

OVERVIEW OF SKILL LEVELS FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS

CEFR ¹	ALTE ²	
Basic user		
A1	0.5	A basic ability to communicate and exchange information in a simple way.
A2	1	An ability to deal with simple, straightforward information and begin to express oneself in familiar contexts.
Independent user		
B1	2	An ability to express oneself in a limited way in familiar situations and to deal in a general way with non-routine information.
B2	3	The capacity to achieve most goals and express oneself on a range of topics.
Proficient user		
C1	4	An ability to communicate with the emphasis on how well it is done, in terms of appropriacy, sensitivity and the capacity to deal with unfamiliar topics.
C2	5	The capacity to deal with material which is academic or cognitively demanding, and to use language to good effect, at a level of performance which may in certain respects be more advanced than that of an average native speaker.

¹ Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

² Association of Language Testers in Europe