

2019 LPE - EXAM INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The written part of the 2019 Language Proficiency Examination will be administered and proctored remotely using the UN Online Examinations and Testing System and an online proctoring application.

Shortly after receiving an invitation to the written part of LPE, candidates will receive an email with a link to the online exam system to complete the "Onboarding" process and try practice tests. The onboarding process is a way for us to confirm your identify and ensure that your system meets the requirements for the actual test. In order to proceed with the actual test, you must first complete the onboarding process via the online proctoring application.

Onboarding window opens for all languages: 1 September 2019

Onboarding window closes for all languages: 27 September 2019

The practice tests can be accessed as many times as needed until 11:59 pm (23:59 hours) New York time of the day before the actual exam dates indicated below:

The actual test windows:

- Arabic & Chinese: Wednesday, 2 October 2019, from 6:00 a.m. (06:00 hours) to 3:00 p.m. (15:00 hours) New York time
- Russian: Tuesday, 8 October 2019, from 6:00 a.m. (06:00 hours) to 2:00 p.m. (14:00 hours) New York time
- Spanish: Wednesday, 16 October 2019, from 6:00 a.m. (06:00 hours) to 2:00 p.m. (14:00 hours) New York time
- French: Tuesday, 22 October 2019, from 6:00 a.m. (06:00 hours) to 2:00 p.m. (14:00 hours) New York time
- English: Tuesday, 29 October 2019

English Group A*: 3:00 AM - 7:00 AM (New York time - EST)

English Group B*: 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM (New York time - EST)

English Group C*: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (New York time - EST)

*Note: Those taking the LPE in English will be assigned to one of the three groups according to their time zone.

System requirements:

A computer (Windows or Mac) with internet access, a webcam with a microphone, a speaker or a headset, a quiet room with no distraction. Appropriate keyboard input settings to type essay questions in the target language. If a candidate has no physical keyboard in the target language, s/he may print, and refer to, the desired keyboard layout during the examination.

The use of any online or physical reference and translation tools is prohibited, except the use of spell checker in the browser. Before you attempt the test, you must disable any translation feature of your browser.

The examination will be administered in two proctored sessions as follows:

PART I - Listening Comprehension and Writing to a Set Topic (90 minutes) (45 points)

PART II - Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, and Grammar (100 minutes) (55 points)

Candidates must complete each session in one sitting and are not allowed to leave the computer during the proctored test session.

Detailed instructions for taking the proctored online exam will be provided to candidates when they are invited to the exam.

Instruction for the oral part of the examination scheduled in October and November will be available in due course.