



# Cambridge ESOL Mexico

## New grade for KET, PET and BEC: Preliminary

From September sessions, candidates taking Cambridge English: Key (KET), Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET) and Cambridge English: Business Preliminary (BEC Preliminary) will be able to earn a new Pass with Distinction grade if they achieve a score of 90 or above on the exam (85 for BEC Preliminary which is graded in a slightly different way). Candidates who achieve the new grade will also have a higher CEFR level shown on their certificates - B1 for KET candidates and B2 for PET and BEC Preliminary.

## Cambridge English: Advanced – test day photos required from November 2011

From November 2011 all candidates taking Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) will be required to have their photograph taken on the day of their test.



We are introducing this because of the increase in candidates using their Cambridge English: Advanced qualification for immigration purposes and applying for work, university and college.

Test day photos ensure that candidates' exams are secure and are even more trusted and valued. Photos taken on the day of the test are made available on the Results Verification Service website along with candidates' test results.

Candidates can control who can access their result and view their photo by giving their Candidate ID number and Candidate secret number to universities, employers and other organisation they want to be able to verify their results.

## Award-winning Mexican English teacher congratulated by Cambridge

An English language teacher from Mexico has been congratulated by the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL) for helping to raise the standard of English in Mexico.



Adriana Cerna won the 2011 Cambridge ESOL Preparation Centre Competition. Adriana, who said she felt "shocked" to win the competition, was awarded a cultural trip to Cambridge this summer along with 10 other winners from around the globe. Last year, Cambridge ESOL invited preparation centres to write 100 words on how Cambridge ESOL exams have made a difference to students and teachers in their preparation centre.

Adriana, who helps prepare students for a range of Cambridge ESOL exams in Mexico City, said: "Cambridge English helps my students to feel empowered to speak in English which opens up many new experiences for them. Being proficient in English provides them with exciting opportunities and prospects for a better life – this is the best reward."

Cambridge ESOL's Mariana Calderon, who organised the competition said: "Our preparation centres make a big difference in helping to raise the standard of English all over the world. By helping students to get ready for exam day, it really gives them the confidence they need to succeed with Cambridge English. The winning entries stood out from the crowd as it showed they had a good grasp of the real-life benefits of Cambridge English – something that they can pass on to their students."

## What does success look like?

Successful Cambridge English: Movers, Cambridge English: Flyers and Cambridge English: Key for Schools candidates at Instituto Edinburgh. Congratulations!



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