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Specific Information

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

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Welcome to my 2018 Specific 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, the International English Language Testing System, is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who need to study or work where English is the language of communication.

IELTS is jointly managed by the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL), British Council and IDP: IELTS Australia. IELTS conforms to the highest international standards of language assessment.

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

What can I take IELTS?

More than 1,100 test centres around the world administer IELTS. Most test centres are run by the British Council, IELTS Australia, or universities and language schools. Some testing centres also offer off-site testing for large groups by prior arrangement with IELTS. Contact your local examination centre or visit www.ielts.org to find out where the nearest IELTS test centre is located.



Where can I find information about registering for the test?

You can contact your nearest examination centre or visit the official IELTS website for more information about application procedures and the location of a test centre near you.

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 Test Format

There are four sub-tests, or modules, to the IELTS test: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. Students must sit all four sub-tests. While all students take the same Listening and Speaking tests, they sit different Reading and Writing tests, depending on whether they have selected the Academic Module or the General Training Module.

On the day of the test, the four subsections will be taken in the following order:

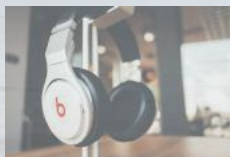


The Test Structure



Total Time: 2 hours 45 minutes

The Speaking test may take place on different days at some test centres.

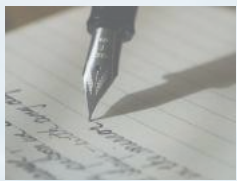


The **IELTS Listening test** lasts for about 30 minutes. It consists of four sections, played on cassette tape, in order of increasing difficulty. Each section might be a dialogue or a monologue. The test is played once only, and the questions for each section must be answered while listening, although time is given for students to check their answers.

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The **IELTS Reading test** lasts for 60 minutes. Students are given an Academic Reading test, or a General Training Reading test. Both tests consist of three sections, and in both tests the sections are in order of increasing difficulty.



The **IELTS Writing test** also lasts for 60 minutes. Again, students take either an Academic Module, or a General Training Module. Students must perform two writing tasks, which require different styles of writing. There is no choice of question topics.



The **IELTS Speaking test** consists of a one-to-one interview with a specially trained examiner. The interview is recorded and has three separate parts:

An introduction and interview, an individual long turn where the candidate speaks for one or two minutes on a particular topic,

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and a two-way discussion thematically linked to the individual long turn. This interview lasts for approximately 11-14 minutes.

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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