

# IELTS™

English for International Opportunity

International  
English  
Language  
Testing  
System

**Your ticket  
to a world of  
opportunity**

**20**  
**YEARS**

Setting the standard  
for English since 1989



**IELTS – the International English Language Testing System – assesses your level of English. It creates opportunities for you around the world by providing evidence of your language skills.**

### **Why take the IELTS test?**

- IELTS is accepted by over 6,000 institutions worldwide, including universities, colleges and employers in English-speaking countries and beyond.
- In the US, IELTS scores are accepted by thousands of universities and colleges including Ivy League and other top institutions.
- Almost all universities in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK accept IELTS.
- IELTS is used for immigration to Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK.
- The test is offered up to four times a month by centers in more than 125 countries.
- Results are available just 13 days after the test.
- IELTS assesses all your skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking.
- IELTS uses Australian, North American and British varieties of English, making it a truly international test.



## What level is the test?

IELTS is designed to test English at all levels. This means that anyone can take the test.

There is no such thing as a pass or fail with IELTS. Everyone gets a score to reflect their level of English language ability.

Results are reported as band scores, on a scale from 1 (the lowest) to 9 (the highest) as shown below.

IELTS Band Scores	
9	Expert user
8	Very good user
7	Good user
6	Competent user
5	Modest user
4	Limited user
3	Extremely limited user
2	Intermittent user
1	Non user
0	Did not attempt the test

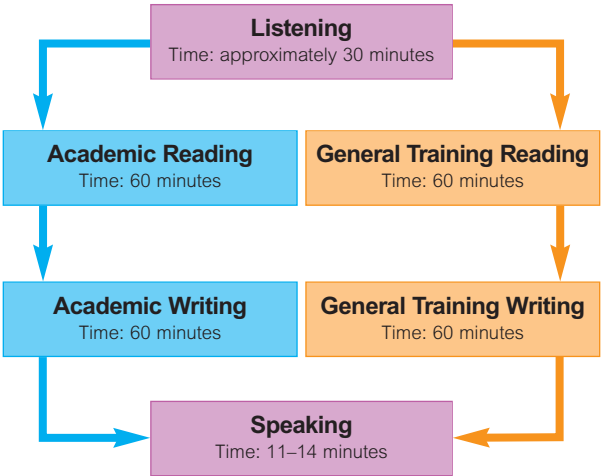
There are two modules – *Academic* and *General Training*. Both are graded using exactly the same criteria, so there is no difference in the level of English. The only difference is the subject matter and type of vocabulary used, which vary to suit the diverse interests of candidates.

The Academic module is for candidates wishing to study at undergraduate or postgraduate levels, or seeking professional registration. The General Training module is for candidates wishing to emigrate to an English-speaking country (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK), and for those wishing to train or study at below-degree level.

Every institution has its own entrance requirements. Contact the institution you are applying to for more information about which module to take and the minimum score they require. For a list of institutions that recognize IELTS worldwide, visit **[www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)**

## What does the test involve?

Both the Academic and General Training modules cover all four language skills – listening, reading, writing and speaking. Everyone takes the same Listening and Speaking parts of the test. There are separate Reading and Writing components for the Academic and General Training modules.



The first three components – Listening, Reading and Writing – must be completed on the same day. The Speaking component may be taken up to seven days before or after the other three components.

## Helping you succeed

You do not need to attend a preparation course, but any training you do will increase your chances of a better score. If you would like assistance with test preparation, IELTS centers and language schools around the world offer IELTS preparation courses.

Official Practice Materials are available to help you familiarize yourself with the test format. These can be ordered online at [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) or from your local test center.

Many publishers also produce a range of books and other materials to help you prepare for IELTS.

## Next steps

### Find out more

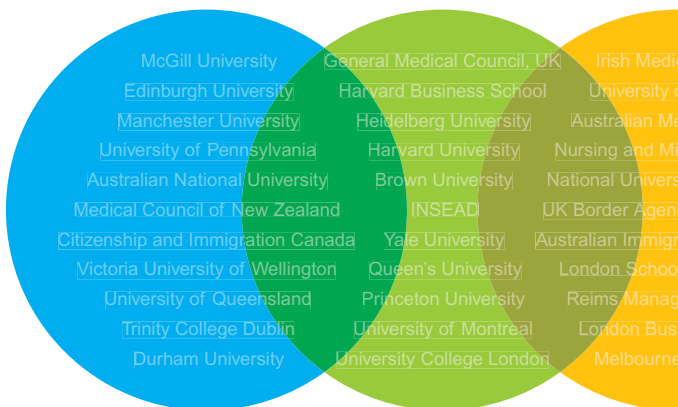
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### Contact your nearest IELTS test center

Your local test center is available to answer any questions you may have. They can provide information on:

- fees
- test dates
- how to register
- official practice materials
- IELTS preparation courses.

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# The world speaks IELTS

IELTS is the test that proves your English skills wherever you go. Whether you are applying to educational institutions, employers or immigration authorities, it could be the only English test you need.

Over one million people take the IELTS test each year. Join them.



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IELTS is jointly managed by British Council, University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL), and IDP: IELTS Australia. The IELTS test is designed and set by some of the world's leading experts in language assessment to give a true picture of your language skills.



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University of Auckland	Queen's University Belfast	University of Cape Town
Medical Council	Cambridge University	Australian Nursing Agency
Midwifery Council	Monash University	Technical University of Munich
University of Singapore	Oxford University	Nursing Council of New Zealand
Home Office (Home Office)	Bonn University	Nanyang Technological University
Immigration Department	Imperial College	New Zealand Immigration Service
Department of Economics	Cornell University	University of Western Australia
Management School	Columbia University	University of British Columbia
Business School	St Andrews University	Florida Board of Nursing
University	EMLYON Business School	University of Toronto

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