

General skills for ISE I (B1 CEFR)

Speaking

Overall spoken production

Can connect sentences in a simple way in order to describe experiences and events.

Overall spoken interaction

Can enter unprepared into conversation on familiar topics, express personal opinions and exchange information on topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to everyday life.

Listening

Overall listening comprehension

Can understand straightforward factual information about common everyday topics, identifying both general messages and specific detail, provided speech is clearly articulated.

Understanding spoken English

Can generally follow clearly articulated speech, although may have to ask for repetition of particular words and phrases.

Reading

Overall reading comprehension

Can read straightforward factual texts on subjects related to his or her field of interest with a satisfactory level of comprehension.

Processing written text

Can collate short pieces of information from different sources and summarise them.

Can paraphrase short written passages in a simple way.

Writing

Overall written production

Can write straightforward connected text on a range of familiar subjects within his or her field of interest by linking a series of shorter discrete elements into a linear sequence.

Correspondence

Can write personal letters or emails giving news and expressing his or her thoughts, ideas and opinions.

Can write personal letters or emails describing experiences and events in some detail.

Factual writing

Can write short simple essays on topics of interest.

Can summarise, report and give his or her opinion about factual information matters within his or her field of interest.

Creative/descriptive writing

Can write straightforward detailed descriptions on a range of familiar subjects.

Can write accounts of experiences in a simple connected text.

Can write a description of an event – real or imagined, e.g. a recent trip.

ISE I communicative skills, language requirements and general skills have been mapped to B1 in the CEFR.