

Resolution No. 97 2020/2021
of the Senate of the Poznań University of Economics and Business of June 25, 2021
on determining the rules for confirming learning outcomes of a modern foreign language at
the proficiency level of at least B2 for candidates who apply for a doctoral degree at the
Poznań University of Economics and Business

I. Pursuant to Article 192, section 2 of the Act of 20 July 2018 on the Law on Higher Education and Science (*Journal of Laws* 478/2021 with amendments), the Senate of the Poznań University of Economics and Business in the presence of 32 members of the Senate out of the total number of 35 statutory members, with 31 votes “for,” 0 votes “against,” and 1 person abstaining, determined in open voting the following rules for confirming learning outcomes of a modern foreign language at the proficiency level of at least B2 for candidates who apply for a doctoral degree at the Poznań University of Economics and Business:

§ 1

1. Pursuant to Article 186, section 1, point 2 of the Act of 20 July 2018 on the Law on Higher Education and Science (uniform text: *Journal of Laws* 478/2021 with amendments), a doctoral degree is awarded to the person who achieved learning outcomes in a modern foreign language at the proficiency level of at least B2. These effects are confirmed by a certificate or diploma of graduation that attests to the knowledge of a modern foreign language at the language proficiency level of at least B2, except for the persons mentioned in Article 179, section 8 of the Act of 3 July 2018 on the Law on Higher Education and Science (*Journal of Laws* 1669/2018 with amendments).
2. To confirm knowledge of a modern foreign language at the level of proficiency of at least B2, the doctoral candidate attaches to the application for procedure initiation a relevant certificate (from among the certificates listed in Annex 1), a diploma supplement confirming such knowledge, or a certification that the diploma of graduation attached to the documentation confirms knowledge of a modern foreign language at the proficiency level of at least B2, prepared following the template from Annex 2.
3. If the candidate attaches a certificate other than those listed in Annex 1 to certify the learning outcomes in a modern foreign language at the proficiency level of at least B2, the chairperson of the working party appointed in the procedure for awarding a doctoral degree to this candidate asks the Head of the Centre for Practical Foreign Language Teaching PUEB (hereinafter mentioned as the “CPFLT PUEB”) to determine whether the certificate submitted by the candidate confirms the learning outcomes in a modern foreign language at the proficiency level of at least B2.
4. After consulting the coordinator of a given language team, the Head of the CPFLT PUEB states in writing whether the certificate mentioned in section 3 certifies the learning outcomes in a modern foreign language at the proficiency level of at least B2.
5. If the candidate fails to submit a certificate, a diploma supplement, a certificate mentioned in section 2, or the certificate mentioned in section 3 (about which the Head of the CPFLT PUEB stated that it confirms the required language knowledge), the learning outcomes in a modern foreign language at the proficiency level of at least B2 may be determined through examination at the B2 proficiency level of the language taught at the CPFLT PUEB. The oral part of the

examination is subject to audio recording for archiving. Before the recording begins, the chairperson of the working party informs the examinees about this fact.

6. The organ conducting the procedure for awarding a doctoral degree (hereinafter mentioned as the organ conducting the procedure) decides to conduct the examination mentioned in section 5 and appoints the examiner.
7. The sequence of actions by the working party and the organ conducting the procedure to certify knowledge of a modern foreign language at the B2 proficiency level in the examination procedure is the following:
 - 1) if the working party states that the candidate has not submitted a certificate, a diploma supplement, a certificate mentioned in § 1 section 2, or a certificate mentioned in § 1 section 3 (for which the Head of CPFLT PUEB stated that it confirms the required language proficiency), then the learning outcomes in a modern foreign language at the proficiency level of at least B2 is determined based on a modern foreign language examination at the B2 language proficiency level in a language taught by CPFLT PUEB and the working party proposes the examiner;
 - 2) the organ conducting the procedure reviews the findings of the working party and issues a decision to conduct the examination mentioned in § 1 section 5 and determines the examiner;
 - 3) within 14 days from issuing the decision, the organ conducting the procedure informs the doctoral candidate about the examination, examiner, date and place of the examination, and its form (direct or online examination);
 - 4) within 14 days from the examination, the organ conducting the procedure informs the candidate about the result of the examination.

§ 2

1. The examination mentioned in § 1 section 5 is attended by the chairperson of the working party (as the supervisor), the examiner (foreign language teacher), and the doctoral degree.
2. The date and place of the examination are determined by the chairperson of the body conducting the procedure according to the following rules:
 - 1) considering the importance of the examination, it is conducted directly at the University;
 - 2) at the request of the doctoral candidate or ex officio, the chairperson of the organ that conducts the procedure may order the examination to be conducted remotely using electronic means of communication specified by the chairperson of the body conducting the procedure, provided this agrees with relevant binding regulations, or in a place other than the University, indicated by the chairperson.
3. The chairperson of the body that conducts the procedure for awarding a doctoral degree notifies the candidate about the place, date, and manner of conducting the examination.
4. A description of the language skills that a doctoral candidate must demonstrate in the process of certifying knowledge of a modern foreign language is published on the University's website.
5. The examination is considered passed if the criteria indicated in the description of language skills mentioned in section 4 are met at the required level. The examiner who is a teacher of the examined modern foreign language decides whether these criteria were met.
6. In the event of failure to pass the examination, at the request of the doctoral candidate submitted within 14 days from the date of receiving the information about the failure of the examination, the chairperson of the organ conducting the procedure informs the candidate about the date, examiner, place, and form (direct or online) of the retake examination session. The examination may be retaken only once, not earlier than three months and not later than six months after the failed examination date.

7. The chairperson of the working party takes minutes from the examination confirming the knowledge of a modern foreign language at the B2 proficiency level, which is signed by the chairperson and examiner. The protocol is attached by the chairperson of the working party to the documentation of the procedure of awarding the doctoral degree to a given candidate.
 8. After the applicant passes the examination confirming the knowledge of a modern foreign language at the B2 proficiency level, the Poznań University of Economics and Business issues a certificate confirming the knowledge of a modern foreign language at the B2 proficiency level equivalent to a certificate within the meaning of Article 186, section 1, point 2 of the Act of 20 July 2018 on the Law on Higher Education and Science (uniform text: *Journal of Laws* 478/2021 with amendments). This certificate is issued only for the procedure of awarding the doctoral degree conducted at the Poznań University of Economics and Business.
- II. The resolution enters into force on the date of its adoption and also applies to the already commenced procedures of awarding the doctoral degree at the Poznań University of Economics.

The returning committee consists of Dr. Judyta Cabańska and Marcin Pioch.

Chairman of the meeting

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Prof. Dr. Hab. Maciej Żukowski

Annex No. 1: List of certificates confirming the knowledge of a modern foreign language

1. Certificate confirming the knowledge of a foreign language issued by the National School of Public Administration as a result of a linguistic verifying procedure.
2. Certificates confirming the knowledge of foreign languages at least at the B2 level on a global scale of language proficiency according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR):

1) certificates issued by institutions associated with the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE) – ALTE Level 3 (B2), ALTE Level 4 (C1), ALTE Level 5 (C2) – in particular:

- a) First Certificate in English (FCE), Certificate in Advanced English (CAE), Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), Business English Certificate (BEC) Vantage – at least Pass, Business English Certificate (BEC) Higher, Certificate in English for International Business and Trade (CEIBT),
- b) Diplôme d'Étude en Langue Française (DEL F) (B2), Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF) (C1), Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF) (C2); Test de Connaissance du Français (TCF), levels 4 (B2), 5 (C1), 6 (C2); Diplôme de Langue Française (DL) (B2), Diplôme Supérieur Langue et Culture Françaises (DSL CF), Diplôme Supérieur d'Études Françaises Modernes (DS) (C1), Diplôme de Hautes Études Françaises (DHEF) (C2),
- c) Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (TestDaF); Zertifikat Deutsch für den Beruf (ZDfB) (B2), Goethe-Zertifikat B2, Goethe-Zertifikat C1, Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung (ZMP) (C1), Goethe-Zertifikat C1 (Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung) (ZMP), Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung (ZOP) (C2), Goethe-Zertifikat C2 (Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung) (ZOP), Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom (KDS) (C2), Grosses Deutsches Sprachdiplom (GDS) (C2), Goethe-Zertifikat C2: Grosses Deutsches Sprachdiplom (GDS),
- d) Certificato di Conoscenza della Lingua Italiana CELI 3 (B2), Certificato di Conoscenza della Lingua Italiana CELI 4 (C1), Certificato di Conoscenza della Lingua Italiana CELI 5 (C2); Certificato Italiano Commerciale CIC A (C1),
- e) Les Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE): El Diploma de Español Nivel B2 (Intermedio), El Diploma de Español Nivel C1, El Diploma de Español Nivel C2 (Superior),
- f) Diploma Intermédio de Português Língua Estrangeira (DIPLE) (B2), Diploma Avançado de Português Língua Estrangeira (DAPLE) (C1), Diploma Universitário de Português Língua Estrangeira (DUPLE) (C2),
- g) Nederlands als Vreemde Taal/Dutch as a Foreign Language (CNaVT) – Profiel Professionele Taalvaardigheid (PPT) (B2)/Profile Professional Language Proficiency (PPT) (B2), Profiel Taalvaardigheid Hoger Onderwijs (PTHO) (B2)/Profile Language Proficiency Higher Education (PTHO) (B2), Profiel Academische Taalvaardigheid (PAT) (C1)/Profile Academic Language Proficiency (PAT) (C1); Nederlands als Tweede Taal II (NT2-II) (B2)/Dutch as a Second Language II (NT2-II) (B2),
- h) Prove i Dansk 3 (B2), Studieproven (C1),
- i) Certificate of Slovene proficiency on the Intermediate Level (B2), Certificate of Slovene proficiency on the Advanced Level (C1);

2) certificates of the following institutions:

- a) Educational Testing Service (ETS) – particularly the following certificates: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – at least 87 points in the Internet-Based Test (iBT) version; Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – at least 180 points in the Computer-Based Test (CBT) version supplemented by at least 50 points from the Test of Spoken English (TSE); Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – at least 510 points in the Paper-Based Test (PBT) version supplemented by at least 3.5 points from the Test of Written English (TWE) and by at least 50 points from the Test of Spoken English (TSE); Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) – at least 700 points; Test de Français International (TFI) – at least 605 points,
- b) European Consortium for the Certificate of Attainment in Modern Languages (ECL),
- c) City & Guilds, City & Guilds Pitman Qualifications, Pitman Qualifications Institute – particularly the following certificates: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) – First Class Pass at Intermediate Level, Higher Intermediate Level, Advanced Level; International English for Speakers of Other Languages (IESOL) – “Communicator” level, “Expert” level, “Mastery” level; City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in ESOL International (reading, writing and listening) Communicator (B2) 500/1765/2; City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (reading, writing and listening) Expert (C1) 500/1766/4; City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in ESOL International (reading, writing and listening) Mastery (C2) 500/1767/6; Spoken English Test (SET) for Business – Stage B “Communicator” Level, Stage C “Expert” Level, Stage C “Mastery” Level; English for Business Communications (ECB) – Level 2, Level 3; English for Office Skills (EOS) – Level 2,
- d) Edexcel, Pearson Language Tests, Pearson Language Assessments – particularly the following certificates: London Tests of English, Level 3 (Edexcel Level 1 Certificate in ESOL International); London Tests of English, Level 4 (Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International); London Tests of English, Level 5 (Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in ESOL International),
- e) Education Development International (EDI), London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board – particularly the following certificates: London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations (LCCI) – English for Business Level 2, English for Business Level 3, English for Business Level 4; London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations (LCCI) – Foundation Certificate for Teachers of Business English (FTBE); London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations (LCCI) – English for Tourism Level 2 – “Pass with Credit” level, “Pass with Distinction” level,
- f) University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, British Council, IDP IELTS Australia – particularly the following certificates: International English Language Testing System IELTS – over 6 points,
- g) Chambre de commerce et d’industrie de Paris (CCIP) – particularly the following certificates: Le Diplôme de Français des Affaires, 1er degré (DFA 1) (B2), Le Diplôme de Français professionnel (DFP) des Affaires B2, Le Diplôme de Français des Affaires, 2ème degré (DFA 2) (C1), Le Diplôme de Français professionnel (DFP) des Affaires C1,

- h) Goethe-Institut, Deutscher Industrie- und Handelskammertag (DIHK), Carl Duisberg Centren (CDC) – particularly the Prüfung Wirtschaftsdeutsch International (PWD) (C1) certificate,
 - i) Kultusministerkonferenz (KMK) – particularly the Deutsches Sprachdiplom II der Kultusministerkonferenz der Länder KMK (B2/C1) certificate,
 - j) Österreich Institut, Prüfungszentren des Österreichischen Sprachdiploms für Deutsch (OSD) – particularly the following certificates: Österreichisches Sprachdiplom für Deutsch als Fremdsprache (OSD) – B2 Mittelstufe Deutsch, Mittelstufe Deutsch (C1), C1 Oberstufe, Wirtschaftssprache Deutsch (C2),
 - k) Hochschulrektorenkonferenz (HRK),
 - l) Società Dante Alighieri – particularly the following certificates: PLIDA B2, PLIDA C1, PLIDA C2,
 - m) Università degli Studi Roma Tre – particularly the following certificates: Int.It (B2), IT (C2),
 - n) Università per Stranieri di Siena – particularly the following certificates: Certificazione d’Italiano come Lingua Straniera CILS Due B2, Certificazione d’Italiano come Lingua Straniera CILS Tre C1, Certificazione d’Italiano come Lingua Straniera CILS Quattro C2,
 - o) The Pushkin State Russian Language Institute,
 - p) Institute for Romanian Language, the Romanian Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation,
 - q) Univerzita Karlova v Praze,
 - r) Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave; Filozofická fakulta Studia Academica Slovaca – centrum pre slovenčinu ako cudzi jazyk,
 - s) Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave; Centrum d’alšieho vzdelávania; Ústav jazykovej a odbornej prípravy zahraničných študentov,
 - t) The University of Warsaw Council for the Certification of Language Proficiency;
- 3) Telc GmbH, WBT Weiterbildungs-Testsysteme GmbH – particularly the following certificates: B2 Certificate in English – advantage, B2 Certificate in English for Business Purposes – advantage, Certificate in English for Technical Purposes (B2), telc English B2, telc English B2 Business, telc English B2 Technical, telc English C1; Certificat Supérieur de Français (B2), telc Français B2; Zertifikat Deutsch Plus (B2), Zertifikat Deutsch für den Beruf (B2) (telc Deutsch B2 Beruf), telc Deutsch B2, telc Deutsch C1; Certificado de Español para Relaciones Profesionales (B2), telc Español B2; Certificato Superiore d’Italiano (B2), telc Italiano B2; telc Русский язык B2.
3. The Office of Chinese Language Council International: Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) – HSK (Advanced) level.
4. Japan Educational Exchanges and Services, The Japan Foundation: Japanese Language Proficiency Certificate – Level 1 (Advanced).
5. Graduation diplomas of the following studies:
- 1) foreign philology or applied linguistics;
 - 2) college for training teachers of foreign languages;
 - 3) Poland’s National School of Public Administration.
6. A document issued abroad that confirms a degree or title in science or art: the language of instruction in the educational institution is deemed as recognized.

7. Document confirming the graduation of university studies or postgraduate studies abroad or in the Republic of Poland: the language of instruction is deemed as recognized if the language of instruction was foreign only.
8. A document issued abroad recognized as equivalent to the high school diploma: the language of instruction is deemed as recognized.
9. International Baccalaureate diploma.
10. European Baccalaureate diploma.
11. Certificate of passed ministerial examination at:
 - 1) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland;
 - 2) the office supporting the minister competent for the economy, the Ministry of Economic Cooperation with Foreign Countries of the Republic of Poland, the Ministry of Foreign Trade of the People's Republic of Poland, and the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Maritime Economy of the People's Republic of Poland;
 - 3) Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Poland – level 3333, level 4444 according to STANAG 6001.
12. Certificate issued by Poland's National School of Public Administration confirming qualifications to work in a high-ranking state position.
13. Document confirming entry onto the list of sworn translators in the Republic of Poland or a document authorizing a sworn translator in another Member State of the European Union, a member state of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), a party to the agreement on the European Economic Area, or the Swiss Confederation.

Annex 2: Certificate of knowledge of a modern foreign language (template)

Modern Foreign Language Certificate

Graduation diploma in (please specify) no. issued to
Mr./Ms. by (please provide the name and address of the
institution that issued the diploma) certifies the knowledge of a modern foreign language
..... (please specify which modern foreign language) at the language proficiency
level of at least B2.

.....
(Place and date)

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(Signature and stamp of the person representing the institution issuing the diploma)

Annex 3: Description of language proficiency at B2 level according to the Common Reference Global Scale

Level B2

Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

Source: Common European Framework of Reference for Language (CEFR).