

Are you looking for material
to prepare for your
Cambridge English Exam?



Mandat
Compuls
Obligat

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Mandatory (most common / least formal)

Ordered by a law or rule.

mandatory for:

A new accounting system will soon become mandatory for all departments.

It is mandatory to do sth

It's mandatory to wear a seat belt in the UK.

It is mandatory for sb to do something

It is mandatory for blood banks to test all donated blood for the virus.

Compulsory (less common)

That must be done because of a law or a rule.

compulsory for:

Education is compulsory for children between the ages of 5 and 16.

It is compulsory to do something

In China it is compulsory to register a new born baby with the local police.

It is compulsory for sb to do sth

It is compulsory for all motorcyclists to wear helmets.

Obligatory (least common/ most formal)

1. That you must do because of the law, rules, etc.

The college authorities have now made these classes obligatory.

obligatory for

These classes are obligatory for all first-year students.

obligatory to do something

It is obligatory to report all cases of the disease to the authorities.

It is obligatory for somebody to do something

It is obligatory for all employees to wear protective clothing.

2. used for describing sth that happens or is done so often that people expect it

This action film includes the obligatory chase scene.