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Trinity's Integrated Skills in English (ISE)
Scoring information

Trinity's Integrated Skills in English (ISE) exams assess all four language skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening. These skills are assessed in two parts: Reading & Writing and Speaking & Listening.

When candidates have achieved a minimum of a Pass for each skill they are awarded the Trinity ISE qualification. Their ISE certificate shows results for each skill (Pass, Merit or Distinction).
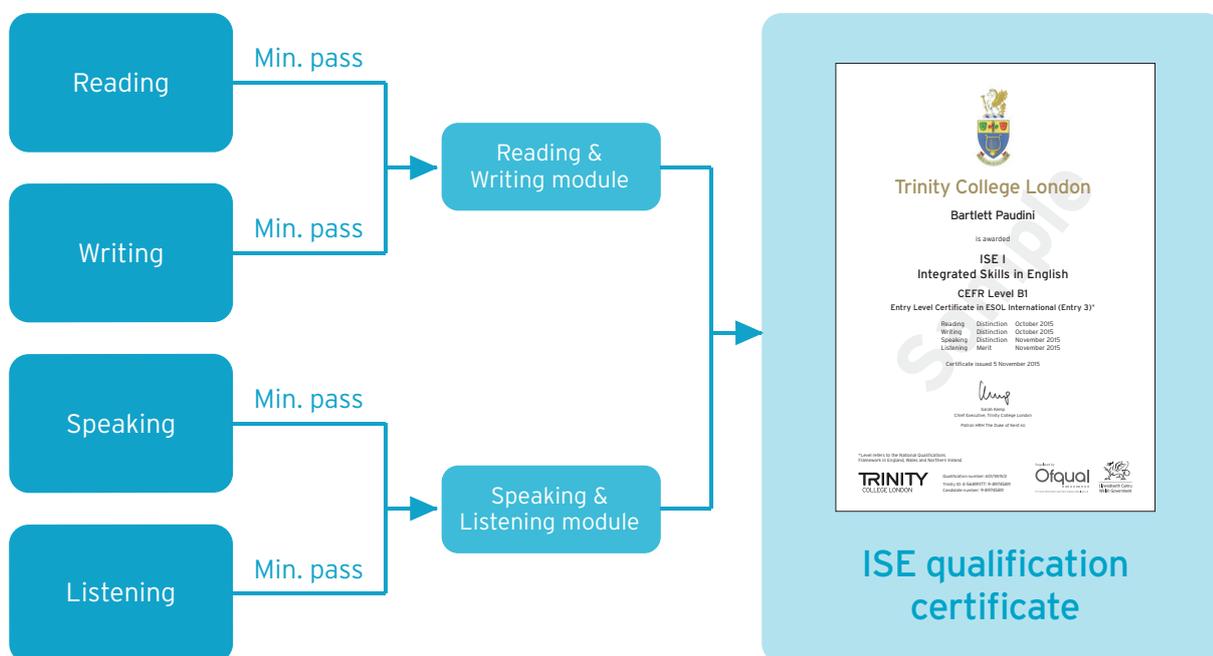
What levels are available for ISE?

ISE is available at the following Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) levels:

◗ ISE Foundation (A2)
◗ ISE I (B1)
◗ ISE II (B2)
◗ ISE III (C1)
◗ ISE IV (C2)*

Results

For each skill (reading, writing, speaking, listening) candidates are awarded one of the following:

◗ Distinction
◗ Merit
◗ Pass
◗ Fail

What are the score boundaries for each skill?

Each stage of the development of the ISE exam has followed strict academic processes to ensure the test is of the highest standard. This also includes setting and maintaining pass marks, and the reporting of results.

Trinity consulted a panel of external experts to determine the score boundaries for each skill, using procedures described in the *Manual for Relating Language Examinations to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment*, produced by the Council of Europe. Their judgments were further reviewed by leading statistical experts in the field of assessment.

*ISE IV (C2) is available in a different format – see www.trinitycollege.com/ISEIV

Each skill and each task within the same skill are equally weighted. To achieve this the raw scores for some tasks need to be converted using a common scale. This means that the raw scores give a good, but not precise, indication of the likely pass band for an individual candidate. Therefore the final outcome is only confirmed after the conversion.

Reading

The total score for Reading is 30. Candidates will normally pass the Reading section if they score at least 15. They will normally achieve a Merit if they score 23 and a Distinction if they achieve 28 or higher.

Writing

The total score for Writing is 28. Candidates will normally pass the Writing section if they score at least 14. They will normally achieve a Merit if they score 20 and a Distinction if they achieve 25 or higher.

Speaking

The total score for Speaking is 16. Candidates will normally pass the Speaking section if they score at least 8. They will normally achieve a Merit if they score 12 and a Distinction if they achieve 15 or higher.

Listening

The total score for Listening at ISE Foundation and ISE I is 8. Candidates will normally pass the Listening section at these levels if they score at least 4. They will normally achieve a Merit if they score 5 and a Distinction if they achieve 7 or higher.

The total score for Listening at ISE II and ISE III is 4. Candidates will normally pass the Listening section at these levels if they score 2. They will normally achieve a Merit if they score 3 and a Distinction if they achieve 4.