

Aptis ESOL

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To whom it may concern,

The range of CEFR levels it is possible to be awarded in Aptis ESOL depends on the test variant taken.

Aptis ESOL General and Aptis ESOL for Teachers do not differentiate at the higher end of the scale between C1 and C2 level because the tasks included in the test are designed and written to primarily challenge English language learners with a range of abilities between A1–B2.

The final task in each paper is, however, also designed to allow for performance at the C1 level and for this to be recognised in the scoring rubric (allowing raters the option to indicate a C level performance).

If a candidate does exceptionally well in any of the skills components in either of these Aptis ESOL test variants, it is clear that their proficiency level exceeds B2, and they are awarded a C level.

This should be regarded as equivalent to a C1, as the candidate will not have completed tasks in Aptis ESOL General and Aptis ESOL for Teachers that distinguish between C1 and C2.

The Aptis ESOL variant Aptis ESOL Advanced includes targeted tasks that can discriminate between performances at C1 and C2 level. See table below for CEFR level coverage for all Aptis ESOL variants.

Aptis ESOL variant	A0	A1	A2	B1	B2	C(1)*	C2
General	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
for Teachers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Advanced	A0-A2**			✓	✓	✓	✓

*Only Aptis ESOL Advanced differentiates between C1 and C2 level achievements. Other variants designate achievement above B2 as C level, which should be regarded as C1.

**Aptis ESOL Advanced does not distinguish between A0 and A2 level achievement.

Yours faithfully,



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