**ALLEGATO 1**

**Cambridge English CB Benchmarking Test**

**Minimum Technical Requirements**

The hardware requirements for running the benchmarking are not very high, because it does not take up very much memory or disk space. However, all computers used must have a sound card (or built-in sound).

**The minimum technical requirements that each computer must have, to be able to run the test correctly, are shown in the table below:**

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| **Component** | **Minimum spec.** |
| **Processor** | Pentium III 800MHz or equivalent |
| **RAM** | 512 MB |
| **Free hard drive space** | 4 GB |
| **Screen resolution** | 1280 x 1024 |
| **Operating system** | Windows XP – Windows 10, and a recent version of Apple OS X |
| **Internet connection/bandwidth** | 4 Mbps |
| **Web browser** | Internet Explorer version 8 (or later), recent versions of Chrome (recommended), Safari, Firefox |
| **Adobe Acrobat** | version 7 (or later) |
| **Adobe Flash Player** | version 10.1 (or later) |
| **Additional** | Sound card and headset with microphone |

***Please note*** *that test can also be taken on* ***Apple Macs*** *or* ***Linux*** *computers with similar minimum specifications. However,* ***iOS*** *(iPad or iPhone) or* ***Android*** *devices are* ***NOT*** *currently supported*

**Additional requirements**

Candidates must have access to a head-set preferably with high-quality earpieces. The recommended specifications for head-sets are:

**Over-ear and closed back** – the earpieces of the headphones should cover the entire ear, preferably with a good padding for comfort.

**Plug** – there is no preference on plugs (that is, USB or standard stereo). *However*, note that the use of USB plugs means that appropriate drivers must be installed prior to use, which must be allowed for during test setup.