

《英语考试改革：安徽明年停止英语等级考试 系全国首例》

导读:12月15日，安徽省教育招生考试院发布通知：根据我省全国英语等级考试发展的实际情况，2017年我省全国英语等级考试停止考试。



East China's Anhui province will become the first province in China to drop the national Public English Test System (PETS), starting next year, reports anhuinews.com.

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PETS is a five-level system for people with various educational backgrounds working in a wide range of industries in different positions.

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It is speculated that Anhui will become one of the pilots to apply a new national English proficiency testing and rating system next year.

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The new system, which assesses English proficiency from a low to high level with nine grades, will offer a

consistent standard for English teaching and learning in China and match mature English teaching and evaluation systems around the world.

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Each grade will have its own requirements for language skills, including listening, speaking, reading, writing and translating, China Daily reports.

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Lin Huiqing, China's vice-minister of education, announced last month that the new rating system will be officially released next year, and a detailed plan about the national English tests will be carried out step by step before 2020.

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This accords with 2014 government guidelines to establish a better assessment system on foreign language proficiency.

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Besides PETS, major English testing systems currently in China include College English Test CET 4 and CET 6, Test for English Majors, Business English Certificate exam as well as English exam for job promotion.

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However, there's no integrated national standard to assess the performance of the 300 million English learners in China.

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It is expected that more provinces will abandon the current English testing systems soon.

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