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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)-ECS ASSESSMENT

Q1: Does ICAP's ECS Result Card show the examinees' Aptis skill scores?

A1: No. ICAP's Result Card only indicates whether an examinee has passed or failed the ECS assessment.

Q2: What is the passing criterion for the ECS assessment?

A2: Examinees are considered to have passed the ECS assessment if they achieve an Aptis skill score equivalent to CEFR grade B2 or higher in both the Reading and Writing components. Examinees who achieve an Aptis skill score equivalent to at least CEFR grade B2 in one component and grade B1 in the other are also considered to have passed, provided that their average Aptis skill score across the Reading, Writing, and Grammar & Vocabulary components meets or exceeds the minimum Aptis skill score required for CEFR grade B2 in the component in which they achieved CEFR grade B1.

Q3: What is the minimum Aptis skill score required to achieve CEFR grade B2 in the Reading component?

A3: According to Aptis, the current benchmark skill score for CEFR grade B2 in the Reading component is 38.

Q4: What is the minimum Aptis skill score required to achieve CEFR grade B2 in the Writing component?

A4: According to Aptis, the current benchmark skill score for CEFR grade B2 in the Writing component is 40.

Q5: How will examinees know their Aptis skill scores?

A5: The British Council sends a *Candidate Report* directly to each examinee via email. The report provides the Aptis skill score and CEFR grade achieved by the examinee in each component.

Q6: What should examinees do if they have not received their Candidate Report from the British Council?

A6: Examinees who have not received their Candidate Report within seven days of the declaration of ECS results by ICAP may contact the Examination Department at examinations@icap.org.pk to obtain a copy.