

# Frequently Asked Questions

## ECCE ECPE

ECCE & ECPE are valid for the lifetime of the recipient and have international recognition. Both ECCE & ECPE can be used for academic and professional purposes.

### What is the ECCE?

The Examination for the Certificate of Competency in English (ECCE) is a standardized high-intermediate level English as a foreign language test

### What is on the ECCE?

#### Speaking

A structured conversation with a certified speaking examiner. The conversation is based on a topic presented as a visual prompt.

#### Writing

The test taker reads a short newspaper article and then writes either a letter or an essay giving their opinion on the situation or issue raised in the article.

#### Listening

The listening section has two parts:

- The test taker hears several short recorded conversations, which are each followed by a question. Answer choices are shown as pictures.
- The test taker hears four talks. Each talk is followed by several questions, with printed answer choices.

#### Grammar

The test taker sees an incomplete sentence followed by a choice of words or phrases to complete it. Only one choice is grammatically correct.

#### Vocabulary

The test taker reads an incomplete sentence followed by a choice of words to complete it. There is only one option that best completes the sentence in terms of meaning.

#### Reading

- The test taker reads two passages, which are followed by comprehension questions.
- The test taker reads a set of related texts. These are accompanied by comprehension questions.

### What is the ECPE?

The Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE) is a standardized advanced-level English as a foreign language test.

### What is on the ECPE?

#### Speaking

The test taker meets with at least one other test taker and two certified speaking examiners to complete a multistage speaking task.

#### Writing

The test taker writes an essay based on one of two topic choices.

#### Listening

The listening section has three parts:

- The test taker hears a short recorded conversation, accompanied by three printed statements. Then, they choose the statement that makes the most sense based on the conversation.
- The test taker hears a recorded question accompanied by three printed responses. Then, they choose the appropriate answer.
- The test taker hears recorded talks, each of which is followed by questions. The questions and answer choices are printed in the test booklet.

#### Grammar

The test taker sees an incomplete sentence followed by a choice of words or phrases to complete it. Only one choice is grammatically correct.

#### Cloze

The test taker reads a passage that is missing some words. They then choose the words that fit the passage in terms of both grammar and meaning.

#### Vocabulary

The test taker reads an incomplete sentence followed by a choice of words to complete it. There is only one option that best completes the sentence in terms of meaning.

#### Reading

You will read four passages, each of which is followed by comprehension questions.



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## How are the ECCE & ECPE scored?

The speaking and writing sections are graded according to scales established by Michigan Language Assessment. The speaking section is conducted and assessed by certified speaking examiners. The writing section ratings are assigned by raters trained and certified according to our standards. All writing section responses are scored by at least two raters.

The listening and the grammar, vocabulary, cloze, and reading sections are machine-scored at Michigan Language Assessment. Each correct answer contributes proportionally to the final score for each section, and there are no points deducted for wrong answers.

## When do I receive my results?

After all exams in an administration period have been administered and scored, the local test center notifies you of your results.

## How do I receive my results?

Section scores are reported in five bands. The levels of performance, from highest to lowest, are:

ECCE/ECPE	Scaled Score Per Section
Honors (H)	840–1000
Pass (P)	750–835
Low Pass (LP)	650–745
Borderline Fail (BF)	610–645
Fail (F)	0–605

ECCE & ECPE test takers who achieve an average score of 650 or higher will be awarded a certificate. Additionally, test takers who achieve a score of 840 or higher in all four sections will be awarded a Certificate with Honors.

- Test takers with scores in the Low Pass (or higher) in all four sections are awarded a certificate.
- Test takers with scores in Low Pass (or higher) in three sections and whose other section score falls within no less than the Borderline Fail range are also awarded a certificate.
- A certificate is not awarded to any test taker with a score in the Fail (F) range.

## What if I have a disability?

Michigan Language Assessment wants you to be able to demonstrate your language ability under circumstances that are fair and equitable. If you have a disability, you can request special accommodations, which may include changes in the format or the administration of the test.

## When can I take the ECCE & ECPE?

The ECCE & ECPE are given several times each year. For more information about test dates, registration procedures, and test fees in your area, contact your local test center. A list of authorized test centers is available on the Michigan Language Assessment website.

## How do I prepare for the ECCE & ECPE?

There are many ways to prepare, but the best preparation is through the general study and use of English. Free sample tests are available on the Michigan Language Assessment website. Practice materials are also available for purchase through the website.

## Where can I find out more about the ECCE & ECPE?

To learn more about the ECCE & ECPE and other Michigan Language Assessment exams, visit **MichiganAssessment.org**.

