

ACER Assessment of Languages Competence (ALC) Tests

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The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) ALC is a suite of online tests, designed to assess primary and secondary students' linguistic skills.

The tests provide teachers with a snap shot of student learning at a given time and are a valuable tool for including in forming assessment of student competence and for reporting of student achievement. Test items have been developed to align with Australian Curriculum requirements.

The ALC tests focus on listening and reading and are available in the following languages and at different levels:

Chinese Additional, Chinese Background speakers, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish.

Feedback from ACT schools using ALC as part of their teaching and learning program has emphasised the quality and functionality of the tests. Students also like receiving recognition of their languages learning. The ALC Certificate does this and can also be used as part of a student portfolio of achievement for future use or as an in-school languages award.

Registration is now open until 31 July 2017 at a cost of \$10 per student. Schools can deliver the tests from 1 August – 31 August 2017.

The ALC cost includes: **an online test**, an **individual student certificate** in a digital format and an **interactive school report**.

Further information including sample materials and how to register for ALC tests in 2017 is available at www.acer.org/alc. For further clarification, please either email alc@acer.org or phone [+61 3 9277 5615](tel:+61392775615).

Assessment of Languages Competence (ALC) PILOT tests 2017

The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) has developed 4 language tests as part of the Assessment of Languages Competence (ALC) which will be **piloted FREE OF CHARGE in August**.

The tests for pilot are:

- Chinese Additional Certificate 3
- Chinese Background Certificate 3
- Modern Greek Certificate 3
- Spanish Certificate 3

These tests would appeal to ACT Colleges and schools with Years 11 & 12 or to schools with students in Year 10 who have experienced a comprehensive languages program.

This is a call for Expressions of Interest from schools wishing to participate in the FREE pilot.

Further information about all ALC tests is available at www.acer.org/alc

To express interest, please email alc@acer.edu.au with **EOI ALC PILOT in the subject line**. Please also indicate the language and number of students.

As a thank you, students will receive a Certificate of Competency and teachers will receive a group report in early October.