advanced (B1 a C2)
- Aptis ESOL for Teachers (A1 a C)

Before choosing your Aptis ESOL exam, confirm with the institution to which you must present your certificate both the variant and the overall result you need.

Where and when can I take the Aptis ESOL exam?

For information on where and when you can take an Aptis test, visit our website. Para información sobre dónde y cuándo se puede hacer Aptis ESOL, visita nuestra página web [Test dates, fees and locations](#)

If you are a university student, you may be able to take the Aptis ESOL test at your university. Contact your university directly.



How can I register for an Aptis ESOL exam?

You can register through our website: [Test dates, fees and locations](#).

If you study at any of the universities that offer Aptis ESOL sessions, you can obtain further information by contacting the university directly.

Many of the Aptis ESOL partners are also exam venues that you can also register with. For more information about the Aptis ESOL partner centres, consult this link [Centros colaboradores de Aptis ESOL](#)

How long does the Aptis ESOL exam take?

The timings for each Aptis ESOL component are:

For Aptis ESOL General and Aptis ESOL Teachers - image 1, and Aptis ESOL Advanced - image 2:



Aptis ESOL General
& Aptis ESOL for Teachers

Exam section	Duration (Aptis ESOL General and Aptis ESOL for Teachers)
Grammar & Vocabulary	25 minutes
Speaking	12 minutes
Writing	50 minutes
Listening	40 minutes
Reading	35 minutes

Image 1

Aptis ESOL Advanced

Exam section	Duration (Aptis ESOL Advanced)
Grammar & Vocabulary	25 minutes
Speaking	10 minutes
Writing	45 minutes
Listening	30 minutes
Reading	60 minutes

Image 2

What is the Speaking part like?

The Aptis ESOL Speaking component assesses your ability to communicate in English in real life. It lasts approximately 12 minutes and is divided into 4 sections. You will need to answer a series of questions and visual cues, including photos. For more Information about the Speaking component for Aptis ESOL General, you can consult this link: [Aptis ESOL General Speaking](#).



How are the results presented?

The results from Aptis ESOL are presented in two ways:

- Numerical score: A scale of 0 to 50 for each skill and a score for the Grammar and Vocabulary component.
- CEFR level by skill: A CEFR level is allocated for each skill. Each CEFR band describes the English language competence in a specific skill and is described on the back of the certificate.
- An overall CEFR level

[Preview a sample Aptis ESOL results report \(PDF\)](#)

When will I receive my results?

Aptis ESOL results are issued 48 to 72 hours after the exam date, excluding weekends and public holidays.

Results are sent by e-mail if you registered for Aptis ESOL as an individual candidate.

If you registered through an Aptis ESOL Agent or another institution your result may be sent by email to them, if there is an agreement between the institution and the British Council to do so.



When will I receive my Aptis ESOL certificate?

Your Aptis ESOL certificate is printed within 10 working days of your result being issued. Certificates are sent by courier.

If you registered through an Aptis ESOL Agent or another institution, your Aptis ESOL certificate is sent directly to them. They are then responsible for issuing your certificate to you.

Please note that the British Council does not offer an in-person collection service for certificates at any of its centres in Spain.

Can I request a review of my results?

If you are not happy with your Aptis ESOL result, you can request your exam to be re-marked. This service is known as an Enquiry on Results.

You can request an Enquiry on Results of your complete Aptis ESOL exam, not a single test component. up to eight weeks after the test date.

For more Information you can consult our website: [Enquiry on Results](#)



Can I see my exam again?

The British Council does not allow candidates, examination centres or institutions to view or review Aptis ESOL exams at any stage of the marking process, nor during or after the results review (EoR) process. This practice is in line with that of other examination bodies and the British Council does not provide the answers to the examination in any circumstances.

Can I resit the exam?

In the event that you need to sit the exam again, we recommend that you improve your language skills before taking the exam again.

Important: Re-registration for the Aptis ESOL Advanced version is restricted. If you wish to re-enroll in a new Aptis ESOL Advanced session, you will only be able to do so on an exam date at least 3 months after your last Aptis ESOL Advanced.

Can I resit a single skill?

Skills cannot be taken separately. You will need to retake the full exam.



How do I prepare for an Aptis ESOL exam?

You can do it in several different ways:

- By reading carefully the Aptis ESOL Candidate Guides
- Try the "[demo tests](#)" online for the Aptis ESOL test.
- [Aptis ESOL Preparation Course](#)

Can I request an adaptation or modified version if I have a disability?

Candidates with special needs (such as modified versions of the exam (Braille), hearing accommodations in case of listening difficulties or others) should contact us between six and eight weeks before their exam date. They will also need to present a medical certificate issued within two years prior to the date of the examination.

Para más información puedes consultar nuestra página web [Special arrangements for your Aptis ESOL test](#)



What if I have to postpone or cancel my exam?

You can consult all the Information regarding cancellations or refunds on our web page: [Aptis ESOL Cancellation and refund policy](#)

Do Aptis ESOL certificates expire?

Aptis ESOL certificates do not expire – they certify that the bearer demonstrated their Language proficiency at a range of levels in the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) on the date stated on the certificate.

However, being in possession of a Language certificate does not guarantee that the candidate will have the same level of English years after taking the exam. The accredited level may have improved or worsened depending on the use or practice that has been applied to it from the date indicated on the certificate.

Public and private institutions have their own requirements in this regard, and this can vary from one institution to another.





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