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IELTS – the test that opens doors throughout the world

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is the world's most popular English language proficiency test for higher education and global migration, with millions of IELTS tests taken each year.

IELTS is trusted by over **12,500** organisations, including universities, professional bodies, employers and migration authorities.



UK

Live, work and study in the UK with IELTS. IELTS is the most widely accepted English language test by the UK universities and government offices.



USA

Among the universities in the US, 95 % undergraduate programmes and 99 % postgraduate programmes accept IELTS.



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Whether you are going to Canada for study, applying for a work visa, a professional registration or permanent residency, you can prove your English proficiency with IELTS.



Australasia

With IELTS you can be confident that you are taking a test that is accepted by all universities colleges and every professional association in both Australia and New Zealand.



Malaysia

Many universities and companies in Malaysia accept IELTS as evidence of English language proficiency.



Other Countries

Many programmes taught in English in European universities and colleges accept and trust IELTS.

About IELTS

IELTS is a test that measures the language proficiency of those who want to study or work in environments where English is used as a language of communication. There are two modules to choose from: **IELTS Academic** and **IELTS General Training**.

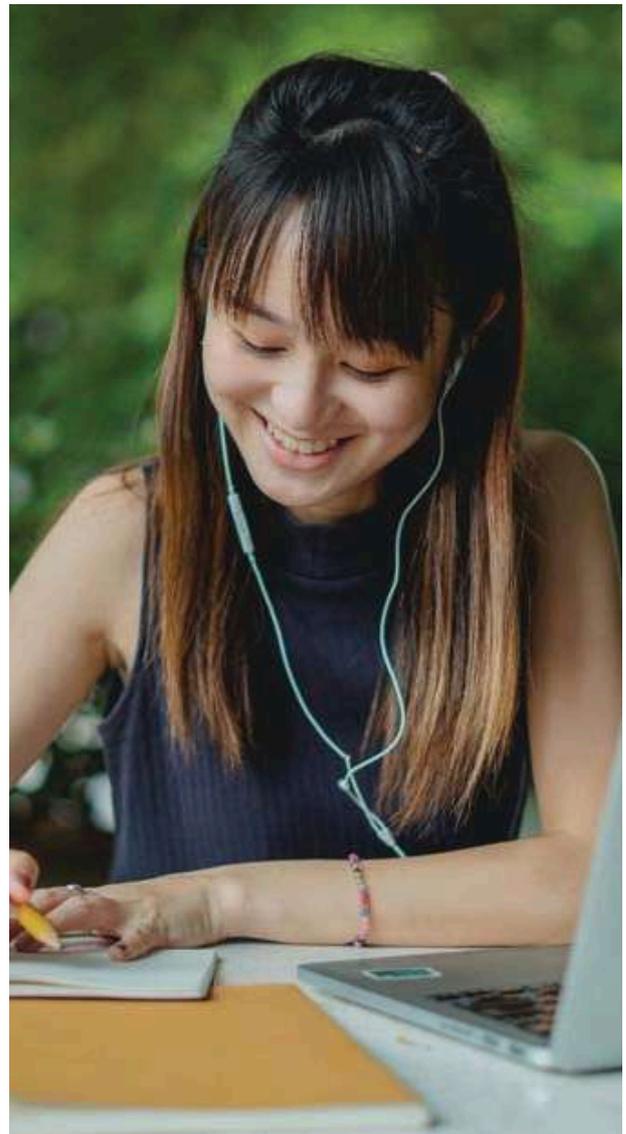
IELTS Academic

- To study at the undergraduate or postgraduate level.
- To join a professional organisation or registration in an English - speaking country.

IELTS General Training

- To work or undertake work - related training in an English - speaking country.
- To immigrate to an English - speaking country.
- To study or train at below degree level.

Each organisation sets its own entry requirements. In some cases, both the Academic and General Training module may be accepted. If you are in doubt as to which module to take, you should contact the organisation to which you are applying to confirm their requirements.



IELTS for UKVI

IELTS for UKVI is a UK government - approved Secure English Language Test (SELT). This means that IELTS can be used to prove your English language abilities in support of a UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) application.

To find out whether you need to take an approved SELT test, what level you need to achieve and which test you can use, please visit <https://www.britishcouncil.my/exam/ielts/uk-visas-immigration>

The IELTS test format

The actual test taken is the same for both IELTS and IELTS for UKVI, with the same content, examiners, format, level of difficulty, scoring and so on. The only difference between the two is that IELTS for UKVI is administered in a test venue with video recording and CCTV facilities.



Listening

(Time: 30 minutes)

There are four sections, which include both monologues and conversations. A variety of voices and accents are used and each section is played only once.



Reading

(Time: 60 minutes)

Academic

There are three long reading passages with tasks. Texts range from descriptive and factual to the discursive and analytical and may include non-verbal material such as diagrams, graphs or illustrations.

General Training

There are three reading passages with tasks. Section 1 contains two or three short factual texts. Section 2 contains two short, work-related, factual texts. Section 3 contains one longer text on a topic of general interest.



Speaking

(Time: 11 - 14 minutes)

The Speaking test in IELTS on Computer is scheduled on the same day as your written test or within a 7-day window before or after the written test. It may be taken in the morning or afternoon and will be delivered via video call. The test comprises three sections: short questions, speaking at length about a familiar topic, and a structured discussion.



Writing

(Time: 60 minutes)

Academic

There are two tasks in total. In Task 1, you are presented with a table, graph, chart or diagram and are asked to describe, summarise or explain the information in no less than 150 words. In Task 2, you are asked to write an essay of no less than 250 words in response to a point of view, argument or problem.

General Training

There are two tasks. In Task 1, you are presented with a situation and are asked to write a letter of at least 150 words to request information or explain the situation. In Task 2, you are asked to write an essay of no less than 250 words in response to a point of view, argument or problem.

The IELTS Score scale

	Skill Level	Description	Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)	
8.5 – 9	Expert user	You have fully operational command of the language. Your use of English is appropriate, accurate and fluent, and you show complete understanding.	C2	Proficient User
	Very good user	You have a fully operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies and inappropriate usage. You may misunderstand some things in unfamiliar situations. You handle complex detailed argumentation well.	C1	
	Good user	You have an operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings in some situations. Generally, you handle complex language well and understand detailed reasoning.		
4.5 – 5	Competent user	Generally, you have an effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings. You can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.	B2	Independent User
	Modest user	You have a partial command of the language, and cope with overall meaning in most situations, although you are likely to make many mistakes. You should be able to handle basic communication in your own field.	B1	
1 – 2	Limited user	Your basic competence is limited to familiar situations. You frequently show problems in understanding and expression. You are not able to use complex language.	N/A	N/A
	Extremely limited user	You convey and understand only general meaning in very familiar situations. There are frequent breakdowns in communication.		
	Intermittent user	You have great difficulty understanding spoken and written English.		
1	Non-user	You have no ability to use the language except for a few isolated words.		

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Faster Test Results

You will be able to preview your results online within two days after the test date. Your IELTS test results include your IELTS band score, plus the individual IELTS Speaking score, IELTS Reading Score, IELTS Writing score and IELTS Listening score.

IELTS Ready

With our IELTSReady study resources, you have access to a wealth of materials covering all aspects of the IELTS test. From grammar and vocabulary exercises to reading and listening comprehension practice, our resources are there to help you check and improve your skills so you can get the IELTS score you want.

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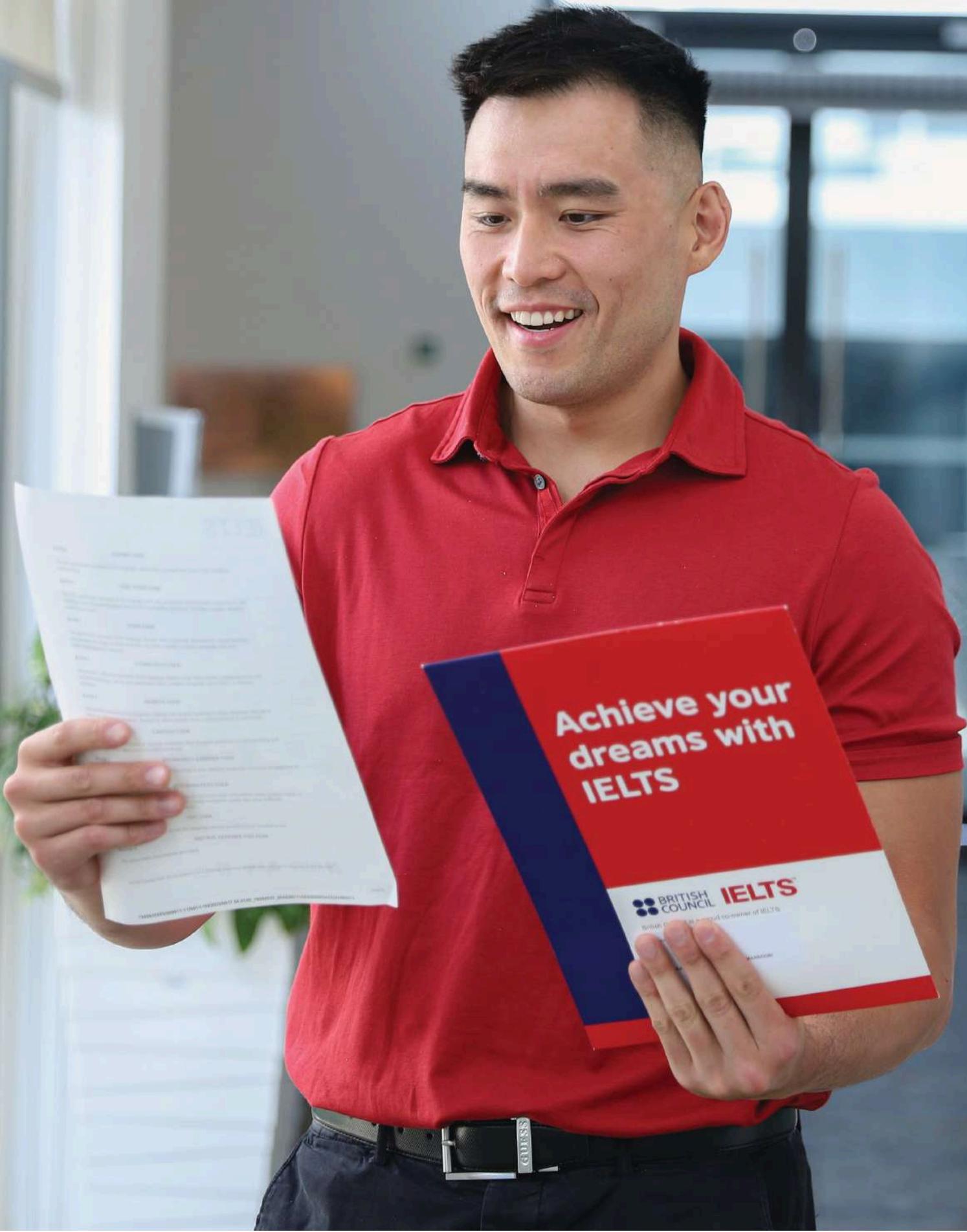
You will be able to preview the electronic version of your Test Report Form (TRF) online within 1 to 5 days from your test date. You will receive your results electronically only. You can download your eTRF from the Test Taker Portal and send it to as many organisations as you're applying to.



One Skill Retake

A new feature designed to help you get your desired test score without retaking the full test. If you want to improve your score on one test skill, you can retake any of the four IELTS skills – Listening, Reading, Writing, or Speaking. Learn more here <https://www.britishcouncil.my/exam/ielts/one-skill-retake>

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- 25 Academic and 15 General exams available for an four sections of the test
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- Adaptive practice questions tailored to test takers abilities
- Comprehensive guidance and model answers to enhance test takers' performance in reading, writing and listening sections
- Mobile-friendly

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