

Supporting your English language journey



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If you are thinking of studying, working or living in an English-speaking country, IELTS is the test for you – it is the world's most popular English language test for higher education and global migration.

Over
3 million
tests taken
in 2017

What is IELTS?

IELTS is an English test that assesses your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills.

IELTS is jointly owned by the British Council, IDP: IELTS Australia and Cambridge Assessment English.

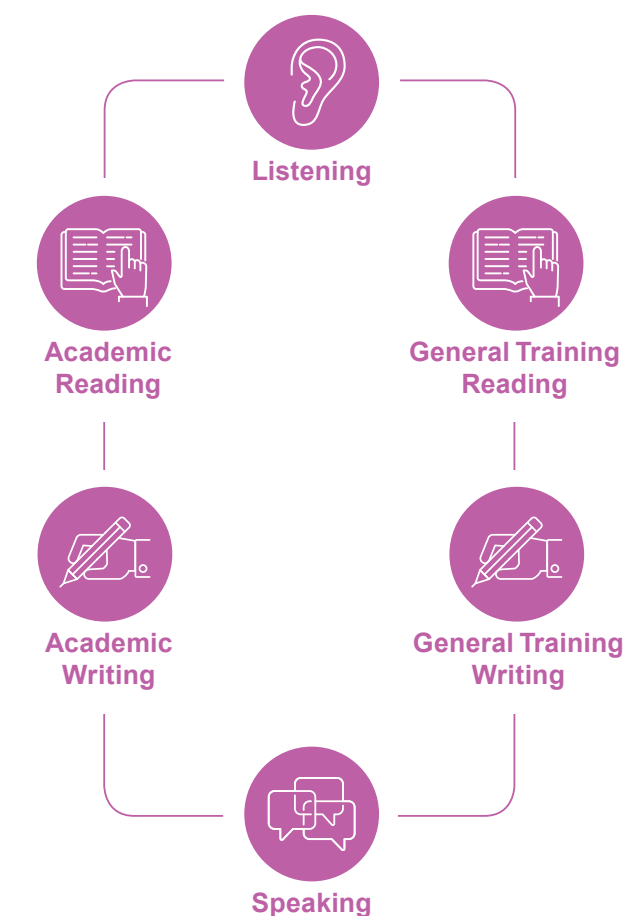
It helps you develop the kind of English you will need in everyday life whether you are at college, at work or talking to friends.

There are two test types:

IELTS Academic is for higher education or professional training.

IELTS General Training is for secondary education, migration, work or training.

The test is made up of:



Who accepts IELTS?

Over 10,000 organisations globally accept IELTS. As the most popular test for higher education and working abroad, it gives you a huge number of options.

See the full list

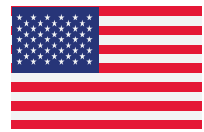
For a full list of universities and organisations that will accept your IELTS score, visit takeielts.org



United Kingdom
IELTS is accepted by UK Visas and Immigration.



Australia
Over 1,000 organisations in Australia accept IELTS, including the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.



United States
Over 3,000 institutions in the USA accept IELTS.



Canada
IELTS is accepted by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) and by over 350 institutions.



New Zealand
Immigration New Zealand accepts IELTS along with several other organisations.



Globally recognised
IELTS is recognised in Germany, Malaysia, Netherlands and many other countries around the globe.



“The worldwide availability of IELTS makes it an attractive option.”

London School of Economics, UK



“The people and the officials of the British Council were very friendly and supportive throughout the session and they made sure that no candidate faces any problem during the test.”

Salman Rafique, Glasgow

Who are we?

The British Council is the UK’s international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities.

We create friendly knowledge and understanding between the people of the UK and other countries. We do this by making a positive contribution to the UK and the countries we work with – changing lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust.

Top five reasons for taking IELTS with the British Council:

- 1 Booking your test is easy**
You can either do it by visiting a British Council test centre or by going online britishcouncil.ma/en/exam/ielts/book-test
- 2 Flexible payment options**
Online and in person.
- 3 Road to IELTS**
Register to take IELTS and access 30 hours of free online preparation, or buy the 3 months' access to the full version.
- 4 Prepare on the go**
Wide range of apps available to help you improve your English skills even when you are on the move.
- 5 Practice tests**
Access free practice tests online at takeielts.org/prepare.

Applying to study, work or live in the UK?

If you are planning to study, work or live in the UK, you may need to take a specific type of IELTS test.

IELTS for UKVI
IELTS for UKVI is a government-approved test that can be used in support of a UK Visa and Immigration application.

To find out whether you need to take an IELTS for UKVI test and the score you need, contact UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) at gov.uk/check-uk-visa

IELTS Life Skills
This test is for people who need to show that they have speaking and listening skills at Level A1, A2 or B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages.

So if you are making an application to UK Visas and Immigration for certain types of visa, this test is one of the requirements.

It can be used by people applying for:

- A 'Family of a Settled Person' visa – if you want to remain with a relative, spouse or partner already living in the UK permanently
- An 'Indefinite leave to remain' visa – if you are already living in the UK and want to make it your permanent home
- 'Citizenship' – if you want to become a British citizen.

For all other visa categories, the IELTS test can be used.

Ready to book your IELTS test?

Book online

Go to takeielts.org to find your nearest test centre and choose a convenient date.

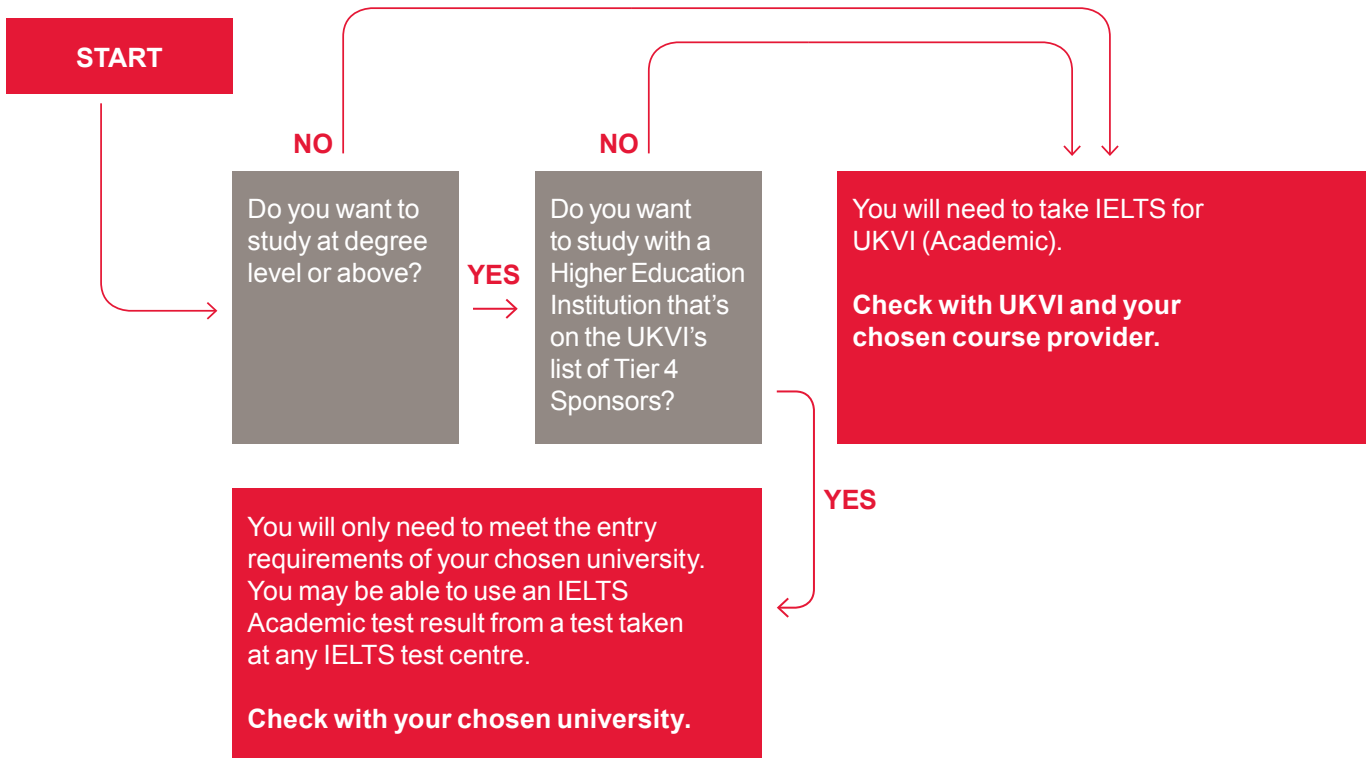


Book in person

At your nearest test centre. Go to takeielts.org to find your nearest test centre.



Which IELTS test do you need to study in the UK?



Remember there are two IELTS tests – IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training – so make sure you check which one is right for you before booking.

Checking which test is right for you
If you are applying to an organisation or institution, go to their website or search for them in the 'Who accepts IELTS?' section of takeielts.org to check their requirements.

If you are emigrating to another country, contact its immigration authority to find out which IELTS test and score you need.

Getting ready for your test

There are lots of ways to prepare for your test and understand how it works – from online courses and apps to face-to-face classes at British Council.



Apps

IELTS Prep App

This app helps you practice for the Speaking and Listening sections of the IELTS test and develop your skills. You can even book your test through the app.

Word Power App

Build your vocabulary with over 100 questions to test your word skills.

LearnEnglish Audio & Video

Watch the most popular British Council content and follow the script to improve your listening skills.

British Council: Words

1,500 essential English words for everyday life with authentic pronunciation.

Download from [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



Online Learning

Road to IELTS

This comprehensive 30-hour online course includes a Last Minute version that is free if you are registered with the British Council.

Visit takeielts.org/prepare/road-to-ielts

LearnEnglish website

High-quality videos and podcasts, along with interactive exercises to help you improve your English.

Get started by testing your skill level at learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/content

The MOOC 'Understanding IELTS Techniques for English Language Tests'

This is a free online six-week course featuring videos, test samples and quizzes.

Visit takeielts.org/mooc

IELTS WordReady

Personalised vocabulary learning to help you prepare for IELTS Academic.

Visit takeielts.org/prepare-test/british-council-online-resources

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Other resources

Online practice tests

Get to know the IELTS test format and types of tasks you will be asked to undertake with these free practice tests.

Visit takeielts.org/prepare

Practice book

This printed book includes sample tests for the Academic and General Training tests as well as test tips.

Contact your test centre to order.



Face-to-face learning

Our IELTS preparation courses are carefully structured and specifically designed to help you prepare for IELTS.

Contact your nearest British Council centre for more details.

For more advice on taking your IELTS test, visit takeielts.org/prepare

"IELTS gave me more confidence when applying for university."

Tang Shaonan, Shanghai, China





“The Global Study Awards opened another door for me to embrace diversity and promote mental health literacy worldwide.”

Ho Wing, Hong Kong – 2016 winner

Expand your horizons with The Global Study Awards

The Global Study Awards offers support towards tuition fees and can be a huge help if you are thinking about studying abroad on an undergraduate or postgraduate course.

You can apply if you are taking IELTS with the British Council.

How can I apply?

To find out more about The Global Study Awards, key dates and how to register, go to takeielts.org/TGSA



“I am incredibly grateful for this life-changing opportunity which will allow me to pursue a degree at Oxford to continue advocating for a more transparent and humane world. I have no doubt this will be an inspiring experience and can’t wait to meet my future classmates!”

Amanda, Argentina – 2017 winner



“Foreign postgraduate education has been one of my dreams and now I’m set to make it a reality. I am grateful to The Global Study Awards for believing in my potential. I will maximise this opportunity to achieve my career goals, and to inspire others to keep their dreams alive.”

Kingston, Nigeria – 2017 winner




Your test results

When do I receive my test score?

- On the 13th day if taking IELTS Academic or IELTS General Training
- Within 7 days if taking IELTS Life Skills

How do the IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training scores work?

You will be given a score from 1 to 9 for each section of the test – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. The average of those scores gives you your 'band score'. A sample Test Report Form is below.

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Find out more at takeielts.org/scores-explained

Send your results to up to five universities for free

Visit [**takeielts.org/results-process**](https://takeielts.org/results-process) for more details.

How does the IELTS Life Skills score work?

You will be awarded either a pass or a fail.
If you fail, your test cannot be used for your
visa application.

Can I apply for a re-mark?

If you are unhappy with your test results, you can apply for your test to be remarked. This is called an Enquiry on Results.

You have up to six weeks after the test to make the request and can choose which section of the test you would like to be marked again.

The re-mark fee will be refunded if your score is increased. Contact your test centre to apply.

“Proving my English language ability with IELTS has really opened doors for me... I can go anywhere now.”

Aekthada Chivakanit, Thailand



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