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More Information: LegalEnglishTest.org

Grading and certification

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High-level language qualification for lawyers

ILEC is an examination set at levels B2 and C1 of the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#). ILEC is equivalent in level to the world famous Cambridge First Certificate in English and Certificate in Advanced English, and assesses language skills in a legal context. Examinations at the C1 level may be used as proof of the level of language necessary to work in an international legal context or to follow a course of legal study at university level.

Internationally recognised

ILEC is a Cambridge ESOL examination, produced and assessed by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, in collaboration with Translegal – Europe's leading firm of lawyer-linguists. It is recognised by leading associations of lawyers including the European Company Lawyers Association, the European Law Students Association, the International Association of Young Lawyers, and the European Young Bar Association.

How it works

ILEC exams are given twice a year, in May and November, starting on May 6th, 2006. The examination takes approximately four hours in total and consists of four papers:

- Test of Reading
- Test of Writing
- Test of Listening
- Test of Speaking

The Test of Speaking is conducted face-to-face by qualified oral examiners. The examination is based on realistic tasks of the kind legal practitioners would be expected to encounter in their daily working lives. Successful candidates are able to use the language in practical situations, to participate in meetings and discussions of a legal nature, express opinions clearly and are able to understand and to produce texts of various types, including legal letters, memoranda, and proposals. Examinations will be delivered through Cambridge ESOL's network of authorised examination centres throughout Europe and beyond.

Preparation courses and materials

It is expected that preparation courses for ILEC will be run in private language schools and university departments in many countries. Cambridge University Press will publish an ILEC course book during 2006, authored by Translegal. Online resources will also be available.

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