



Certified English speaking test

Prove your English speaking skills according to international standards through the Chartered Institute of Linguists (CIOL), the UK's Royal Charter body for language professionals

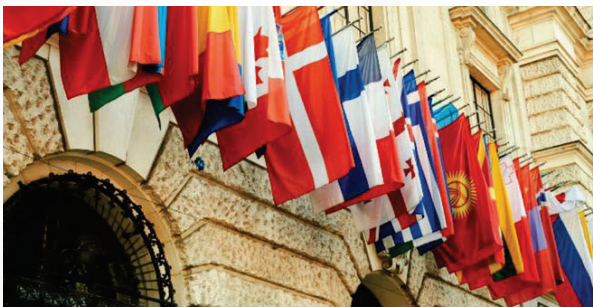


What is the Certified English Speaking Test?

CIOL's Certified English speaking test offers advanced speakers of English as a second or additional language the opportunity to prove their English skills according to international standards: the Common European Framework for Languages (CEFR) and CIOL's own Language Level Frameworks.

Unlike general, four-skill academic tests like IELTS or TOEFL, **CIOL Certified English** is a specialist test focused entirely on your real-world speaking and interaction skills in a professional, one-to-one conversation with an expert human interviewer.

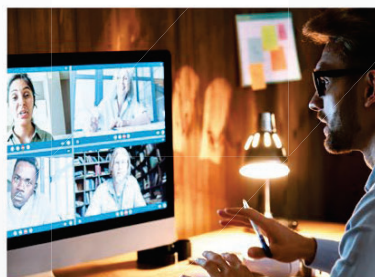
Certified English allows professionals (18+) to formally prove their high standard of spoken English, enhancing their credibility with employers and clients.



Showcase Your Professional Proficiency

Here's how earning a CIOL Certified English designation can help you stand out professionally:

- Demonstrate your ability to communicate with confidence and precision in any professional setting.
- Earn a prestigious designation as a 'CIOL Professional English Speaker' (C1+) or 'CIOL Working English Speaker' (B2), benchmarked against the CEFR.
- Build confidence in your professional abilities with a certificate from the UK's only Royal Charter body for linguists.
- Unlock professional opportunities with a direct and discounted route to CIOL membership (ACIL or Career Affiliate; additional membership fees apply).
- Gain added credibility with a permanent listing on the Certified English Register.



The Chartered Institute of Linguists

Founded in 1910 and later granted a Royal Charter by Queen Elizabeth II, the Chartered Institute of Linguists (CIOL) is the leading UK-based membership body for those using language skills at the highest level in their working lives.

UK Royal Charter Bodies

Chartered bodies are recognised as the leader in their field and as such they are:

- **Credible** – with long and unrivalled histories
- **Ethical** – chartered professionals are trusted worldwide
- **Up to date** – on professional practice and competencies



What our Certified English Speakers say

Here's what our candidates say about the impact of Certified English on their careers and professional development.

On professional credibility:



I work professionally as an ESL teacher and demonstrating my proficiency in the target language to the public and my students has always been of utmost importance. The Certified English certification and Professional English Speaker designation have been an extra bonus to my credentials, instilling much more confidence in my students and helping them trust me as a facilitator.

Ka Lun Chui (Eric) MCIL

On recognition and new opportunities:



Taking Certified English was both a rewarding and motivating experience. It allowed me to formally validate my skills and gave me the confidence to pursue new opportunities. By becoming a CIOL member, I can now be recognised as a professional in the field and raise my profile within the wider community of language specialists.

Yuliia Leshchenko MCIL

How does the Certified English test work?

The CIOL Certified English speaking test is a straightforward online process taken from a location of your choice.

What you'll need: You can use any computer or laptop with a camera, a tablet, or a smartphone with a stable WiFi connection. You will also need a **valid photographic ID** (e.g., passport, driving licence, or national identity card).

Scheduling your test: The test is available Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (UK time) and is booked in 30 minute time slots. You can check the current time in London [here](#).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This test is NOT:

- Available for speakers of English as their first language
- Designed for or valid as an immigration test
- An English for Academic Purposes test for university entry

CIOL Certified English is a certification of professional English speaking skills.

What will I receive?

Within **10 working days** of taking your test, you will receive the following:

- **All candidates:** A score report based on the CEFR levels for spoken English.
- **Successful C1-level candidates:** The prestigious 'CIOL Professional English Speaker' designation, a digital certificate, and a listing on the **Certified English Register**.
- **Successful B2-level candidates:** The 'CIOL Working English Speaker' designation and a digital certificate, and a listing on the **Certified English Register**.

The option to retake the test is available up to three times per calendar year.

Why Choose CIOL Certified English?



Expert Human Interviewer

Based on CIOL's extensive language testing activities, we believe the surest way to evaluate high-level English speaking interaction skills is with an expert human Interviewer guiding a realistic professional conversation.

Real World Context

CIOL Certified English tests your speaking and communicative skills in a real world context with an expert interviewer, giving you confidence in a realistic confirmation of your spoken English level.

Professional Recognition from a Trusted Institution

CIOL is the UK's Royal Charter professional body for linguists. Founded in 1910 and granted a Royal Charter by HM Queen Elizabeth II, CIOL has over 5,000 professional members worldwide. Employers understand that successful candidates can be entrusted with important roles requiring excellent English communication skills.

Ready to Prove Your English Skills?

Join a growing network of Certified English Speakers and unlock new career opportunities

Visit the website to book a test



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