

Statement of Results
ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Business English Certificate Vantage Session
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Reference No. 023AU0024001	Candidate Name CHEN LIWU
To be quoted on all correspondence	Place of Entry SYDNEY

Qualification	Grade	Result
BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATE VANTAGE	A	PASS

Candidate Profile

Writing			
Exceptional	Reading	Listening	Speaking
Good			
Borderline			
Weak			

Explanatory Notes

A statement of results is not a certificate, and is issued to every candidate. Certificates will be issued later to successful candidates. UCLES reserves the right to amend the information given before the issue of certificates or endorsements to successful candidates.

BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATES
 The Business English Certificates are a suite of three examinations (BEC Preliminary, BEC Vantage and BEC Higher) designed to assess English language ability used in the context of business.

BEC Vantage
 BEC Vantage assesses language ability at Council of Europe 'Vantage' Level (B2) for general language proficiency.

Council of Europe Level
 C2 Research has shown that typical candidates at level B2 can:
 BEC Higher C1 - use the telephone with good understanding;
 BEC Vantage B2 - understand most reports and non-routine letters, with dictionary help;
 BEC Preliminary B1 - deal with clients and resolve most problems in their own field;
 A2 - write more complex messages and non-routine factual letters, if work is checked.
 A1

BEC Vantage is at Level 1 in the UK National Qualifications Framework.

OVERALL GRADES
 For BEC Vantage there are three classes of passing grade, A, B and C. Grade A indicates the highest level of performance. There are two classes of failing grade, D and E. Of the two failing grades, Grade D indicates the higher level of performance.

Grade X indicates that a candidate was absent from part of the examination. Grade Z indicates that the candidate was absent from all parts of the examination. PENDING indicates that a result cannot be issued at present, but will follow in due course.

There are NO pass/fail levels in individual papers. The overall grade is assigned by adding together scores in individual papers.

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From 2002 there have been changes to the grades awarded in the BEC examinations. For BEC Preliminary, two passing grades are available, Pass with Merit and Pass. There are also two failing grades, Narrow Fail and Fail. For BEC Vantage and BEC Higher there are three passing grades, A, B and C, and two failing grades, D and E.

	BEC Preliminary	BEC Vantage BEC Higher
Passing grades	Pass with Merit Pass	A B C
Failing grades	Narrow Fail Fail	D E

There has also been a change to the Statement of Results received by every candidate, which now includes a graphical display of the candidate's performance in each skill. Performance is shown against the scale Exceptional – Good – Borderline – Weak and indicates the candidate's relative performance in each skill.

In looking at this graphical display it is important to remember that candidates are NOT required to reach a specific level in any skill, i.e. there are NO pass/fail levels in individual papers in order to pass the examination as a whole. Thus different strengths and weaknesses may add up to the same overall result.

It is recommended that candidates who have failed the examination and plan to resit, or candidates who have passed and plan to continue their studies, do not only focus on those areas where their performance was Borderline or below, but try to improve their general level of English across all language skills.

The profile indicates the candidate's performance on the specific occasion when he or she sat the examination. This may be influenced by a number of different factors, and candidates can find that they have a somewhat different profile on another occasion. Evidence of candidates who resit examinations indicates that in some cases performance declines overall or declines in some papers while improving in others.