

## Cambridge CAE and IELTS Academic Examinations

The table gives essential information for students interested in taking Cambridge CAE or IELTS Academic examinations.

	<b>Cambridge CAE</b>	<b>IELTS Academic</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	General : work, travel, interest etc.	Admission to a higher education course in the UK or other English-speaking country.
<b>Level</b>	Grade C or above indicates C1 level.	Band scores of 6.5-7 indicate C1 level, 7.5 or above indicates C2 level.
<b>When?</b>	3 times per year : December, March or June.	Every month
<b>Where?</b>	Bratislava, Banska Bystrica, possibly Žilina or Sučany.	Bratislava
<b>Registration</b>	2 months before exam – online through <a href="http://www.britishcouncil.sk">www.britishcouncil.sk</a>	6 weeks before exam – download application forms from <a href="http://www.britishcouncil.sk">www.britishcouncil.sk</a>
<b>Fee</b>	180 Euros	approx 180 Euros
<b>Number of Parts</b>	5 parts – includes English in Use	4 parts – Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
<b>Validity</b>	Theoretically valid for life	Valid for 2 years only
<b>Marks</b>	A-E. Only A-C is a pass. Approx 60% = Grade C	Band Score 1-9. You receive an overall score and scores for each individual part. Universities might ask for (eg) overall score of 7 with no individual score below 6.5.
<b>Beware of..</b>	Types of task should not be unfamiliar as Maturita has many similarities with Cambridge exams. However, CAE is a level higher than Maturita. Some changes were made to CAE in Dec 2008. If you use a practice book, make sure it is based on the new format.	It is a fast exam – eg reading is 60 minutes and consists of three long texts with 10-12 questions each, in listening you listen only once. Some types of task, eg in writing will be unfamiliar and require practice. The content is academic – based on the kinds of tasks university students have to do.