This guide is intended to give an overview of institutions offering English certifications; it however does not display all available testing institutions, which might be accepted. The information is valid at the time of this writing and may change without the author’s knowledge. Please check the listed websites for alterations. Please note that we cannot be held responsible for the content of websites listed in this information booklet, as they are not under the management of the AAF.
1. Overview

Please find an overview and a comparison of English Testing Institutions on this website: https://www.ef.co.at/englischttests/

2. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT)

The TOEFL Test is a standardized, internet-based English certificate, which is most common for applying at universities in the US and Canada. It is equally testing the following four areas: reading comprehension, listening comprehension, speaking and written expression. Each testing part is graded up to 30 points which adds up to a maximum of 120 points. The test takes place at authorized testing centers and lasts for 270 minutes. The certificate is valid for 2 years after the exam has been taken. Testing Location, dates and price (USD 250) for the TOEFL Test in Austria can be found under this link. Please find more information about the TOEFL iBT on the official Website: https://www.ets.org/toefl and please have a look at frequently asked questions: https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/faq

Please find an overview of testing scores underneath:
A1: 9 - 29
A2: 30 - 42
B1: 43 - 71
B2: 72 - 94
C1: 95 - 120

3. International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic)

IELTS is similar to the TOEFL test. It also tests following four parts: listening, reading, writing and speaking and lasts approximately 3 hours. Unlike the TOEFL iBT, the speaking test is conducted face-to-face with a certified examiner. The total grade for the IELTS test ranges from 1-9. Currently, the IELTS costs € 226 and is valid for two years. In Austria, the British Council offers IELTS tests. Please find more information about the testing location, dates and price here: https://admissiontestportal.com/

4. Cambridge English Language Assessment

The Cambridge English Language Assessment offers English Certificates for various language levels and consist of following five parts: Reading, Writing, Use of English, Listening and Speaking. The Cambridge certificate does not expire. The test (CAE) is offered in various testing locations; please find more information about locations and dates under this link: http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/de/find-a-centre/find-an-exam-centre/
Costs for the CAE - exam differ between different testing locations but usually costs around €250. The CAE can be taken in all federal states in Austria (not just in Vienna). Please find more information about the CAE under this link.