The Language Centre provides a test of language competence which can be used by students, prospective students and researchers who need to know their current level of English for further study, research or work experience abroad. The test covers all four skills: writing, reading, listening and speaking. The writing, reading and listening parts of the test are computer-based, but a paper-based version is available if required. You can apply on an individual basis for a test appointment, but special test sessions can also be arranged for groups. Before applying to take the Language Centre English Test as an individual, please check if our test will be accepted as proof of your current level of English by the university or organization concerned.

How do I apply for the Language Centre English Test?
For full information including the dates of tests, go to our website: www.rug.nl/languagecentre
In the ‘tests and assessment’ menu click on ‘Language Centre English Test (LCET). Read the information carefully, fill out the application form and e-mail it to the Language Centre. If you have any questions or would like further information about the test, please contact Antoinette Maassen at a.j.m.maassen@rug.nl.

How long does the test take?
The test takes approximately 3 hours as follows: Writing 60 minutes, Reading 45 minutes, Listening 30 minutes, and Speaking 20 minutes.

Where is the test held?
The test is held at the Harmonie Building, Kijk in ’t Jatstraat 26, 9712 EK Groningen.
What are the costs?
A full test costs € 110.-, one part costs € 50.-.

How are the test results reported?
The test results indicate the candidate’s level in each skill tested, and are reported in Common European Framework (CEFR) terms. The band descriptions range from C2 (Expert language user) to B1 (Modest language user). Please note that this is not a pass/fail test. The university or organization concerned will decide which level they require for their course or programme.

When will I receive my certificate?
You will receive three certificates within one week of taking the test. If you require more certificates, please indicate this on the application form. Each additional certificate costs € 1.-. If you wish to resit the test, please note that you will have to wait three months before you may do the test again. When applying for a resit, please state on the application form that you are taking the test for a second time.

Testing in other languages
The Language Centre also offers tests in several other languages. Please contact the Language Centre for more information.

What is the content of the test?
Reading Test: two academic texts and 25 questions.
Writing Test: a 500 word academic essay.
Listening: 2 listening extracts and 20 questions.
Speaking: a 20 minute discussion session in pairs.