

English Language Testing

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Password Workforce

The global benchmark for English
language testing in the workplace

Why Password Workforce?

Since launching in 2008, Password online English language tests have proven to be highly reliable and are used to support hundreds of educational institutions and employers in over 130 countries around the world.

Password Workforce is a high quality, accurate and reliable English language test which has been designed to assess the English language ability needed in the workplace.

Developed by world-leading experts in English language assessment, Password Workforce is formally aligned to the CEFR (A1 to C1).

High quality

Reliable online testing, customised for the workplace.

Results driven

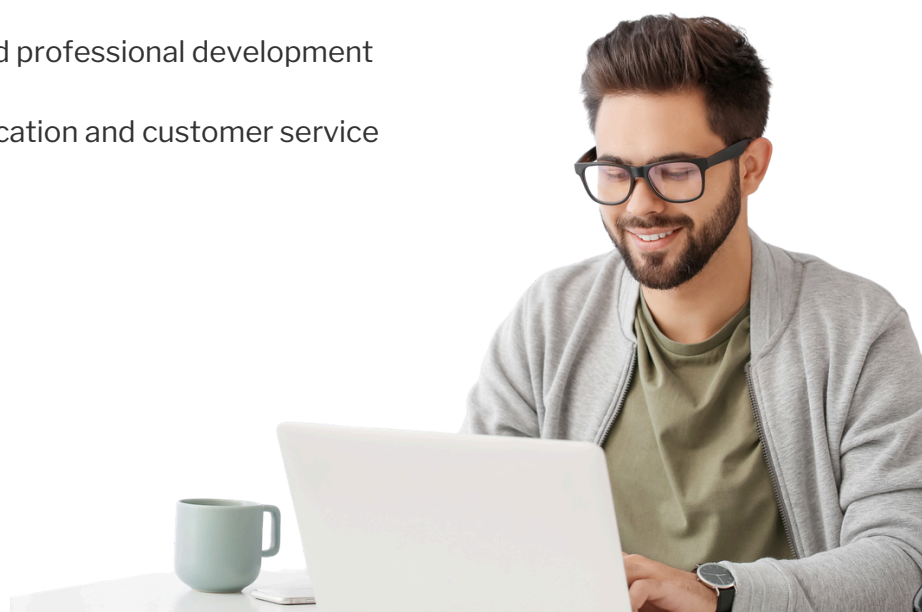
Results in 5 days including speaking and writing samples and photo ID.

Secure validation

Results easily verified online using the secure validation portal.

What is Password Workforce used for?

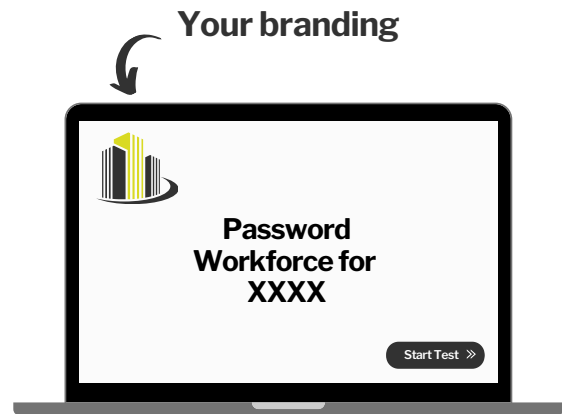
- Recruiting new staff with appropriate English language levels
- Enhancing internal communication across international offices
- Supporting employee mobility and professional development
- Improving client-facing communication and customer service
- Benchmarking






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Test Format

The Password Workforce test is made up of three Password test modules which have been customised for the workplace.



Password Workforce test modules

Knowledge	60 minutes
	A sophisticated test of grammar, vocabulary and reading.
Writing	30 minutes
	A work related writing task or essay.
Speaking	20 minutes
	Five work related tasks, displayed on screen with responses captured by mic.

Test results

Results are available within five working days.

Uniquely, we grant Password partners direct access to audio files from the speaking test and writing tasks submitted by test takers (as well as a photograph taken during the testing session).



Design, development and reliability

Academic management

All Password English tests have been designed and developed by CRELLA, a research group of world leading experts in English language testing and assessment. Founded by the late Professor Cyril Weir OBE, CRELLA are responsible for the design and validation of many globally renowned English language exams.

In the most recent 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 72% of the research CRELLA submitted was assessed as 4* (the highest category), placing CRELLA above Cambridge, Oxford and UCL for research conducted in their field.

Password English tests are based on Weir's highly influential socio-cognitive framework, which is now widely used to inform language test development, research and validation. The tests are formally aligned to the CEFR and designed to match closely the descriptors for language competence between levels A2 to C1.

Members of the research team at CRELLA developed each of the available Password test modules, combining their expert knowledge of the CEFR with their understanding of the latest research into the areas of reading, listening, writing and speaking assessment.

Read more about the Password test design on our website



Alignment to the CEFR

The CEFR levels and descriptors were at the forefront of the design, development and production of all Password English tests which have been formally aligned to the CEFR following the procedures laid out in “*Relating Language Examinations to the ‘Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment’ (CEFR). A Manual.*”

The CEFR was designed to bring together the best of a wide range of schemes for describing language learning, is internationally recognised as an important framework of reference for language proficiency, and has been translated into 40 languages.

Password scoring

The broad CEFR bands are broken down into more precise Password English test scores as shown in the table below.

"Password 7.0 or above" indicates that the score is at least Password 7.0, but may be higher. "Pre-Password" indicates that the score is below Password 3.0. Percentage scores are also available for the reading and listening modules and these can be used to see how close a test taker is to a particular score boundary.

Password scores	CEFR levels
Password 7.0 or above	CEFR C1 or above
Password 6.5	CEFR B2
Password 6.0	
Password 5.5	
Password 5.0	CEFR B1
Password 4.5	
Password 4.0	
Password 3.5	CEFR A2
Password 3.0	
Pre-Password	CEFR A1 or below

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