

CEFR C1 French Exam





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We prepare you for a global society, characterized by the unstoppable expansion of new markets; extraordinary cultural, social and linguistic diversity, innovation and technology as generators of opportunities; immediacy and proximity, collaboration and constant change. We prepare you to join this new reality, by helping you achieve linguistic mastery”

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01 Welcome

As the sixth world power and the second in Europe, betting on the French language means opening the gateway to one of the most developed economic industries. It is important to have the appropriate language certification to access the most prestigious positions and the best jobs in France, with level C1 being one of the most demanded in managerial positions.

TECH has based its C1 Level French Language Exam on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, so that this university certificate has a global validity and permanent duration. Therefore, the candidate will not have to renew it and will be able to include it in their CV for international offers.





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With your C1 French university certificate, you will be able to apply for the most important managerial and executive positions in the French-speaking world”

Introduction

The C1 level of French adds a plus of quality to any resume. Being the second most studied language in the world, only behind English, a high level in it guarantees a much more successful labor insertion in countries of the five continents, since the French language is present in all of them.

As it is framed within the CEFR, this Language Exam Level C1 in French is valid for use worldwide. TECH uses state-of-the-art educational technology so that candidates can obtain their university certification from the comfort of their own home, without having to travel or go through cumbersome procedures.

The personal examiner assigned by TECH will be happy to answer any pre-exam questions you may have.

You will be able to develop your career successfully in important countries such as Belgium, Canada or France itself.





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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, at the time of your choice. You choose the exam that best suits you.



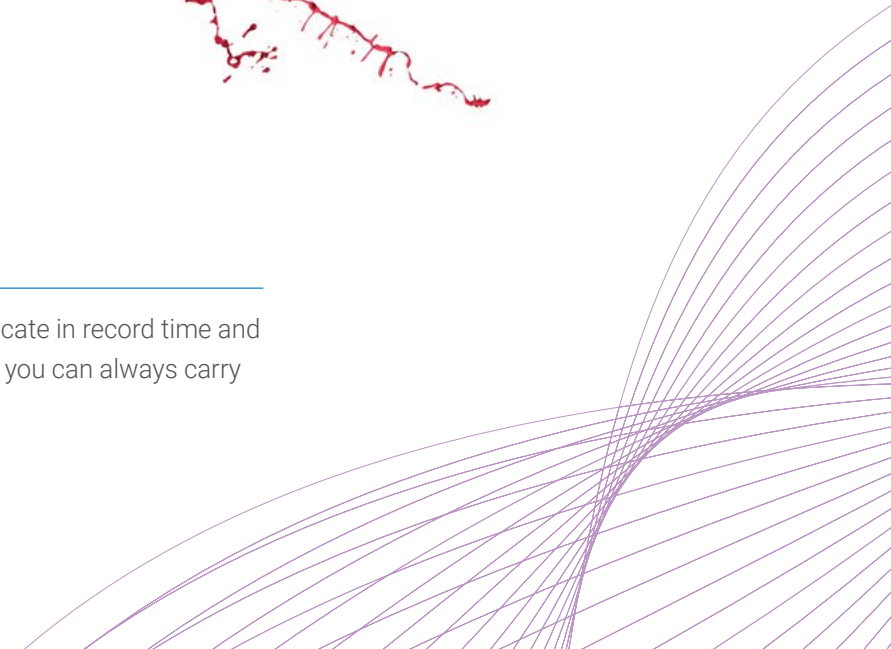
No Stress

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 C1 Certification?

Taking into account that France is a great world power and other relevant countries such as Belgium or Canada incorporate it as an official language, having a university certification of C1 in French generates great opportunities to enter the labor market in one of these countries of reference.

Moreover, improving the language section of the CV also provides opportunities for job growth, with the possibility of obtaining promotions or significant economic improvements.





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You will have a university certification that demonstrates your high capacity and linguistic ability to speak in French on advanced issues such as healthcare, technology, haute cuisine or haute couture"

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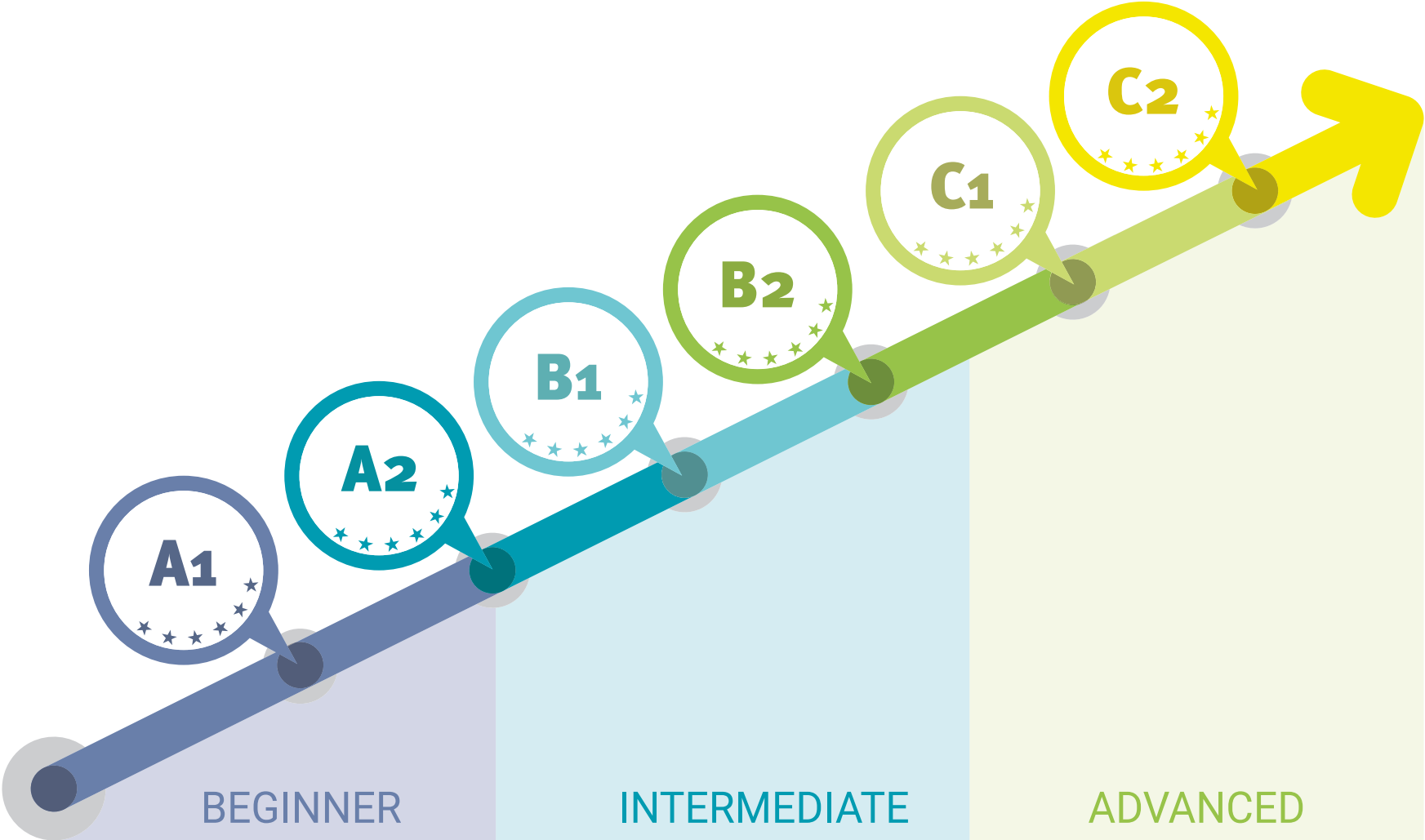
The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages establishes a set of criteria for assessing a learner's level in a given language. Although there are other certification systems, these come from private institutions and are, therefore, not valid.

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.

By certifying your C1 level in French you will get a university endorsement from the largest academic institution in Spanish, TECH.

Avoid the high costs and travel of other academies with the advantages and flexibility that only TECH can offer you.

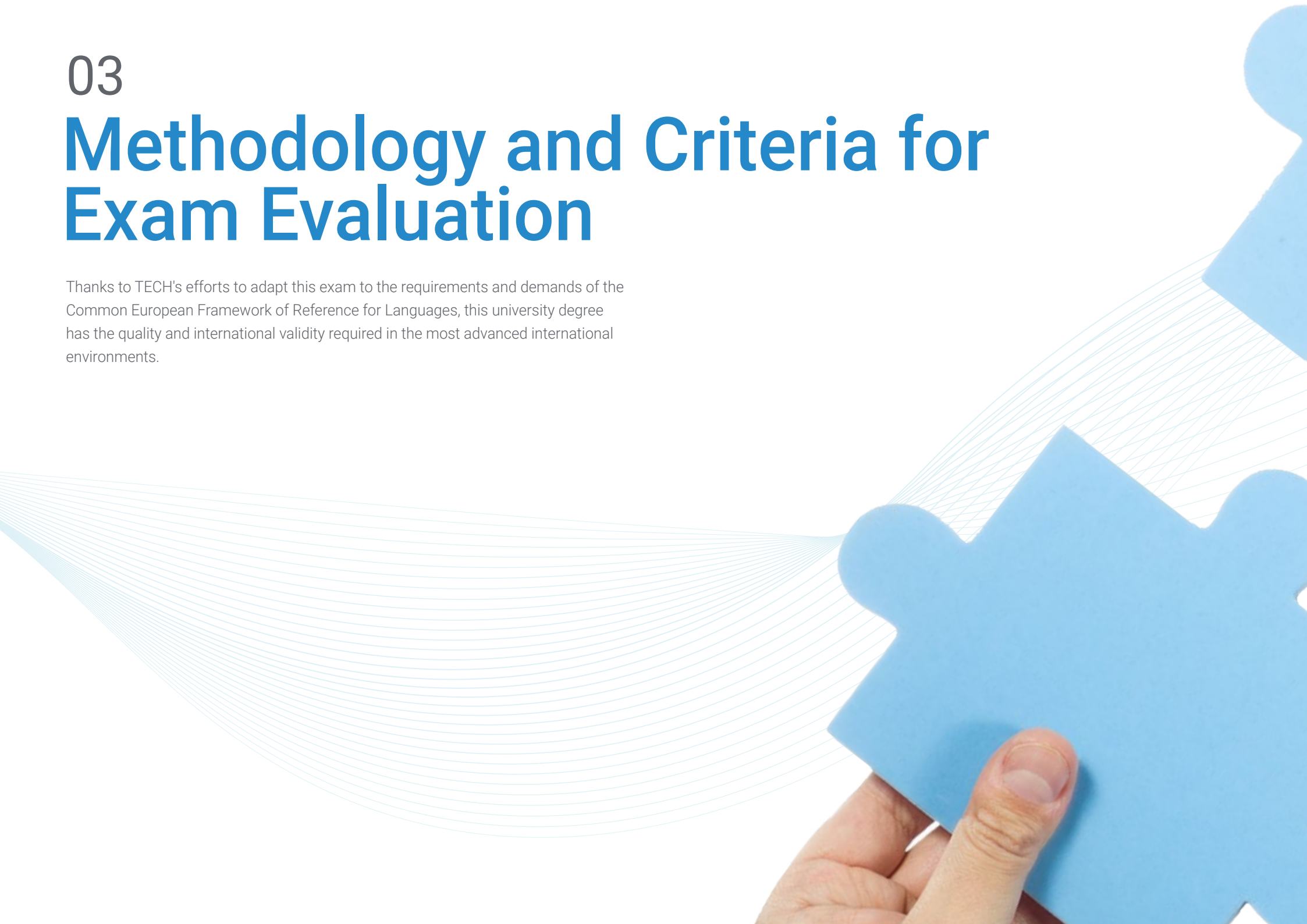




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Methodology and Criteria for Exam Evaluation

Thanks to TECH's efforts to adapt this exam to the requirements and demands of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, this university degree has the quality and international validity required in the most advanced international environments.





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*With the support of a personal examiner,
you will demonstrate your skills in reading
comprehension, speaking and writing
French at a high level”*

What are the C1 Level Skills?

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Be able to understand a wide variety of long and demanding texts and recognize implicit meanings in them

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Express themselves fluently and spontaneously without much obvious effort to find the right expression

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Certificates from other language schools are only valid in the country of origin. That is why you need a CEFR title with TECH: It's valid worldwide!”



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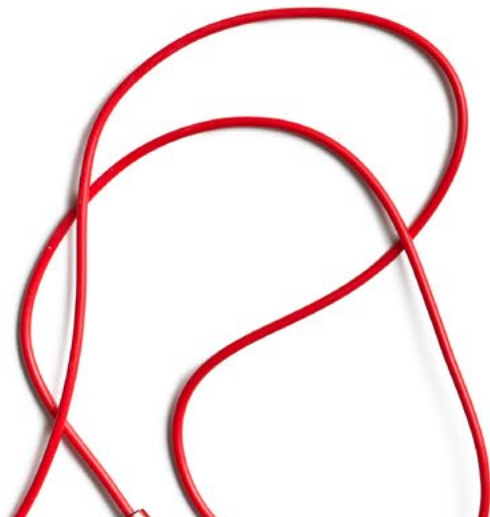
Make flexible and effective use of the language for social, academic and professional purposes

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Produce clear, well-structured and detailed texts on topics of a certain complexity, showing a correct use of the mechanisms of text organization, articulation and cohesion

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Be able to demonstrate proficiency in a language is essential today. Pass this university exam and face all your personal and professional challenges with guarantees”



C1 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 long speeches even when they are not clearly structured and when relationships are only implicit and not explicitly stated• Understand TV shows and movies without much effort <p>Reading Comprehension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand long and complex texts of a literary or factual nature, appreciating distinctions of style• Understand specialized articles and long technical instructions, even if they are not related to their specialty	<p>Oral Interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Express themselves with fluency and spontaneity without having to search for the right expressions in a very obvious way• Use language flexibly and effectively for social and professional purposes• Formulate ideas and opinions with precision and skilfully connect interventions to those of other speakers <p>Oral Expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present clear and detailed descriptions on complex topics that include other subjects, developing concrete ideas and ending with an appropriate conclusion	<p>Written Expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Express oneself in clear and well-structured texts, presenting points of view with a certain length• Write about complex topics in letters, essays, or reports, highlighting what they consider to be important issues• Choose the appropriate style for their target readership <p><i>You choose when and where to take the exam and TECH takes care of the rest. This way you can concentrate on what is really important: the placement test.</i></p>

Qualitative aspects of spoken language usage for Level C1

(According to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

What is expected to be achieved with this level?



Scope

- ♦ Have a good proficiency of a wide range of linguistic aspects that allow them to choose a formulation to express themselves clearly and in an appropriate style on a variety of general, academic, professional or leisure topics without having to restrict what they want to say

Correction

- ♦ Consistently maintain a high degree of grammatical correctness
- ♦ Errors are rare, difficult to locate and are usually corrected when they appear

Fluency

- ♦ Express yourself fluently and spontaneously with little effort. Only a conceptually difficult subject can hinder the natural flow of expression

Interaction

- ♦ Choose appropriate phrases from an available range of discourse functions to introduce comments, in order to start speaking or continuing to speak
- ♦ Skilfully connect your own interventions to those of the other speakers

Coherence

- ♦ Produce clear, fluent and well-structured speech, demonstrating controlled use of organizational structures, connectors and cohesive mechanisms

01

Listening comprehension objectives

The candidate is able to:

- Understand enough to follow a long speech on abstract and complex topics beyond their expertise, although they may have to confirm some details, especially if they are not accustomed to the accent
- Recognize a wide range of idiomatic and colloquial expressions, and notice changes in register
- Follow an extended speech even when it is not clearly structured and when links are only assumed and not explicitly pointed out
- Easily follow complex conversations between third parties in group discussions, even on abstract, complex, and unfamiliar topics
- Understand with relative ease most lectures, discussions and debates
- Extract specific information from public statements that have poor quality and distorted sound; e.g., at a station, in a stadium, etc
- Understand complex technical information, such as operating instructions, product specifications, and everyday services
- Understand a wide range of recorded and broadcast material, including some unusual usage, and identify details and subtleties such as implied attitudes and relationships between speakers



02**Reading comprehension objectives**

The candidate is able to:

- Understand in detail long and complex texts, whether or not they relate to his or her specialty, provided he or she can reread difficult sections
- Understand any communication with sporadic use of the dictionary
- Understand in detail a wide range of lengthy and complex texts that they are likely to encounter in social, professional or academic life, and identify subtle details including both implicit and explicit attitudes and opinions
- Understand in detail lengthy and complex instructions on new machines or procedures, whether the instructions relate to their field of specialty or not, as long as they can reread the difficult sections
- Understand films that use a considerable amount of slang or colloquial language and idiomatic expressions

03**Speaking objectives**

The candidate is able to:

- Deliver clear and detailed descriptions and presentations on complex topics, integrating other topics, developing concrete ideas and ending with an appropriate conclusion
- Make statements fluently, almost effortlessly, accurately using some intonation to convey subtle shades of meaning

04**Writing objectives**

The candidate is able to:

- Deliver clear and well-structured presentations on a complex topic, expanding at some length and defending your points of view with complementary ideas, reasons and appropriate examples. Make good use of interjections, responding spontaneously and with little effort
- Write clear and well-structured texts on complex topics highlighting the main ideas, expanding at some length and defending their points of view with appropriate complementary ideas, reasons and examples, ending with an appropriate conclusion
- Write descriptions and imaginary texts in a clear, detailed and well-structured way, with a convincing, personal and natural style that is appropriate for the intended readers
- Write clear and well-structured presentations on complex topics, highlighting the main ideas. Expand at some length and defend points of view with complementary ideas, reasons and suitable examples

Features of the C1 French 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. 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. This will be the case from level C1 onwards

2 How long does the test last?

- ♦ The exams, whatever the level, shall not be less than 170 minutes or more than 225 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 speaking test consists of an interview, whenever possible, with two examiners and recorded
- The written and oral expression tests, whenever possible, will be evaluated by two examiners according to the procedures 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 we will give you a detailed report of your skills in each area and competency.

4 What are the assessment criteria?

With regard to grades, TECH, following the recommendations, uses 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	
C1 170-225 minutes	Speaking	Monologue and directed questions	15-20 minutes
	Listening comprehension	Authentic documents in plural audio/video of 30 minutes of duration	35-45 minutes
	Writing	Writing of 2 texts of different typology of, at least, 400 words in total	70-90 minutes
	Reading comprehension	Use of authentic documents	50-70 minutes
			Instructions in mother tongue



Knowing the nature of the test before you take it will facilitate optimal preparation"

Structure of the C1 French Exam

It consists of 4 parts:

Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing

The total duration of the exam is 170 to 225 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 35-45 minutes)

Listening consists of 4 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. In this part of the exam, it should be noted that accents from any part of the world can be heard, which adds a substantial degree of difficulty.

Reading (Duration: 50-70 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: 70-90 minutes)

This part consists of two exercises, an essay between 200 and 350 words and another between 450 and 600 words. As a first draft a small report is usually requested on a piece of information provided to the examinee in any format (text, graph, table or diagram).

Regarding the 450-600 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 second exercise accounts for two thirds of the "Writing" grade and the first exercise for one third.

Speaking (Duration: 15-20 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
C1 170-225 minutes	Oral expression and interaction	Monologue and interaction, recommended for couples. Exams must be recorded		Minimum 2	Minimum of 10 minutes per candidate	Instructions in mother tongue
	Listening comprehension	Several audio/video documents min. 2 documents. Maximum of 2 playbacks per document. Minimum duration of 2 min. and maximum of 6 min. per document	Minimum of 5 items and maximum of 10 items per task. Minimum total of 30 items	Minimum 2, maximum 4. Dichotomous tasks are not accepted.	30-40 minutes	
	Written Expression	Writing different types of texts	Minimum 200 words, maximum 350 words per task. Minimum of 450 and maximum of 600	Minimum of 2 tasks	90-120 minutes	
	Reading Comprehension	Several authentic documents; minimum of 2100, maximum of 2800 words total	Minimum of 5 items and maximum of 10 items per task. Minimum total of 30 items	Minimum 2, maximum 4. Dichotomous tasks are not accepted.	50-70 minutes	

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Who Can Take the Exam?

Candidates for the Level C1 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 competence for academic, educational, professional or personal purposes.

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





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Now is the time: certify your French level and reach all your goals"

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 training program



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





“ *TECH supports you to take the exam online, putting all the means at your disposal so that you can focus on taking the test*”

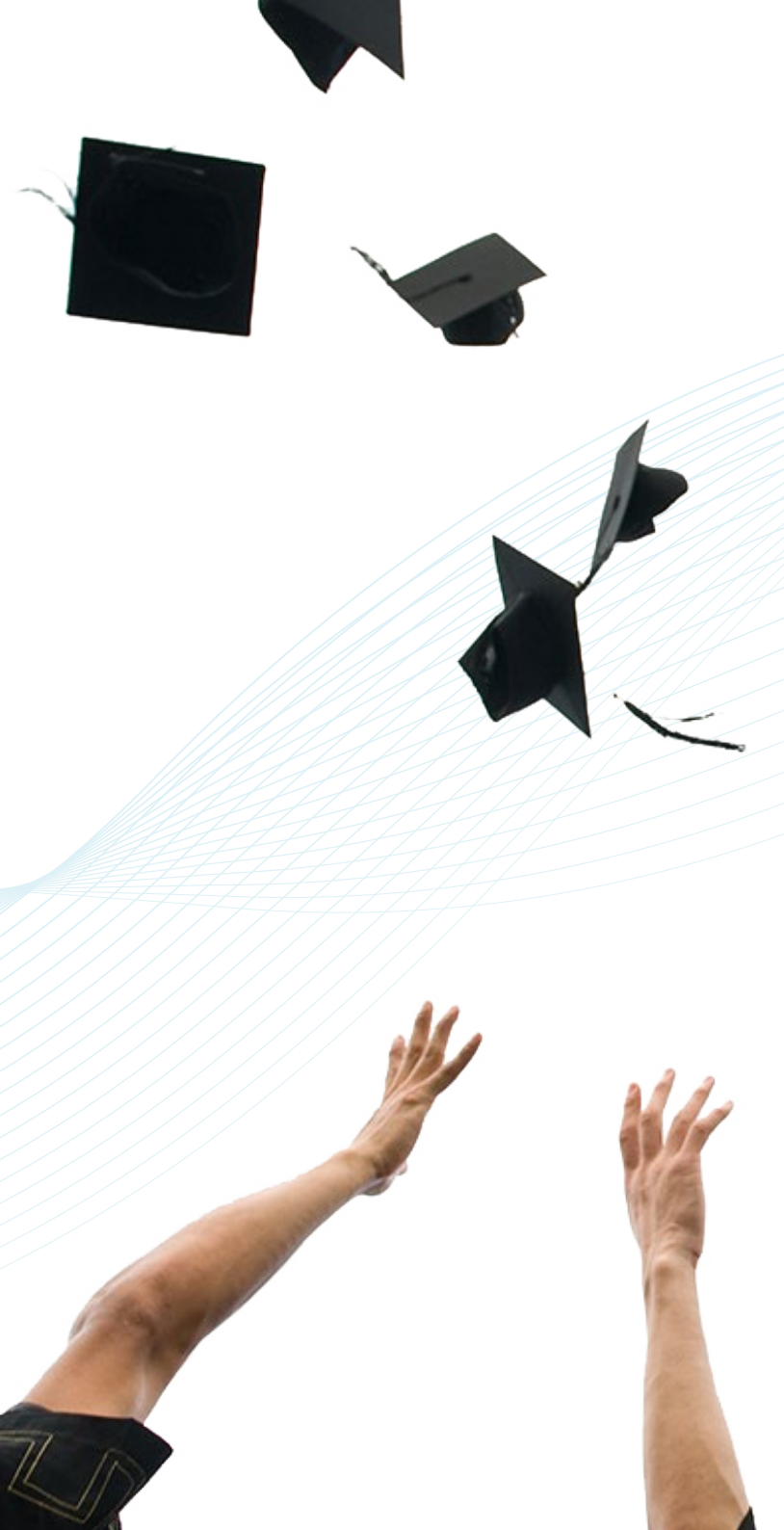
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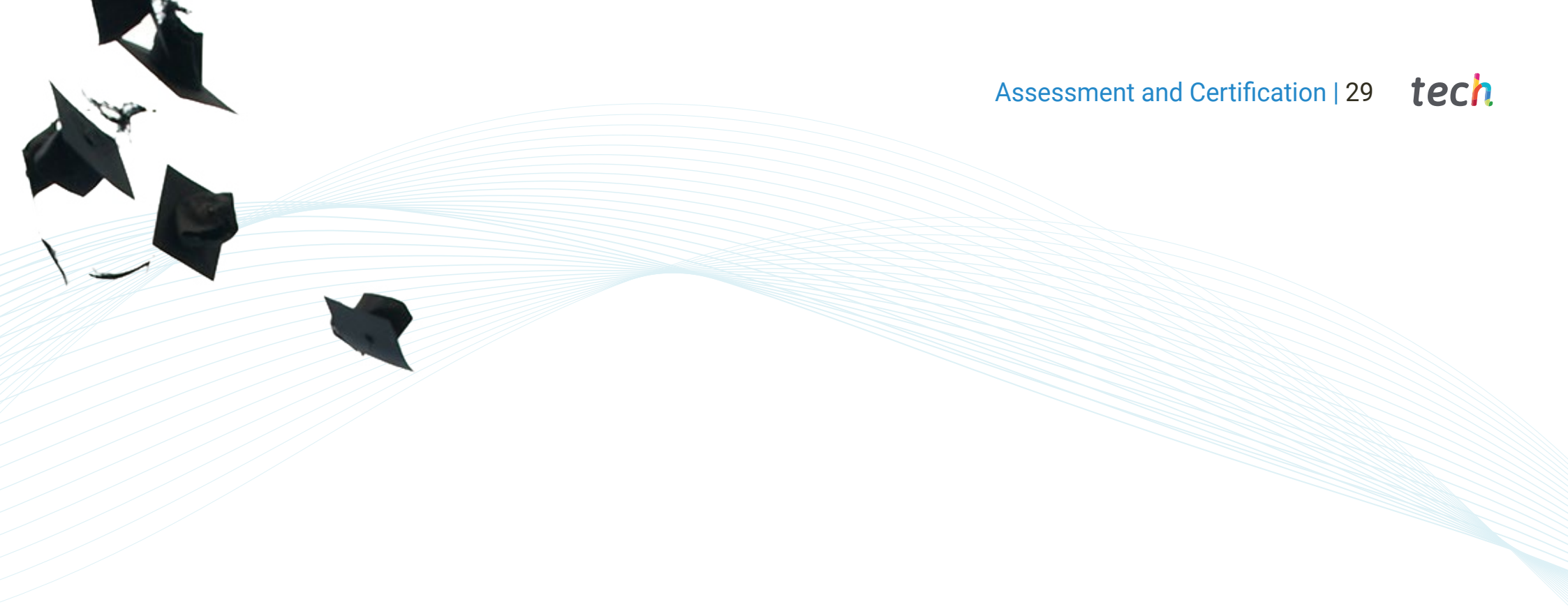
Assessment and Certification

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 course.

- ♦ 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 acquired 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”



Take your exam online, with an expert tutor who will accompany you throughout the process. Come and certify your level!"

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 diploma 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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