# Language Proficiency Exams C1/ Fachprüfung Sprachbeherrschung 2026/27

**1. Date**

February 2027:

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| written exam | 01.02.2027 | 09.00 – 12.00 | PHDL: SR AS01 |
| oral exam | 02.02.2027 | 09.00 – 14.00 | PHDL: SR AS10 (preparation), SR AS09 (exams) |

**2. Registration**

Registration will be via PHDL PH-Online. Please search for ASB4EN6SBP FP Sprachbeherrschung C1 exam.

Students must have received credits for the required courses Modules E B 5: Approaching C1 and E B 6: Consolidating C1, this includes students' marks for the course E B 6.2 PS Written Production II (4th semester), until 7 days prior to the exam at the latest.

- Registration period: 29.10.26 – 11.01.27 (sign-off open until 27.01.27)

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**3. Passed partial exam**

Previously passed partial exams will be kept for a maximum of 13 months. If students resit the exam within this period, they only need to retake the part which they failed before. There is no legal entitlement!
Partial exam grades from Salzburg cannot be transferred to Linz and vice versa!

**4. Examination format and assessment**

The 'Fachprüfung Sprachbeherrschung' consists of:

1. Oral exam (50% of the final grade)
   a. Preparation (15 min): two prompts to choose from, students may use a monolingual dictionary
   b. Oral exam (5 min): a short talk on one topic in front of two examiners; students may use flashcards
   c. Assessment and feedback (5 min), based on level C1 of the CEFR

   The exact exam schedule will be made available three days before the exam at the latest!

2. Written exam (50% of the final grade):
   a. Text production (25%): Potential text types are argumentative essay, descriptive text, letter or email of complaint, as well as a blog response. Students may use one monolingual dictionary for the writing task. 400 words.
   b. Language in use (25%): Grammar & vocabulary

   In order to pass the written exam, both language in use and text production must be positive.

**5. Grades and feedback**

Your final grades will show in PH-Online within 4 weeks after students sat the exam. Office hours in which you can look at your exam paper and receive feedback on the written part of the exam will be offered after grading has been completed.

**6. Recommended literature**

Advanced Grammar

- Hall, D., & Foley, M. (2012). *My grammar lab advanced C1/C2*. Pearson Longman.
- McCarthy, M., & O'Dell, F. (2012). *English vocabulary in use. Upper-intermediate* (3rd ed.). Cambridge University Press.
- Swan, M., & Walter, C. (2011). *Oxford English grammar course. Advanced. With answers and pronunciation for grammar CD-ROM.* Oxford University Press.

Listening & Speaking

- Mann, M., & Taylore-Knowles, S. (2008). *Destination C1 & C2. Grammar and Vocabulary with Answer Key.* Macmillan Publishers Limited.

Written Production II

- McCarthy, M., & O'Dell, F. (2016). *Academic vocabulary in use.* Cambridge University Press.
- McCarthy, M., & O'Dell, F. (2017). *English vocabulary in use – advanced.* Cambridge University Press.
- Oshima, A., & Hogue, A. (2017). *Longman academic writing series 4* (5th ed.). Pearson.