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General Information

**Regarding the International
English Language Testing
System (IELTS)**

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Welcome to my 2018 Guide to IELTS

As you are reading this, you will probably know that The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is the world's most popular English language proficiency test for higher education and global migration. In fact, over 3 million tests were taken in 2017. I've updated this guide for 2018 and I hope it proves useful to you, the prospective IELTS Candidate.

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What is IELTS?

IELTS assesses all of 4 English skills — reading, writing, listening and speaking, and is designed to reflect how you can use English in study, in work, and in general.

The IELTS test has been developed by some of the world's leading experts in language assessment and is constantly developed and updated. It has an excellent international reputation, and is accepted by over 10,000 organisations worldwide, including universities, employers, immigration authorities and professional bodies.

IELTS is the most widely accepted English language test that uses a face-to-face speaking test to assess your English communication skills. This means that you are assessed by having a real-life conversation with a real person. This is the most effective and natural way of testing your English conversation skills.

You can take **IELTS Academic or IELTS General Training**. The test you choose depends on the organisation you are applying to and your plans for the future.

Whatever your reason for taking IELTS, IELTS makes the most of your language skill.



IELTS test date availability across the globe

You can take your IELTS test with the **British Council** in over 130 countries. Many different test dates are available and tests typically take place up to once a week.

The British Council schedules the following global IELTS test dates:

- **IELTS Academic: 48 days per year**
- **IELTS General Training: 24 days per year**

This means that your local British Council test centre can offer IELTS tests on any of these days, although dates may vary in some centres, according to local demand.

You will usually take the Listening, Reading and Writing tests on Thursdays or more commonly Saturdays, and the Speaking test either on the same day, or up to seven days before or after that.

You can search for Global IELTS test dates table and find the date that suits you best. Then go to **Book IELTS** and check the local schedule. If you are in the UK, **International House London** offers various locations throughout the UK and in **Central London**.



Which version of IELTS is right for you?

Your first task is to check with the organisations you wish to apply to for their test requirements before you book your test. There are two versions of IELTS to choose from:

- IELTS Academic
- IELTS General Training

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**GENERAL
TRAINING**

COMPARING THE 2 TYPES OF IELTS TEST

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 <p>I want to study at university at undergraduate level</p>	 <p>I want to train or study at below degree level</p>
<p>I want to study at university postgraduate level</p>	<p>I want to work or undertake work-related training in an English-Speaking Country</p>
<p>I want to join a professional organisation in an English-Speaking country</p>	<p>I want to emigrate to an English-Speaking country.</p>
<p>You should take IELTS Academic</p>	<p>You should take IELTS General Training</p>

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If you are taking IELTS for UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) purposes then additional options are applicable.

Visit [what is IELTS for UKVI](#) for relevant information.

Make sure you know which one you need before you book your test.

Find out which test you need

Every organisation sets its own entry requirements. In some cases both versions of IELTS may be accepted.

Visit [Who accepts IELTS](#) to search for the organisations you want to apply to, and find out which version you need.

If you are in doubt as to which version to take, you should contact the organisations directly in order to check their requirements

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Additional Information

Whichever test version you choose, IELTS can help you make the most of your time in your chosen country.

Downloads

- Information for candidates - English UK (PDF, 2 MB)
- Information for candidates - English US (PDF, 2 MB)
- Information for candidates - Arabic (PDF, 973 kb)
- Information for candidates - Korean (PDF, 1 MB)
- Information for candidates - Portuguese (PDF, 1005 kb)
- Information for candidates - Simplified Chinese (PDF, 1 MB)
- Information for candidates - Spanish (PDF, 988 kb)
- Information for candidates - Traditional Chinese (PDF, 1 MB)
- Information for candidates - Vietnamese (PDF, 1014 kb)

I hope the information provided is useful.

Good Luck

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