

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

The **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)** is an internationally owned and globally recognized direct English language assessment of the highest quality and integrity readily available throughout the world.

IELTS is a highly dependable, practical and valid English language assessment primarily used by those seeking international education, professional recognition, bench-marking to international standards and global mobility.

IELTS is owned, developed and delivered through the partnership of the British Council, IDP: IELTS Australia and the University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate (UCLES).

Do you need to take IELTS?

IELTS, the International English Language Testing System, is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who need to study or work where English is used as the language of communication. IELTS tests are administered at accredited [Test Centers](#) throughout the world - there are currently more than **500** Centers, in over 120 countries.

IELTS covers all four language skills: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking and is offered in two test formats - Academic and General Training. All candidates take the same Listening and Speaking Modules and there is an option of either Academic or General Training Reading and Writing Modules.

Academic is suitable for candidates planning to undertake higher education study or who are seeking professional registration. General Training is suitable for candidates planning to undertake non-academic training or work experience, or for immigration purposes.

IELTS is recognized by universities and employers in many countries, including Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the UK and the USA. It is also recognized by professional bodies, immigration authorities and other government agencies.

Format:-

Candidates are tested in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.
The test has different sections:

Section	Description	Duration
1.	Listening Section	30 minutes + 10 minutes (to transfer the answer to answer sheet)
2.	Academic Reading/ General Training Reading Section	60 minutes
3.	Academic Writing/ General Training Writing Section	60 minutes
4.	Speaking Section	11 - 14 minutes
	Total	2 Hours 45 minutes

The Listening Section - Duration: 30 minutes + 10 minutes

Academic reading/general training reading section - Duration: 60 minutes

Academic writing/general training writing section - Duration: 60 minutes

Speaking Section: Duration: 11 - 14 minutes

Total test time: 2 hours and 45 minutes

You will receive a separate Band Score. The four Band Scores, one for each section are added together and averaged for an Overall Band Score. Each Band has a statement giving a summary of the English at that level. There are nine Band levels, from one (nonuser) to nine (expert user).

The minimum score accepted for a course ranges from 5.0 to 7.5, depending upon courses and institutes you are applying to. The most common requirement is a band score of 6 to 6.5 mainly for academic purpose. The requirement of IELTS score may vary in case of immigration cases. It is advisable that one must check the IELTS score requirement before applying to the concerned department.

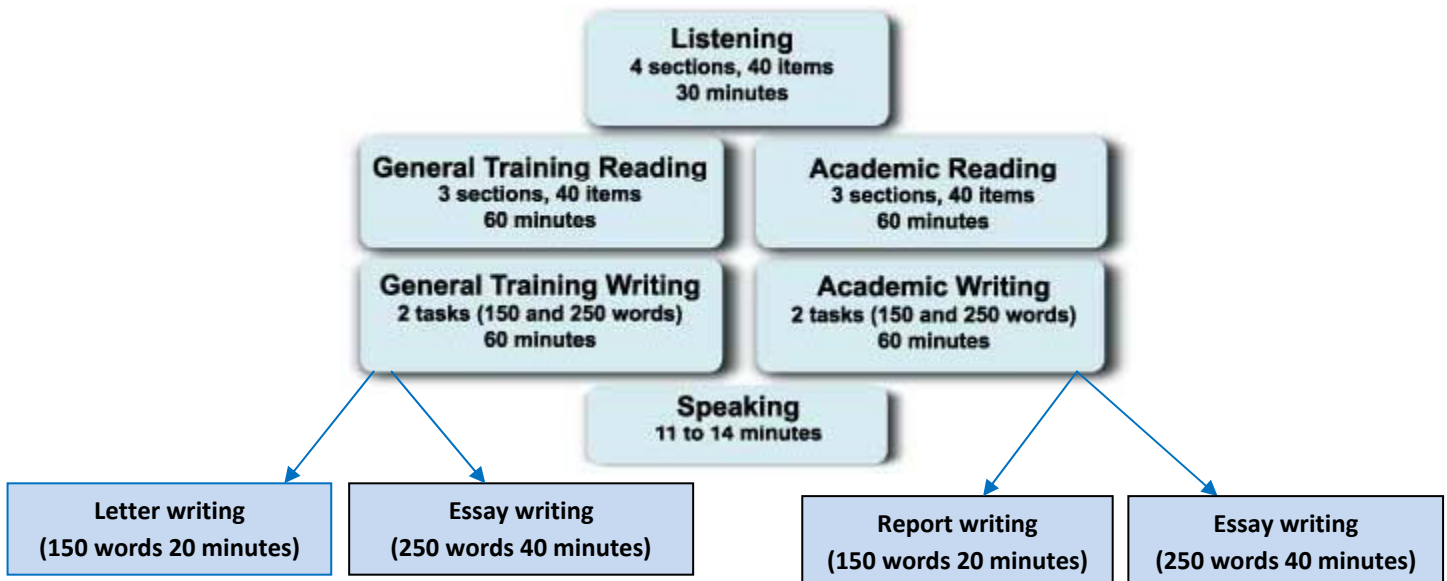
Test Reports have a validity of two years.

You can retake the test if you do not achieve the desired score at any point of time. But it is advisable that before re-appearing, candidate **MUST** prepare well so as to score the desired result.

The IELTS test structure

All candidates must complete four Modules - Listening, Reading, Writing and speaking to obtain an IELTS Test Report Form.

Candidates are tested in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. All candidates take the same Listening and Speaking Modules. There is a choice between Academic and General Training in the Reading and Writing Modules.



Total Test Time
2 hours 45 minutes

The first three modules - Listening, Reading and Writing - must be completed in one day. The Speaking Module may be taken, at the discretion of the test centre, in the period seven days before or after the other Modules. Candidates are intimated through SMS or Email for the confirmation of all the sections.

The tests are designed to cover the full range of ability from non-user to expert user.

Rules and Regulations:-

You must

- Provide proof of your identity (e.g. national identify card or passport) at registration and every examination session. Second country nationals must produce a passport. This ID must contain a number, a signature, a date of birth and a photograph. It is the responsibility of the candidate to prove their identity.
- Provide two recent passport-sized photographs on registration
- Only have on your desk a pen/pencil and an eraser.
- Ensure mobile phones and pagers are switched off and placed with personal belongings in the area designated by the supervisor. Any candidate who does not switch off their phone/pager, or who retains one in their possession, will be disqualified.
- Notify the test invigilator immediately if test day conditions in any way impede your performance.

You must not

- Attempt to cheat, copy the work of another candidate or disrupt the test.
- Use, or attempt to use, a dictionary, pager, spell-checker, electronic recorder or mobile phone for the duration of the test. Any candidate doing so will be disqualified.
- Talk to or disturb other candidates once the examination has started.
- Smoke, eat or drink in the examination room.
- Reproduce any part of the test in any format/medium. Any candidate doing so will have their test results disqualified and be liable to prosecution.
- Remove any materials used during the examination. This includes, but is not limited to, examination papers, answer papers and working paper.

Disqualification warning

If you are caught infringing any of the candidate rules and regulations your test result will be disqualified and notification of your disqualification will be sent to any receiving institution or professional body.

Frequently asked questions:-

1. What can the candidate bring into the examination room?

Only pens, pencils and erasers. Correction fluid must not be used. You must leave anything which you do not need, or which is not allowed, either outside the examination room, or as instructed by the supervisor. Mobile phones and pagers must be switched off and placed with personal belongings in the area designated by the supervisor. Any candidate who does not switch off their phone/pager, or who retains one in their possession, will be disqualified.

2. Is the IELTS test completed in one day?

The Listening, Reading and Writing components of the test are always completed immediately after each other and in this same order. The Speaking test can be taken up to 7 days either before or after the test date.

3. What kind of accents can be heard in the Listening and Speaking tests?

As IELTS is an international test, a variety of English accents are used in both of these examinations.

4. Does the listening tape provide the candidate with necessary instructions and pauses?

Yes. At the beginning of the test, candidates receive instructions and hear a sample question. Next, candidates read Section One questions and then listen to Section One and answer the questions on the question paper as they listen. The same procedure follows for Sections Two, Three and Four. This takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. In the following final ten minutes, candidates transfer their answers onto the answer sheet.

5. Is there a similar period of ten minutes at the end of the Reading test for the transfer of answers?

No. The Reading test is one hour, and you must write all your answers on the answer sheet in this time.

6. Can I complete the Listening and Reading answer sheet in pen?

No. The answer sheet is scanned by a computer which cannot read pen.

7. Can I make some notes on the Listening and Reading question paper?

Yes. The examiner will not see your question paper.

8. What is the Speaking test?

The Speaking test is conducted with a one-to-one interview with a certified examiner, which is recorded on an audiocassette.

9. What should the candidate bring for the Speaking test?

The candidate needs to bring the same identification documents they supplied on registration, as these must be checked again against the information on the application form. These documents will be checked by the administrator and the Speaking examiner prior to the candidate entering the interview room.

10. What happens if a candidate loses their Test Report Form?

At any time within two years of the date of the examination, a candidate can apply to the centre which administered the test to be sent 5 copies of the original Test Report Form free of charge. These Test Report Forms will not be sent to the candidates themselves, but the universities abroad, Embassy and Consulate. For any further copies, there is an administration charge per copy. Please contact your test centre for further details.

11. When will the candidate receive their results?

Under usual test circumstances, the candidates will receive their IELTS results 13 calendar days after the test.

12. How soon can candidates repeat the test?

There is no limitation on how frequently candidates can sit IELTS. It should be noted however that IELTS scores are not substantially improved merely by taking the test on multiple occasions. To significantly improve a score it is necessary to engage in further study of a serious nature.

13. What help is available for disabled candidates?

Test centers make every effort to cater for the special needs of any disabled candidates, to enable them to best understand questions and tasks and to give their answers. It is our aim for the language level of all candidates, irrespective of disability, to be assessed fairly and objectively. Candidates with special needs should inform their test centre when applying so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

14. What happens if a candidate is delayed by circumstances beyond their control (e.g. a transportation strike)?

The test centre offers the candidate an alternative test date as soon as possible.

15. What happens if a candidate wants to postpone or cancel their application?

Candidates who request a postponement or cancellation of their test within 5 weeks of the test date will normally be charged the full fee unless they are able to provide appropriate medical evidence to support their request within 5 days of the test date.

16. What happens if a candidate is absent on the day of the test without giving prior notice?

The candidate will lose their full test fee. However, if a medical certificate is provided within 5 days of the test date then the full fee is refunded minus a local administrative deduction.

17. What can candidates do if they are unhappy with their results?

Candidates may apply for an enquiry on results procedure at the centre at which they took their test within four weeks of issue of results. There is a fee for this which is refunded should the band score change.

18. Candidates can receive copies of their test results under the following conditions:

- 1. Results from the test date and up to 1 month after.**
 - One (1) personal copy of the TRF (Test Report Form) for the candidate.
 - Up to maximum of five (5) copies sent FREE of charge to institution addresses as provided by the candidate on the application form.

- 2. From one (1) month to two (2) years.**
 - Candidate can request up to five (5) additional copies to be forwarded to institution addresses only, as provided by candidate. There may be a reasonable handling charge requested by the Test Centre for administration/postage.

- 3. After the two (2) year validity period.**
 - Contact the head office of **IDP: IELTS Australia** or **British Council**.

19. How can I register for the test?

To take the test with the British Council in India you can either **register online** or **offline**. **Read the step by step guide** for more information.

20. What is Computer - based IELTS (CB IELTS)

CB IELTS is a computer-based version of IELTS. It consists of Listening, Reading and Writing tests. To maintain our personal approach, all IELTS Speaking tests will still be conducted face-to-face. The CB IELTS is being offered once each month at British Council, New Delhi.

Please note that CB IELTS is only available in the Academic module.

21. How much does the IELTS test cost?

The fee for IELTS is 7200 Indian Rupees in person and 7400 Indian Rupees in case you make payment by credit or debit card.

IELTS Centers in INDIA:-

Kolkata

British Council East India - Kolkata, Patna, Guwahati

New Delhi

British Council North India - Delhi, Chandigarh, Jalandhar, Bhopal, Jaipur, Lucknow, Ludhiana

Chennai

British Council South India - Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Trivandrum, Cochin, Coimbatore, Kottayam

Nariman Point

British Council West India - Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Pune, Surat

New Delhi

IDP: IELTS Australia & Planet Edu North India - Amritsar, Chandigarh, Dehradun, New Delhi, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Gurgaon

Bangalore

IDP: IELTS Australia & Planet Edu South & East India - Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kottayam, Pondicherry, Trivandrum, Vijayawada, Vizag

Ahmedabad

IDP: IELTS Australia & Planet Edu West India - Ahmedabad, Baroda, Mumbai, Surat, Pune

IELTS test dates:-

IELTS is offered to candidates on a fixed date basis. There are up to 48 test dates a year available and individual test centers offer IELTS tests 1 to 4 times per month depending on local demand. Not all test centers offer tests on all dates. Check directly with your selected test centre for upcoming IELTS test Dates.

2010 IELTS test dates

Link to IDP Test Dates

Kindly select **“IELTS test with Free Study Material”** to know about test center & seat availability

<https://www.extraback.in/B2Bbeta1/registration.htm>

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Please check the link below in order to get a complete detail of the test dates and centers:-