

FAQs – Entry Level Certificate French (8924), German (8926), Spanish (8928)

Q What date is the exam?

A There is no exam papers for the Entry Level Certificate

Q What is the deadline for assessment tasks?

A The deadline is 4 May. This date is the same for all examination series.

Q Can I use the old Certificate of Achievement Assessment Packs for the Entry Level Certificate?

A Yes, they are virtually identical. Any references to currencies in the Entry Level pack are in Euros, whereas the Certificate of Achievement has francs, deutsche marks and pesetas. The updated version of the coursework record sheet should be used as both the teacher and the candidate now have to sign to authenticate the work.

Q Do I have to buy an Assessment Pack?

A No, assessment packs can be requested by email from the MFL Assessment Team: languagesassessment@pearson.com

Q Do I have to record any of the speaking task?

A Yes, three of the assessments tasks should be recorded on cassette/CD or USB and sent to the moderator.

Q Do I have to record the speaking assessments on cassette?

A No, digital recordings are preferred format for recording speaking assessments. ***Cassettes will not be accepted for moderation after September 2014.***

Q What mark do I enter on the OPTEMS?

A The level claimed, (0, 1, 2, 3) NOT the number of assessment tasks completed.

Q Can Year 9 candidates take the Entry Level Certificate?

A Yes. The qualification is aimed at 16 year olds unable to cope with the demands of GCSE. However, Centres may choose to use the ELC as a means of certificating candidates at the end of any year, such as Year 9. Some Centres choose to do this when candidates drop a language after Year 9.

Q Do I have to photocopy the assessment pack?

A Each candidate will need a copy of each assessment task they undertake so you will only need to photocopy relevant tasks, the individual candidate task record sheet plus the updated version of the coursework record sheet which has the facility for both the teacher and the candidate to authenticate the work.

Q What do I send the Moderator?

A For the candidate with an asterisk (*) by their name on the OPTEMS, send the Moderator the assessment tasks, coursework tasks and the cassette/CD/USB recording.

Q I did not realise I had to record the candidates speaking assessment, what should I do?

A Contact the MFL Assessment team by emailing languagesassessment@pearson.com

Q I have filled in the OPTEMS incorrectly, what should I do?

A Use an OPTEMS amendment form to inform us of any corrections. Your Exams Officer will have this form.

Q I have got a candidate with special needs who cannot do any of the listening tasks. What should I do?

A Contact the MFL Assessment team who may be able to grant permission for the candidate to omit the listening tasks in place of more speaking, reading and writing tasks. Likewise for any candidate with special needs who is unable to complete the tasks in any of the other skill areas

Q What textbooks do you recommend?

A We are not in a position to recommend any specific textbooks for this qualification.