

## APPENDIX No. 1

to the CEMS MIM Selection Rules &amp; Regulations

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR CEMS MIM***(last update – 22 June 2026)*

1. According to the CEMS MIM requirements, as recommended by the CEMS Languages Advisory Committee and approved by the CEMS Academic Committee, all candidates must present one of the following certificates of their proficiency in English, which automatically is their first foreign language (FL 1):
  - a) TOEFL iBT with the result of 100 or higher,
  - b) TOEFL iBT (2026 version) 5.0 or higher overall score band (provided the candidate score at any of the skills is not lower than 4.5),
  - c) IELTS (Academic) at 7.0 level overall score band or higher,
  - d) CAE at „B” level or higher
  - e) CPE (Grade A, B, C, or C1 Certificate)
  - f) BEC Higher (Grade “B” or higher)
  - g) PTE Academic (minimum score: 68)
  - h) GCSE (A-Level) exam issued in Singapore
2. Exemption from the above rule is granted to:
  - a) graduates of undergraduate or graduate level study programmes, (with English as the language of instruction) at CEMS member universities/schools, or universities/schools that are EQUIS or AACSB International accredited,
  - b) graduates of double degree programmes in English at the above mentioned universities;
  - c) bachelor’s degrees issued in an English-speaking country;
  - d) students who completed CEMS Accredited Course in English at C1 or C2 level (both written and oral).
3. Proof of proficiency in the second foreign language (FL2) is optional and verified based on:
  - a) SGH Language Competence Tests passed at a minimum level of B1 (taken in the calendar year calculated according to the following formula:  $x-2$ , where “x” stands for the calendar year in which the selection takes place),
  - b) CNJO certificate on completing SGH tutorials in foreign language for economics (*zaświadczenie o ukończeniu lektoratu z języka obcego ekonomicznego*) signed by CNJO director at minimum level of B1,
  - c) commercial tests’ certificates listed in Table 1 passed at the B1 minimum level, provided they fulfil validity periods, as stipulated in clause 4.
  - d) CEMS Accredited Language Course,
  - e) SGH tutorials or accepted university/commercial courses at elementary level (A1 or A2) credited with at least 5 ECTS,
  - f) CEMS accredited cultural institute course at B1 level minimum with workload of 4-6 contact hours per week, per semester (minimum 60 contact hours). Important: no minimum workload applied to courses at B2 or higher level. The courses must be in-person or live online.
4. The validity of commercial tests and CNJO certificates is limited by CEMS according to the level of proficiency (in ESOP/CEF scale) to:
  - a) 2 calendar years for A1 to B1+ level certificates,
  - b) 5 calendar years for B2 and B2+ level certificates,

c) eternal validity for C1 or higher-level certificates.

The validity period is defined as calendar years before the planned start of the MIM year and calculated according to the following formula:  $x - \text{years of validity}$ , where "x" stands for the calendar year in which the student begins his/her MIM year.

5. In the case described in clause 3.b, the candidate is awarded points assigned to a given level of proficiency (in ESOP/CEF scale) for SGH tutorials according to Table 1; the certificates are issued by CNJO on the candidate's request according to the rules as announced at: [Lektoraty | SGH | Szkoła Główna Handlowa w Warszawie](#)
6. In the case described in clause 3.d, the candidate is awarded points assigned to a given level of proficiency (in ESOP/CEF scale) for SGH tutorials according to Table 1.
7. In the case described in clause 3.e, the candidate is not awarded 1 point.
8. In the case described in clause 3.f, the candidate is awarded points equal to B1 level proficiency.
9. Optionally, students may be assigned points for the given (other than English) language, provided they submit a copy (or upon request also the original) of:
  - a) certificate of secondary education abroad in a foreign language - the equivalent of B2 proficiency level,
  - b) certificate of maturity (secondary education) obtained from a school in Poland with a foreign language of instruction or a certificate that confirms that a given student may enrol for studies abroad in the given language - equivalent of B2 proficiency level,
  - c) diploma of graduation from studies abroad in the given language (the language of instruction) – equivalent of C1 proficiency level.
10. In the case of languages that are neither tested at SGH nor stipulated in Table 1.:
  - a) the student is obliged to present proof of taking courses in the given language with an achieved level of proficiency in the CEF scale and ECTS credits awarded, or any certificate, (provided it contains information about the level of proficiency in the CEF scale or such information is published by the issuing body);
  - b) the final decision on whether to accept the presented document as proof of proficiency will be made by the CEMS Language Co-ordinator at SGH;
  - c) the number of points awarded for that language will equal the number of points assigned to a given level of proficiency (in ESOP/CEF scale) for SGH tutorials according to Table 1.
11. Native speakers of English (or candidates who declared English as their mother tongue) must select another language as FL1 and provide proof of proficiency or pass the SGH Language Competence Test at the B1 minimum level.
12. Candidates who claim any FL language by submitting the MDF declaration (as mother tongue) will be awarded points equal to C1 proficiency level according to Table 1.
13. Certificates that do not fulfil minimum requirements, will not be accepted.
14. Certificates obtained based on "Home" editions of the tests will be accepted equal to their regular versions.
15. All above-mentioned confirmations of proficiency in a foreign language (except the results of the SGH Language Competence Test) must be uploaded during the application online or by email to [cems@sgh.waw.pl](mailto:cems@sgh.waw.pl) by the deadline (as announced in Appendix 4).

**TABLE 1.**  
A LIST OF SGH-ACCEPTED COMMERCIAL TESTS WITH CONVERSION  
INTO SELECTION POINTS AND CEMS MIM APPLICABILITY

Language	Certificate	Test result		Proficiency level in CEFR scale	Selection points awarded
ENGLISH	TOEFL	iBT	New iBT 2026		
		100-107	5.0	C1	N/A
		108-113	5.5	C1+	N/A
		114-120	6.0	C2	N/A
	IELTS (Academic)	7.0-7.5		C1	N/A
		8.0		C1+	N/A
		8.5-9.0		C2	N/A
	CAE	B		C1+	N/A
		A		C2	N/A
	CPE	Level C1 Certificate		C1	N/A
		C		C2	N/A
		B		C2	N/A
		A		C2+	N/A
	BEC	Higher (A)		C1	N/A
		Higher (B)		C1	N/A
GCSE	A-level (issued in Singapore)		C1	N/A	
PTE (Academic)	68-78		C1	N/A	
	79-82		C1+	N/A	
	83-90		C2	N/A	
CHINESE	HSK	3 (min. score: 180)		B1	2.5
		4 (min. score: 180)		B2	5
		5 (min. score: 180)		C1	7.5
		6 (min. score: 110)		C2	10
	HSKK (min. score 60)	Basic/Primary		B1	2.5
		Intermediate		B2	5
		Advanced		C2	10
	Business Chinese Test	BCT 2		B1	2.5
BCT 3		B2	5		
BCT 4 (300-399)		C1	7.5		
BCT 5		C2	10		
CROATIAN	University of Zagreb - Croaticum			B1	2.5
				B2	5
				C2	10
CZECH	State exam	The Language School of the Capital City Prague		B1	2.5
				B2	5
				C1	7.5
	CCE	Charles University		B1	2.5
				B2	5
DANISH	Prøve i Dansk 2		B1	2.5	
	Prøve i Dansk 3		B2	5	
	Studieprøven		C1	7.5	

<b>DUTCH</b>	NT2	Programma I	B1	2.5	
		Programma II	B2	5	
	PMT	CNaVT-KUL	B1	2.5	
			B2	5	
			B2	5	
			C1	7.5	
PAT					
<b>FINNISH</b>	YKI Suomen kieli	YKI 3	B1	2.5	
		YKI 4	B2	5	
		YKI 5	C1	7.5	
		YKI 6	C2	10	
	Finnish National Agency for Education	VKT – satisfactory	B1	2.5	
		VKT – Good	B2	5	
VKT - Excellent		C2	10		
<b>FRENCH</b>	DELFI	EFI	B1	2.5	
			B2	5	
	DFP Affaires / Relations Internationales	CCI Paris île-de-France	B1	2.5	
			B2	5	
			C1	7.5	
			C2	10	
	DALF	EFI	C1	7.5	
			C2	10	
	TEFAQ	CCI Paris île-de-France (4 skills: CE/CO/EE/EO)	B1	2.5	
			B2	5	
			C1	7.5	
			C2	10	
	TEF / TEF Canada	CCI Paris île-de-France (4 skills: CE/CO/EE/EO)	B1	2.5	
			B2	5	
C1			7.5		
C2			10		
<b>GERMAN</b>	ÖSD	Zertifikat B1/B2	B1	2.5	
		Zertifikat B1/B2	B2	5	
		Zertifikat C1/Oberstufe Deutsch	C1	7.5	
		Zert. C2/Wirtschaftsprache Deutsch	C2	10	
	DSD II	Zweite Stufe	B1	2.5	
			B2	5	
			C1	7.5	
	TestDaF*	TDN 3	B2	5	
			TDN 4	B2+	6
			TDN 5	C1	7.5
	Goethe	Goethe Zertifikat	B1	2.5	
			B2	5	
			C1	7.5	
			C2 (GDS)	C2	10
	DSH	DSH-1	(57-61%)	B1+	3
			(62-66%)	B2	5
		DSH-2	(67-74%)	B2+	6
			(75-81%)	C1	7.5
		DSH-3	(82-89%)	C1+	9
			(90-50%)	C2	10
telc Deutsch, telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule	Telc GmbH	B1	2.5		
		B2	5		
		C1	7.5		
		C2	10		

<b>GERMAN</b> (cont.)	UNlcert® AKS	Stufe I		B1	2.5
		Stufe II		B2	5
		Stufe III		C1	7.5
		Stufe IV		C2	10
	Prüfungsteil "Deutsch"	Studienkollegs in Deutschland		C1	7.5
			C2	10	
<b>GREEK</b>	Certificate of Attainment in Greek	B1		B1	2.5
		B2		B2	5
		C1		C1	7.5
		C2		C2	10
<b>HUNGARIAN</b>	ELTE Idegen-nyeovi Tovab- bkepzo központ	ORIGO nyelvvizsga egynyelvü	alapfokú	B1	2.5
			közepfokú	B2	5
			felsőfokú	C1	7.5
<b>IRISH</b>	TEG	Meánleibhéal 1		B1	2.5
		Meánleibhéal 2		B2	5
		Ardleibhéal 1		C1	7.5
<b>ITALIAN</b>	CIC	Intermedio		B1	2.5
		Avanzato		C1	7.5
	CELI (Perugia)	2		B1	2.5
		3		B2	5
		4		C1	7.5
		5		C2	10
	CILS (Siena)	CILS 1		B1	2.5
		CILS 2		B2	5
		CILS 3		C1	7.5
		CILS 4		C2	10
	AIL (Florence)	DILI B1/DILC		B1	2.5
		DILI B2		B2	5
		DALI 1/DALC		C1	7.5
DALI 2		C2	10		
<b>JAPANESE</b>	JLPT	N4		B1	2.5
		N3		B2	5
		N2		C1	7.5
		N1		C2	10
<b>KOREAN</b>	TOPIK II	Level 3		B1	2.5
		Level 4		B2	5
		Level 5		C1	7.5
		Level 6		C2	10
<b>LUXEMBOURGISH</b>	LaF	Institut National des Langues (Luxembourg)		B1	2.5
				B2	5
				C1	7.5
<b>NORWEGIAN</b>	Bergenstesten	Folkeuniversitetet Test i norsk - høyere nivå,		B2	5
				C1	7.5
	Direktorater for høyere utdanning og kmpetanse	Norskprøve		B1	2.5
				B2	5
				C1	7.5
<b>POLISH</b>	State Certificate Examination in Polish as a FL	Poziom podstawowy		B1	2.5
		Poziom średni ogólny		B2	5
		Poziom zaawansowany		C2	10

<b>PORTUGUESE</b>	DEPLE		B1	2.5	
	DIPLE		B2	5	
	DAPLE		C1	7.5	
	DUPLE		C2	10	
	CELPE-Bras	Intermediário		B1	2.5
		Intermediário Superior		B2	5
		Avançado		C1	7.5
Avançado Superior			C2	10	
<b>RUSSIAN</b>	TORFL-TEU/TBU	Passed	A1/A2	0	
	TORFL-TKRI 1	Passed	B1	2.5	
	TORFL-TKRI 2	Passed	B2	5	
	TORFL-TKRI 3	Passed	C1	7.5	
	TORFL-TKRI 4	Passed	C2	10	
<b>SPANISH</b>	Global DELE	Nivel B1	B1	2.5	
		Nivel B2 (Intermedio)	B2	5	
		Nivel C1	C1	7.5	
		Nivel C2	C2	10	
	Global SIELE	459-684,99	B1	2.5	
		685-857,99	B2	5	
		858-500	C1	7.5	
<b>SWEDISH</b>		Sfiprøvet	B1	2.5	
		SWEDEX	B1	2.5	
			B2	5	
	Finnish National Agency for Education	TISUS	C1	7.5	
		VKT – satisfactory	B1	2.5	
		VKT – Good	B2	5	
		VKT - Excellent	C2	10	
<b>ANY LANGUAGE (FL2)</b>	Test kompetencyjny SGH	60-69	B1	2.5	
		70-75	B1+	3	
		76-82	B2	5	
		83-87	B2+	6	
		88-92	C1	7.5	
		93-97	C1+	9	
		98-100	C2	10	
	CNJO Certificate (tutorials)***		B1	2.5	
			B1+	3	
			B2	5	
			B2+	6	
			C1	7.5	
			C1+	9	
	TELC BULATS (all parts, overall band), Linguaskill (all parts, average score) onDaF, onSET, other certificates		C2	10	
			B1	2.5	
			B2	5	
			C1	7.5	
			C2	10	
	Tutorials or elementary level courses (as described in clause 3.e)			A1 or A2	1



Mandatory Certificates of Proficiency in English



Certificate or test result not sufficient to fulfil FL2 requirement or not accepted by CEMS.

	Certificate level accepted as FL2 (third language)
*	TestDaF/DSD II – It is required to achieve the given level of TDN/CEF in all 4 criteria
**	Based on the CNJO certificate and translated according to the CNJO conversion table of the grades into CEF/ESOP scale presented in Tables 2 & 3
***	B1 and B1+ results are exempt from CEMS language tests only if the tutorials were completed within 2 years before the CEMS MIM year.

Unless otherwise stated, the student must take an exam in all tested skills. Exams taken only in selected parts (e.g. Writing & Listening, but without Speaking & Reading, etc.) will not be accepted.

### **COMBINATIONS OF LANGUAGES THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CLAIM YOUR FL2 PROFICIENCY**

CEMS requires graduation proficiency in three languages including your mother tongue. However, there are certain combinations of languages that (due to proximity or other reasons) are not allowed. For example, if you are a citizen of Belarus and you have completed education in Russian, you cannot claim proficiency in three languages: English, Belarussian and Russian. You must be proficient in another language to claim it and get extra selection points for proficiency in FL2 in such a case.

However, if you are a citizen of Belarus, and you have completed studies in Polish, then you may claim your Belarussian as your mother tongue and Polish as your FL2 (your FL1 is English in this case).

Here is the current list of CEMS-banned combinations of languages:

- Bosnian / Croatian / Serbian / Montenegrin / Slovenian
- Danish / Faroese
- Danish / Norwegian / Swedish
- Dutch / Flemish / Frisian / Afrikaans
- Kazak / Russian
- Slovak / Czech
- Spanish / Catalan
- Ukrainian / Belarusian / Russian
- Luxembourgisher / German
- Galician /Spanish

### **A LIST OF MAJORITY SPEAKING COUNTRIES WHOSE CITIZENS MAY CLAIM THAT ENGLISH IS THEIR MOTHER TONGUE**

Depending on the source, there are up to 85 countries considered as English-speaking. Here is the official SGH list of accepted and considered countries and territories, whose citizens may claim they are English-speaking:

- Ireland
- The British Commonwealth selected countries (as listed below)
- The British Overseas Territories
- United States of America and depended territories (incorporated and non-incorporated)

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH/COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS LIST CONSIDERED AS ENGLISH-SPEAKING:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Dominica
- Fiji
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guyana
- India
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Malta
- Mauritius
- Namibia
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Rwanda
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Tanzania
- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- Vanuatu
- Zambia

OTHER ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES (SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL DECISION):

- Burundi
- Cook Islands (New Zealand)
- Curaçao
- Eswatini
- Gambia
- Lesotho
- Marshall Islands (Micronesia)
- Nauru (Micronesia)
- Niue (New Zealand)
- Norfolk Island (Australia)
- Palau (US)
- Philippines
- Sint Maarten (The Netherlands)
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Zimbabwe