

FAQs Entry Level Certificate French 8924, German 8926, Spanish 8928

Q What date is the exam?

A There are no exam papers for the Entry Level Certificate.

Q What is the deadline for assessment tasks?

A 6th May 2005.

Q What is the deadline for coursework tasks?

A 6th May 2005.

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.

Q Do I have to buy an Assessment Pack?

A Yes, Publications can be ordered by telephone on 01623 467467, or by emailing publications@linneydirect.com.

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

A Yes, three of the assessment tasks should be recorded on tape and sent to the moderator.

Q What mark do I enter on the OPTEMS?

A 0, 1, 2, 3 i.e. the level claimed, NOT the number of assessment tasks completed.

Q Can year 9 candidates take the Entry Level?

A Yes. The qualification is aimed at 16 year olds unable to cope with the demands of GCSE. However, centres may chose 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 pack?

A Each candidate will need a copy of each assessment task they undertake.

Q What do I send the moderator?

A For the candidates who have * by their name on the OPTEMS, send the moderator the assessment tasks, coursework tasks and the tape recording.

Q I didn't realise I had to record the candidates speaking, what should I do?

A Contact the Assessment Leader.

Q I've filled in the OPTEMS wrongly. What shall I do?

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

Q I've got a candidate with special needs who can't do any of the listening tasks. What should I do?

A Contact the Assessment Leader who may grant permission for the candidate to omit the listening tasks in place of more speaking, reading and writing tasks.

Q What textbooks do you recommend?

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