

CEFR A2 Chinese Exam





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01 Welcome

Knowing and certifying languages is a basic skill in the professional world. In the case of Chinese, being a language spoken by more than 1 billion people, the level accreditation opens doors to a promising professional outlook. That's why, with a university level test such as the one we offer at TECH, students will be able to accredit their level A2 in function with the criteria established by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, an institution endorsed and accepted on an international level.



Presentation video





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Not only will you improve your skills in Chinese but you will be able to accredit your abilities according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”

Introduction

In order to progress in the understanding of a language, it is essential to master it from its very foundations. This A2 Chinese exam provides the student with the possibility of obtaining a university qualification that strengthens their core knowledge in this language, complying with the requirements established by the CEFR.

Therefore, through certifying their level with TECH, students will be able to access selection processes and job positions of greater scope and size. All of this thanks to the ability to communicate simply in Chinese, both in spoken and written language.

A personal examiner will be available to answer any questions you may have and even help you choose the time to take the exam.

TECH's flexible academic method helps you to reach higher levels, certifying your level of the Chinese language in a comfortable way, adapted to you.





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It is proven that learning languages increases your intelligence. Learning a foreign language strengthens the brain's neural networks”

José Antonio Marina.
Philosopher, writer, and teacher.



Flexible and Tailored

Take your exam wherever you are, 100% online and at the time of your choice. You choose the exam that best suits you.



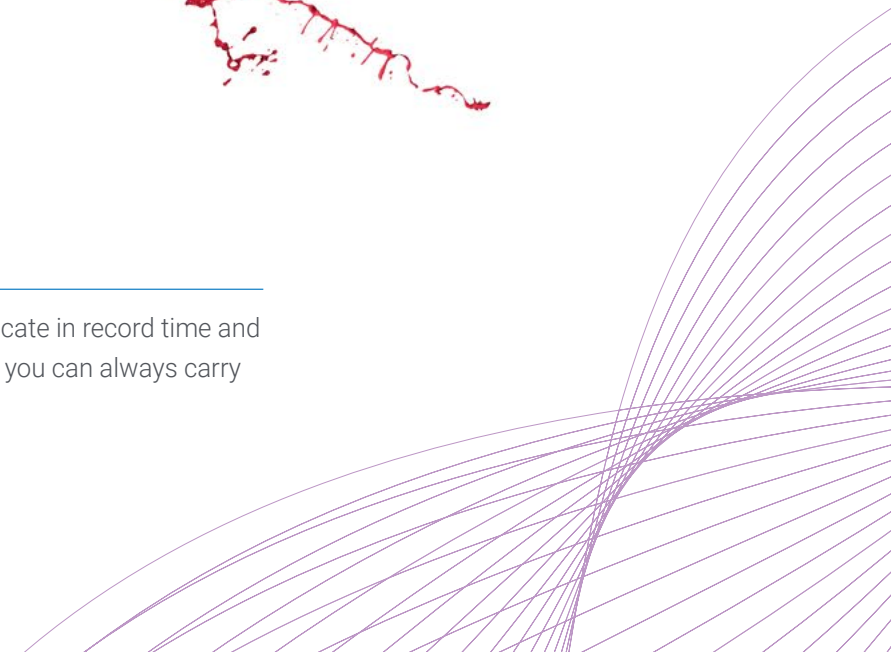
No Stress

Are you nervous about waiting in long lines to register for the exam and take the different tests? You will be able to register online and take your test with an examiner just for you, with no external pressure.



No Waiting

Receive your certificate in record time and in digital format so you can always carry it with you.



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Why Is it Important to Obtain A2 Certificate?

Many people choose, often out of ignorance, to take advanced level exams such as B2 or B1 of a language without really having the necessary basis for them. The truth is that this leads to frustration and unnecessary effort on some occasions, as the entrance tests and criteria for certain positions do not require a high level.

In fact, knowing the dynamics of the exams and establishing the knowledge of the language with a university certificate helps to face the challenges with much greater solvency and efficiency. This avoids the potential downside of tackling a higher level without first having the knowledge and experience of a previous exam qualification.





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A2 is the perfect level for those who wish to gain a basic level of knowledge and oral and written comprehension in Chinese, without needing to speak the language perfectly”

TECH Technological University

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages establishes a set of criteria for assessing a learner's level in a given language. Although there are other certification systems, these come from private institutions and are, therefore, not valid.

TECH offers the opportunity to take a unique test, in which the student will obtain a university level qualification based entirely on the CEFR, the only system recognized and accepted throughout Europe.

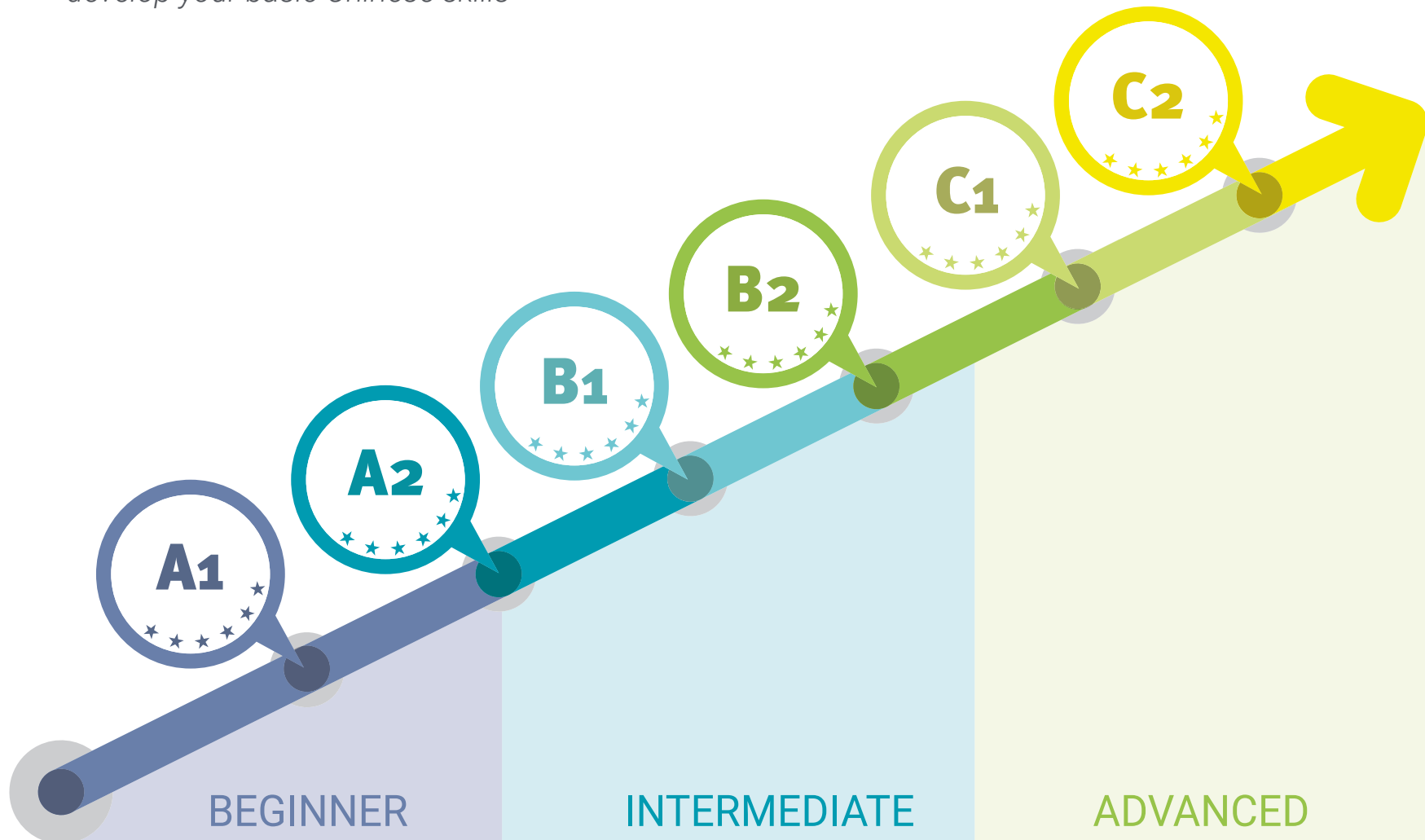
At TECH we want to help you go as far as possible. That's why we offer you a simple and comfortable method so that you can certify your basic level.

Other private language certification systems require students to periodically recertify their level of proficiency. TECH's CEFR certificate is valid for life.



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Sign up today for this university level test and demonstrate that you have the skills to develop your basic Chinese skills”



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Methodology and Criteria for Exam Evaluation

TECH's comprehensive and thorough methodology ensures that the exam meets all the requirements set by the CEFR, as well as guaranteeing that the student is adequately prepared to communicate in Level A2 Chinese.





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You will not have to travel to take the exam as you will take all the written and oral tests from the comfort of your home on your computer, 100% online"

What are the A2 Level Skills?

Level A2 reflects the level referred to in the CEFR specification as "Platform", i.e. a more advanced basic level than A1. It is at this level where most of the descriptors that expose social functions are found, such as, for example:

- ♦ Knowing how to use the common forms of greetings and how to address others in a friendly manner
- ♦ Greeting people, asking how they are doing, and being able to react to news
- ♦ Performing well in very brief social exchanges
- ♦ Knowing how to ask and answer questions about what they do at work and in their spare time
- ♦ Knowing how to invite and respond to an invitation
- ♦ Being able to discuss what to do, where to go, and set up an appointment; the ability to make an offer and accept it
- ♦ The ability to perform simple transactions in stores, post offices or banks
- ♦ Knowing how to obtain simple travel information
- ♦ Using public transportation (buses, trains and cabs)
- ♦ Asking for basic information, asking questions and explaining how to get to a place and buying tickets
- ♦ Ordering and providing everyday goods and services





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Given that some of the A2 level criteria are so close to that of B1 level, gaining a 'GOOD' or 'EXCELLENT' mark in the exam guarantees you a basic-intermediate level in Chinese”

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Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of experience that are particularly relevant to them (basic information about themselves and their family, shopping, places of interest, occupations, etc.)

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Chinese is the language of the future: accredit your level with TECH and secure a promising tomorrow”



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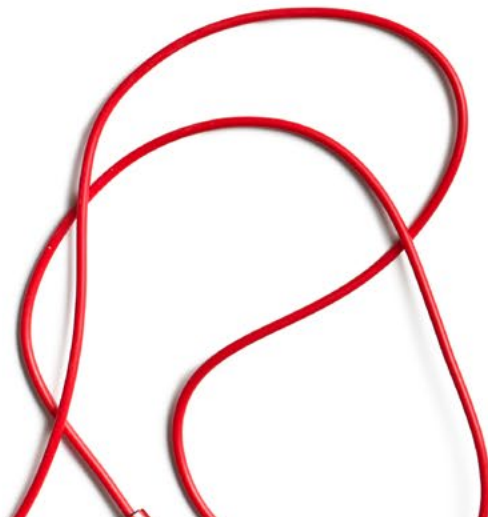
Can communicate in simple, everyday tasks that require only simple and direct exchanges of information on familiar or routine matters

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Can describe in simple terms aspects of their background and environment, as well as issues related to their immediate needs

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You will have all the guarantees that a CEFR certificate offers with the help and guidance of a personal examiner”



A2 level Self-Assessment Chart

What is a person with this level able to do?

Comprehension	Speaking	Writing
<p>Listening comprehension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Understand sentences and the most common vocabulary on topics of personal interest (very basic personal and family information, shopping, place of residence, employment)◆ Capture the main idea of short, clear and simple messages and notices	<p>Oral interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Communicate simple and routine tasks that require a simple and direct exchange of information about daily activities and issues◆ Very brief social exchanges, but usually unable to understand enough to carry on the conversation on their own	<p>Written Expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Write short, simple notes and messages related to their immediate needs◆ Write very simple personal letters, e.g., thanking someone for something
<p>Reading Comprehension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Read very short and simple texts◆ Finding specific and predictable information in simple, everyday written material, such as advertisements, prospectuses, menus, and schedules, and understanding short, simple personal letters	<p>Oral expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Use a series of expressions and phrases to describe in simple terms their family and other people, their living conditions, educational background, and current or most recent job	<p><i>Now is the moment, certify your level and finally add a qualification in Chinese to your CV. At TECH we make it easy for you to get it.</i></p>



Qualitative aspects of spoken language usage for Level A2 (According to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

What is expected to be achieved with this level?

Scope

- Use structures composed of basic sentences with expressions, groups of a few words and memorized formulas, in order to communicate limited information in simple, everyday situations

Correction

- Use some simple structures correctly, but still consistently making basic mistakes

Fluency

- Make oneself understood with very brief expressions, although pauses, initial doubts and rephrasing are very evident

Interaction

- Be able to answer questions and respond to simple statements
- Indicate when a conversation is understood, but barely understands enough to carry on a conversation of their own accord

Coherence

- Linking groups of words with simple connectors such as "and", "but" and "because"

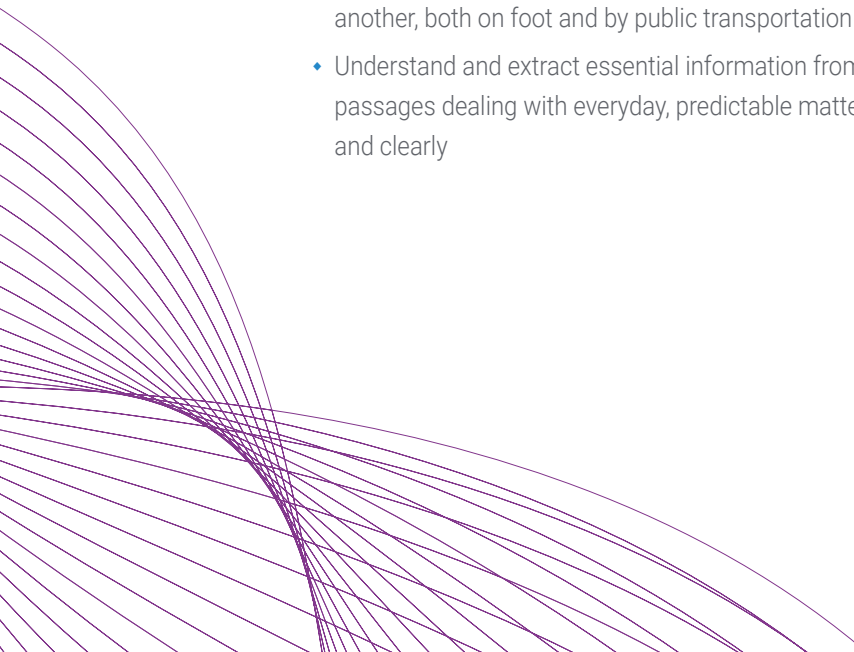
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Objectives

Listening comprehension objectives

The candidate is able to:

- Understand enough to be able to deal with specific needs as long as the speech is articulated clearly and at a slow pace
- Understand sentences and expressions related to areas of immediate priority (e.g., very basic personal and family information, shopping, place of residence, employment) provided speech is articulated clearly and slowly
- Generally identifies the topic being discussed, provided it is conducted slowly and clearly
- Capture the main idea of short, clear and simple messages and statements
- Understand simple instructions on how to get from one place to another, both on foot and by public transportation
- Understand and extract essential information from short recorded passages dealing with everyday, predictable matters and spoken slowly and clearly





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Reading comprehension objectives

The candidate is able to:

- Understand short, simple texts on everyday matters if they contain very frequent, everyday or work-related vocabulary
- Understand short and simple texts containing very frequent vocabulary, including a good part of internationally shared vocabulary terms
- Understand basic types of commonly used letters and faxes (forms, orders, confirmation letters, etc.) on everyday topics
- Understand short and simple personal letters
- Find specific and predictable information in everyday written material, such as advertisements, prospectuses, restaurant menus or menus, listings, and schedules
- Locate specific information in listings and isolate the required information (e.g., knows how to use the "Yellow Pages" to search for a service or a business)
- Understand signs and signals found in public places, such as streets, restaurants, train stations, and workplaces, e.g., directions to a location, instructions, and hazard warnings
- Identify specific information in simple written material, such as letters, catalogs, and short newspaper articles describing specific events
- Understand rules that are expressed at a simple level of language

- ♦ Understand simple instructions for frequently used appliances, such as a public telephone
- ♦ Identify the main idea of television news reporting events, accidents, etc., when there is visual support to complement the discourse
- ♦ Know when TV news has changed topics and get an idea of the main content

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Speaking objectives

The candidate is able to:

- ♦ Give a simple description or presentation of people, living or working conditions, daily activities, likes and dislikes in a short list of simple phrases and sentences
- ♦ Tell stories or describe something through a simple relationship of elements
- ♦ Describe everyday aspects of their environment; for example, people, places, a work or study
- ♦ Give brief and basic descriptions of events and activities
- ♦ Describe plans and appointments, customs, usual or past activities and personal experiences
- ♦ Use simple, descriptive language to make brief statements about objects and possessions and to make comparisons
- ♦ Explain what they like and dislike about something



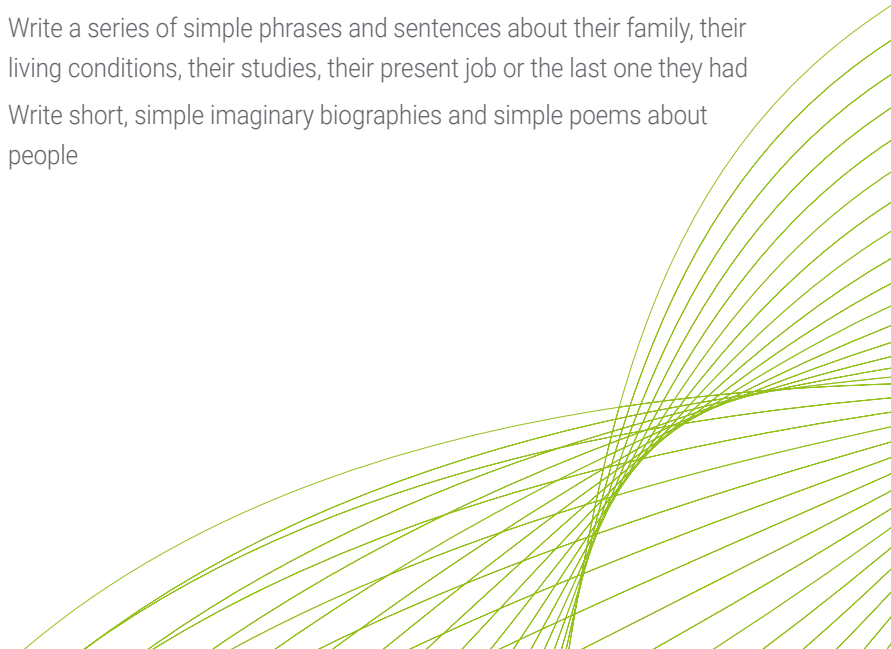
- Deliver rehearsed, very brief statements of predictable, learned content that are intelligible to listeners who are willing to concentrate
- Deliver brief, rehearsed presentations on topics that are of importance in everyday life and briefly offer reasons and explanations for expressing certain opinions, plans, and actions
- Answer a limited number of questions with immediate and simple answers

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Writing objectives

The candidate is able to:

- Write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors such as "and", "but" and "because"
- Write a series of simple phrases and sentences about their family, their living conditions, their studies, their present job or the last one they had
- Write short, simple imaginary biographies and simple poems about people



Features of the A2 Chinese Exam

1 What does the TECH Technological University test assess?

- The contents of the exams and the evaluation criteria will be those corresponding to the CEFR descriptors
- No published assignments or test materials will be used
- The four skills (oral and written expression, oral and written comprehension) will be evaluated together or separately and use of language tasks may also be included
- All test tasks, with the possible exception of the use of language tasks, will be close to real-world tasks and the text materials will be authentic, as far as possible and according to the level tested

2 How long does the test last?

- The exams, whatever the level, shall not be less than 120 minutes or more than 165 minutes long



3 How is the test carried out?

- The oral and written comprehension tests, as well as the written expression test, are conducted via computer
- The written and oral expression tests, whenever possible, will be evaluated by two examiners according to the established procedures
- The oral expression test will consist of an interview, the questions of which will meet the objectives and evaluation parameters established by TECH

Candidates must obtain at least a 6 on each part of the exam in order to obtain a PASS grade.

If you do not pass all areas, you will not get your certificate but you will obtain a detailed report of your skills in each area and competency.

4 What are the assessment criteria?

With regard to grades, TECH follows the recommendations, using the following criteria:



Candidates who obtain at least 60% in each of the 4 parts of the exam will pass the exam. Based on the overall score, a grade will be awarded that will appear on the certificate issued by TECH, according to the following scale:



In the event that a candidate does not pass any of the 4 parts of the test, they must retake the entire exam.

Structure, duration and weighting of the 4 parts of the examination

Below is a table with the sections, characteristics and duration of the different parts of the test.

Duration	Sections			Instructions
	Skill		Time	
A2 120-165 minutes	Speaking	Monologue and directed questions	10-15 minutes	Instructions in mother tongue
	Listening comprehension	Short audios, monologues or dialogues	30 - 40 minutes	
	Writing	Various written expression activities; may include use of language activities.	40 - 50 minutes	
	Reading comprehension	Various reading comprehension activities	40 - 60 minutes	



You must obtain at least 5 points in each one of the parts of the test for it be considered a "PASS"

Structure of the Level A2 Chinese exam

It consists of 4 parts:

Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing

The total duration of the exam is 120 to 165 minutes, with the first three parts taking place one after the other (1st Listening, 2nd Writing, 3rd Reading). There will be a minimum of 20 minutes of rest between the first three parts and the 4th part (Speaking), which can be done on the same day, or on a different day, with a maximum limit of 7 days after the other block has been completed.

Listening (Duration 30-40 minutes)

This part consists of 3 exercises, each of which is based on an audio recording that can be a monologue or a conversation between 2 or more people. Exercises include multiple choice, sentence completion, completion of charts, graphs or diagrams, and short answers in one or two sentences.

Reading (Duration: 40-60 minutes)

It consists of 40 questions grouped in 3 sections. Each text is between one and two pages long and several questions are asked about it. The texts are actual excerpts from books, research articles, newspapers and scientific journals. The type of questions, as in the oral part, is highly varied: multiple answers, completing tables, graphs or diagrams, locating information in the text, indicating the writer's opinion, etc.

Writing (Duration: 40-50 minutes)

This part consists of two exercises, a 30-40 word essay and a 40-50 word essay. For the 30-40 word essay, a short report on a piece of information provided to the examinee in any format (text, graph, table or diagram) is usually requested.

Regarding the 40-50 word essay, a piece of information is usually presented very briefly (a couple of lines), followed by a statement about it, and then the candidate is asked to explain whether they agree or disagree with the statement, briefly stating the necessary arguments. The first exercise accounts for one third of the "Writing" grade and the second exercise accounts for two thirds.

Speaking (Duration: 10-15 minutes)

In this last part, a conversation is held with an examiner, and it is designed to be as realistic as possible. It is divided into 3 subsections. In the first, the candidate responds to personal, family and/or everyday questions. In the second, the candidate discusses a specific topic indicated by the examiner.

In this case, the ability to produce a coherent and orderly discourse is valued. In the third and last one, both the examiner and the candidate have a conversation on a specific topic, where oral interaction and discussion skills are assessed. The entire speaking part is recorded for later review purposes.

Sections						
Duration	Skills	Observations	Items	Tasks	Time	Instructions
A2 120-165 minutes	Oral expression and interaction	Monologue and directed questions. Oral examinations must be recorded		Minimum 2	10-15 minutes	Instructions in mother tongue
	Listening comprehension	Short audios which may be short dialogues or monologues related to topics of the level.	Minimum of 5 items and maximum of 10 items per task. Minimum total of 15 items, recommended 20	Minimum 2, maximum 4. Dichotomous tasks are not accepted.	30-40 minutes	
	Written Expression	Various writing activities	Minimum 30 words, maximum 80 words	Minimum of 2 tasks	40-50 minutes	
	Reading Comprehension	Several reading comprehension activities with a minimum of 500 and a maximum of 800 words in total	Minimum of 5 items and maximum of 10 items per task. Minimum total of 15 items, recommended 20	Minimum 2, maximum 4. Dichotomous tasks are not accepted.	40-60 minutes	

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Who Can Take the Exam?

Candidates for the A2 level accreditation test may be members of the University Community, as well as nationals or foreigners (over 16 years of age) who wish to accredit their level of linguistic skill for academic, educational, professional or personal purposes.

Although the interests and motivations of our students are different, they all have a common goal: to improve and certify their level of Chinese.





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If you are looking for access to high-level job opportunities, this exam is for you”

Why are our students interested in certifying their level?



Academic 25%

- ♦ Access to a university degree
- ♦ Access to doctoral studies
- ♦ Access to an official Master's Degree or postgraduate programs



Educational 13%

- ♦ Continuation of language studies
- ♦ Improve language skills



Personal 12%

- ♦ Improve CV
- ♦ Confirmation of skills



Professional 50%

- ♦ Access to a new position
- ♦ Promotion or job improvement





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You will have the support of the biggest online academic institution with a technical team available to solve any issues”

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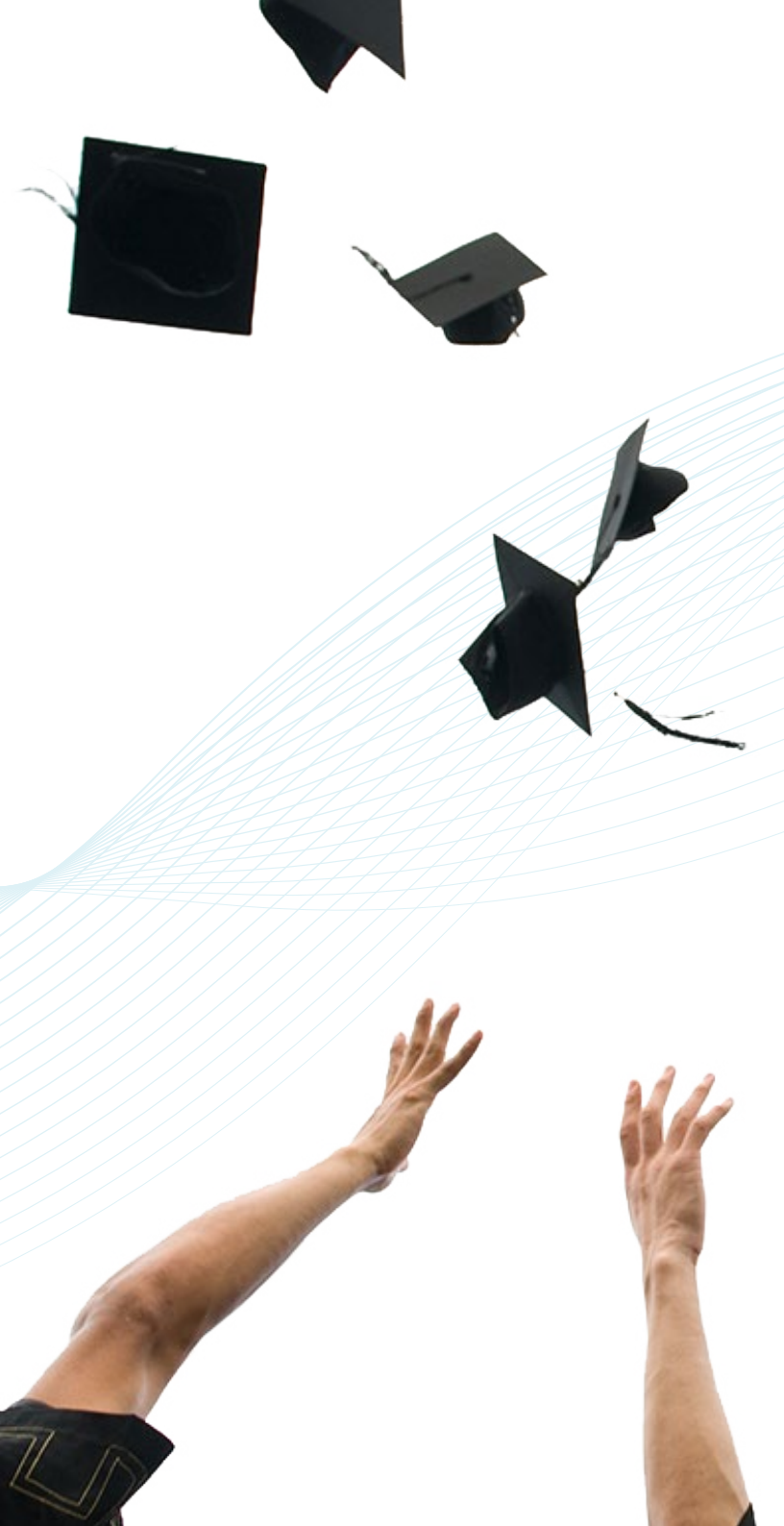
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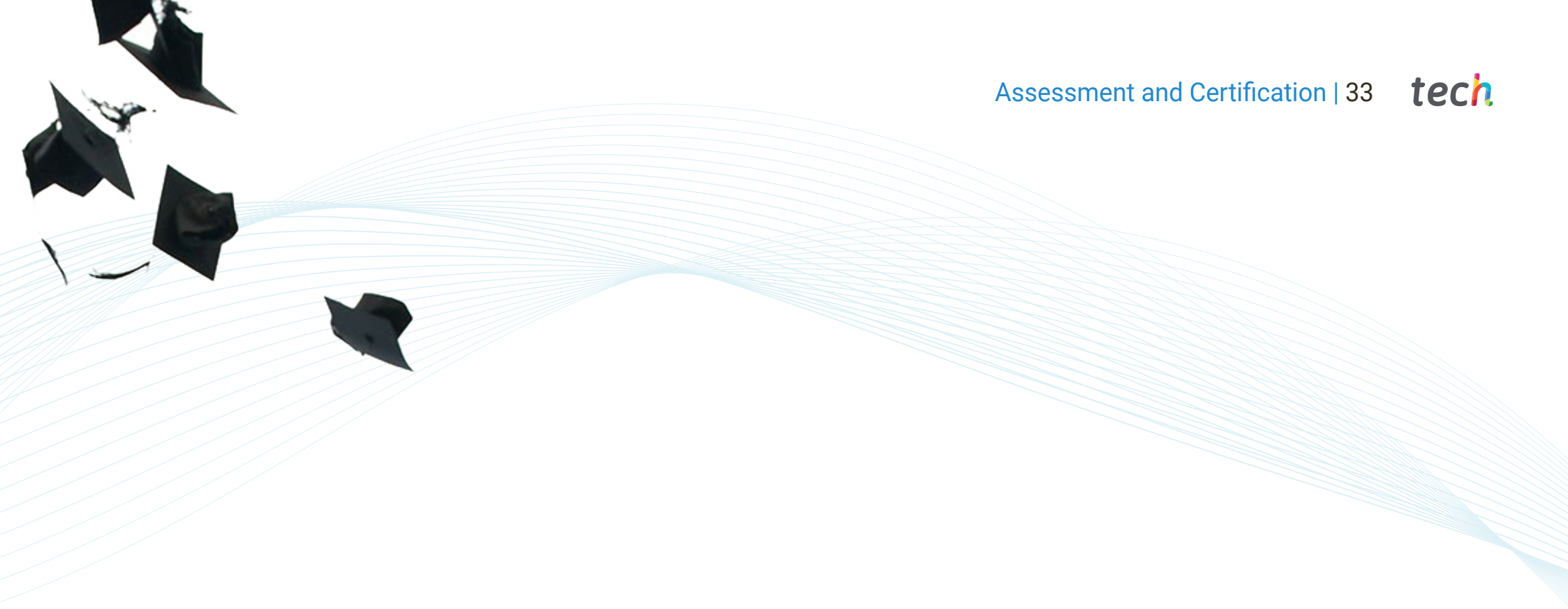
Each part of the exam accounts for 25% of the total grade. Candidates must obtain a minimum grade of 6 to pass each part of the exam.

- ♦ To obtain an overall PASS in the exam, it is necessary to pass all the tests and obtain an average of more than 6
- ♦ To obtain the overall grade of GOOD in the exam, you must pass all the tests with a grade higher than 6, and obtain an average between 7, 8 and 9
- ♦ To obtain the overall grade of EXCELLENT in the exam, you must pass all the tests with a grade higher than 6 and obtain an average between 9 and 10
- ♦ Only those who have passed may request a certificate of aptitude issued by TECH Technological University

The level will be considered to be achieved if the final total score is greater than or equal to 60% of the total possible score. No average will be made if a minimum of 60% of the possible score is not reached in each of the evaluated skills.

Certificates will only be issued if the level has been reached.





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To obtain the certificate, a score equal to or higher than 6 must be obtained in each of the 4 sections of the exam"



Add a touch of quality to the language section of your CV by adding this globally recognized university qualification"

Certification

After successfully passing the exam, the student will receive a certificate of recognition that guarantees their preparation and proficiency at this level of the CEFR.



*Apostille Convention In the event that the student wishes to have their paper certificate issued with an apostille, TECH EDUCATION will make the necessary arrangements to obtain it, at an additional cost.

Instructions for the exam



Only candidates who have registered during the registration period and are on the official lists may sit for the examination.



It is compulsory to present a valid identification document or passport at the exam. No person without identification will be allowed access to the examination.



The language accreditation tests may be adapted to candidates with special needs. For this purpose, the type of disability (motor, visual, hearing, etc.) and the degree of disability, duly justified with a medical report, must be reported at the time of registration. Applications will be accepted depending on how far in advance the center is informed and the availability of resources at the center.



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