

Language & Use Advanced

The exam regulations stipulate that you may be eligible for an alternative form of assessment if you have failed the Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA exam twice. Please see below for detailed information on how to demonstrate that you have reached the required level of English (C2 on the CEFR).

The requirements, in a nutshell, are as follows. We will accept a pass grade of at least **200 points overall and no less than 190 points in any of the five skills/sections (Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Use of English)** in the **Cambridge C2 Proficiency Exam in lieu of a third attempt at the LC IV part of Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA**. C2 Proficiency is the most advanced English-language examination administered by Cambridge English Language Assessment, and it has been developed to show achievement of an extremely high level of English. Please see [here](#) for further information on the C2 Proficiency Exam. Seeing as this is an external exam, you will be responsible yourself for making all the arrangements necessary to take it. There are approximately six exam dates each year, a fee is payable, and it can be taken at various locations throughout Germany and abroad. The nearest exam centre is in Saarbrücken. Please see [here](#) for further information on the location of exam centres.

The advantage of the C2 Proficiency Exam is that you could, in theory, take it as many times as you like until you pass it without "wasting" your third Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA attempt. But please note that you will have to show proof of a pass grade in the C2 Proficiency Exam **before** you can register for Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA for the third time. If you take Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA three times and fail, we cannot retrospectively accept a pass grade in the C2 Proficiency Exam.

There are a number of further conditions that you need to be aware of:

- This offer is only valid as an alternative to your **third** Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA attempt. In other words, you will have to take L&U II/Advanced twice before showing proof of a pass grade in the C2 Proficiency Exam. That said, you can of course take the C2 Proficiency Exam before your second Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA attempt and use it as an insurance policy in case you fail the second attempt. But:

- You **cannot combine** multiple C2 Proficiency certificates to meet the minimum points requirement (200 overall; no less than 190 per skill/section). You must show us **one** certificate that meets the requirements.
- The C2 Proficiency certificate **must be in hand** by the time you register for the L&U II/Advanced exam. You cannot register unless you have sent us proof of a required grade in the C2 exam. Please manage your time accordingly.
- The C2 Proficiency certificate must never be older than two years.
- The C2 Proficiency Exam is **only valid as a substitute for the LC IV part of Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA**. You will still have to take the LC III part, along with a much reduced version of the LC IV part, which will mostly consist of items that are not explicitly tested in the C2 Proficiency Exam.
- The two-year validity requirement also works the other way round. In other words, you cannot pass our reduced part in 2026 and wait until 2028 to show us proof of a recently passed C2 Proficiency exam. **The C2 Proficiency certificate is a prerequisite for taking the reduced version of Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA.**

Please note that if you wish to take advantage of this option, we would encourage you to make an appointment with Dan Honert or Henry Rademacher to discuss whether this would be a suitable route for you. Before attempting the Language & Use II – LA / Advanced LA exam for the third and final time, it is also strongly recommended that you make an appointment either with Dr. Julia Dausend at the *Zentrales Prüfungssekretariat für Lehramtsstudiengänge* for a more general discussion about your individual circumstances.