

# Revisions to the ECPE in 2013

As part of an ongoing program of test review and renewal, Cambridge Michigan Language Assessments has introduced a number of innovations to the **Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)** during the last two years. These include:

- printed question stems for Part III of the listening section (the radio reports) in the examinees' test booklet
- a new 5-point writing scale
- a new speaking test
- a new approach to calculating the pass for an ECPE Certificate
- a scaled numeric score (0–1000) for the listening and GCVR sections

These changes reflect our commitment to providing examinees with a test that helps them to demonstrate their language proficiency and also offers helpful feedback on examinee performance.

**Now, Cambridge Michigan Language Assessments  
is happy to announce the 2013 revisions to the ECPE**

## ECPE Cloze Section

Currently, the ECPE cloze section features one long cloze passage with twenty items. As of May 2013, the ECPE cloze section will feature two shorter cloze passages with ten items each. The total number of items to be answered will not change, but examinees will have a greater variety of topics to engage with. In order to familiarize teachers and test takers with this change to the ECPE format, a full GCVR section will be available on the website in January 2012.

## ECPE Preliminary Test

After extensive consultation with test centers, Cambridge Michigan Language Assessments has decided to discontinue the ECPE Preliminary Test and replace it with ECPE practice materials. The last ECPE Preliminary Test will be issued in April 2012. The first practice materials pack will be available for purchase in March 2013.

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