

## **Guide for Computer-Based Testing (written papers only)**

### **1. Application**

You can apply for approval to offer computer-based tests, provided your school equipment meets the Minimum Technical Requirements and that you have access to venues with appropriate technology and facilities.

### **2. Installation of software**

Before you become approved as a computer-based testing (CBT) closed sub-centre, you must have the *Connect* software installed and make sure it works on the local infrastructure. You will need support from your local technician, who can provide information about the network and can support with installation. Also, in some cases, installation is possible only when logged on as an administrator, therefore these credentials must be available both to the contact person in the school and to the supervisor/technician appointed by the British Council.

### **3. Familiarisation test**

Before a decision is made whether to run computer-based (CB) tests on your school premises, the British Council centre, with the help of the contact person, will run at least one dummy test. The local technician and the contact person will access The Technician Guide and Software from the British Council website below and read the instructions before they start installation:

<https://centre.connectplus.rm.com/?ReturnUrl=%2f74ce6b05-e22c-4343-aa04-e0bc4ebc8a8b%2fDashboard%2fTestCentreDashboard>

After an application has been accepted and the software has been tested, the closed sub-centre can send their registration. The British Council centre will ensure that all venues meet Cambridge English requirements and have suitable technical support available on the test day.

### **4. Minimum technical requirements**

#### **Minimum system specifications**

The following minimum specifications provide acceptable performance for the majority of tests. Note however that larger tests may require higher specification computers. The system can only operate on Windows 7, 8 or 10.

#### **Minimum Candidate computer specification**

Processor Speed:

Intel i5-4200M 2.50GHz, AMD Phenom II X4 20 or equivalent

Memory (RAM): 4 GB

Local HDD: 4 GB

#### **Minimum admin computer specification:**

Processor Speed:

Intel i5-4200M 2.50GHz, AMD Phenom II X4 20 or equivalent

Memory (RAM): 4 GB

Local HDD: 4 GB

#### **Connectivity**

## **Ghid pentru probele sustinute pe calculator (doar probele scrise)**

### **1. Solicitare**

Puteti solicita aprobarea probelor sustinute pe calculator, cu conditia ca echipamentul scolii sa respecte cerintele tehnice minime si sa aveti acces la tehnologia adecvata in salile de examen.

### **2. Instalarea programelor soft**

Inainte sa fiti aprobat ca centru pentru examene pe calculator, trebuie sa aveti programul *Connect* instalat si sa va asigurati ca functioneaza pe infrastructura locala. Aveti nevoie de tehnicianul institutiei dvs care sa aiba toate informatiile despre retea si sa duca la bun sfirsit instalarea. De asemenea, in unele cazuri, instalarea este posibila doar atunci cand se conecteaza un administrator, prin urmare, aceste informatii trebuie sa fie disponibile atat persoanei de contact din scoala, cat si supervizorului/tehnicianului numit de British Council.

### **3. Testul de proba**

Inaintea luarii unei decizii privind probele sustinute pe calculator (CBT) la sediul scolii dvs., centrul British Council, cu ajutorul persoanei de contact, vor derula cel puțin un test. Tehnicianul local si persoana de contact vor accesa Ghidul Tehnicianului si Programul Soft indicat de pagina de internet de mai jos si vor citi aceste instructiuni inainte sa inceapa instalarea: <https://centre.connectplus.rm.com/?ReturnUrl=%2f74ce6b05-e22c-4343-aa04-e0bc4ebc8a8b%2fDashboard%2fTestCentreDashboard>

Dupa ce solicitarea a fost acceptata si softul testat, sub-centrul inchis poate face inscrieri pentru o sesiune. Centrul British Council se va asigura ca toate locurile de examen corespund cerintelor Cambridge English si au sprijin tehnic adecvat in ziua probei.

### **4. Cerinte tehnice minime**

#### **Specificatii minime de sistem**

Specificatiile minime de mai jos prevad functionarea optima a majoritatii sesiunilor de examinare. De retinut insa ca sesiunile cu numere mari de candidati pot solicita specificatii tehnice superioare acestora. Platforma poate opera doar pe sistem Windows 7, 8 sau 10.

#### **Specificatii minime calculatoare pentru candidati**

Viteza procesor: Intel i5-4200M 2.50GHz, AMD Phenom II X4 20 sau echivalent

Memorie (RAM): 4 GB

HDD local: 4 GB

#### **Specificatii minime calculatoare administrative**

Viteza procesor: Intel i5-4200M 2.50GHz, AMD Phenom II X4 20 sau echivalent

Memorie (RAM): 4 GB

- Minimum Internet bandwidth: 2 Mbps
- Minimum LAN wireless bandwidth: 90 Mbps 802.11n, ac or equivalent
- Minimum LAN wired bandwidth: 100 Mbps
- Microsoft.NET 4.5.2

The bandwidths given above reflect the bandwidth actually available to Connect Plus (i.e. the network is not being used for other purposes at the same time, and this is the actual bandwidth available, not just that claimed by your Internet Service Provider).

#### **Disk space requirements**

A clean installation of the Candidate or Administrator computer software (no test content and no test responses) requires approximately 300 MB of hard disk space.

The space requirement will increase as tests are downloaded to computers and test responses are generated. The total space required will depend on the number and size of tests and the frequency of testing. You should allow a minimum of 2 GB of free space on each computer.

After the test window has passed, Connect Plus automatically deletes successfully uploaded and processed test responses from computers.

Test Centres will use at least one administrator computer per 100 candidate computers. It is also recommended that you set up and make available one spare admin computer for use in case of failure.

HDD local: 4 GB

#### **Conexiune Internet**

- Viteza minima: 2 Mbps
- Viteza minima LAN wireless: 90 Mbps 802.11n, ac sau echivalent
- Viteza minima LAN prin cablu: 100 Mbps
- Microsoft.NET 4.5.2

Vitezele specificate mai sus sunt cele disponibile pentru functionarea efectiva a soft-ului Connect Plus (adica retea nu mai este folosita pentru alte scopuri pe durata examenului si aceasta este viteza disponibila, nu pretinsa de furnizorul de servicii de internet).

#### **Specificatii de stocare**

Instalarea soft-ului, indiferent ca este cel de candidat sau de administrator (fara continut si raspunsuri) solicita aproximativ 300 MB de spatiu de hard disk. Spatiul solicitat de soft va creste pe masura ce sunt descarcate teste si generate raspunsuri. Spatiul total ocupat depinde de numarul, amploarea si frecventa testarilor. Fiecare calculator are nevoie de minim 2 GB liberi.

Dupa incheierea perioadei de testare, soft-ul Connect Plus sterge automat de pe toate calculatoarele raspunsurile incarcate cu succes si procesate.

Centrele de testare vor folosi cel putin un calculator de administrare per 100 de calculatoare de candidati. Este de asemenea recomandat sa aiba pregatit un calculator de administrare de rezerva.