



# EazyGuide to Proficiency Tests

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# IELTS

The International English Language Testing System more popularly the IELTS is an English language proficiency test which is taken by international candidates aspiring to study/work in an English-speaking country. It tests candidates on four basic skills- listening, reading, speaking, and writing on a scale from 1 to 9. It has a validity of two years.

Applicants are not required to be of minimum age or have a minimum educational qualification. Additionally, holding a valid passport is mandatory.

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Indians take the IELTS exam every year.

**15%**

rise in test takers in India against pre pandemic

**6.0**

is required for admissions to universities/ colleges abroad.

**6.3**

Average overall band score achieved by Indians

**27.6%**

of the total students appearing score above 6.5 bands

## Countries that majorly accept the IELTS



Canada



United Kingdom



Australia



New Zealand



Ireland

## IELTS at a glance

- Cost: ₹15500
- Score range: 1-9
- Ideal score range: 7-9
- Exam components: Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening
- Total time: 2 Hours, 45 Minutes
- Validity: 2 years

# IELTS FAQs

## **Q. What if I need to postpone or cancel my IELTS test?**

Ans. Please contact the test centre where you booked your IELTS test. If you postpone or cancel your application more than 5 weeks before the test date, you will receive a refund minus an administration charge. If you postpone or cancel within 5 weeks of the test date, you will be charged the full fee unless you have a medical reason. If you are unable to attend due to a serious medical condition and provide a medical certificate within 5 days of the test date, you will receive a refund minus the local administrative cost. If you are delayed by circumstances beyond your control (e.g. a transport strike) the test centre may offer you a test on the next available test date.

## **Q. Do I take all parts of the test on the same day? Which part do I take first?**

Ans. The Listening, Reading and Writing components of the test are always completed immediately after each other and with no break. You will take the Speaking test up to 7 days either before or after the test date, depending on the test centre. Many of the test centres will allow you to choose if you wish to complete all four components of the test on test day or if you wish to complete the Speaking component on a different day, depending on what suits you best. You will do the Listening component first followed by the Reading and Writing components of the test.

## **Q. How soon can I re-sit the test?**

Ans. There is no time limit on sitting the test. However, we strongly recommend you do additional study before taking the test again.

## **Q. What are the test rules?**

Ans. Test rules and guidelines can be found on the Notice to Candidates provided in the IELTS Application Form

# TOEFL



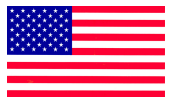
The Test of English as a Foreign Language more popularly, the TOEFL exam is one of the most widely accepted English language proficiency exams at American and Canadian universities, and at education institutions across the globe. It tests an individual's ability to understand and converse in English fluently. It is conducted by ETS - Educational Testing Services.

Students wanting to study abroad, can choose from multiple TOEFL Test Dates available around the year and select from the various test centers located across major cities or test remotely at home with the TOEFL iBT Home Edition test. The TOEFL exam fee in India is US\$190. Apart from this, candidates also need to pay extra for other services like late registration, rescheduling the exam, or score review.

## Eligibility Criteria

There are no prerequisites to appear for the TOEFL. Applicants are not required to be of a minimum age or have a minimum educational qualification.

## Countries that majorly accept TOEFL



United States



United Kingdom



Canada



Australia



New Zealand



Ireland

## TOEFL at a glance

- Cost: ₹14242
- Score range: 120
- Ideal score range: 85+
- Exam components: Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening
- Total time: 3 Hours
- Validity: 2 years

# TOEFL FAQs

**Q. After I have registered, may I change my registration to a different date or test center?**

Ans. Yes, changes of registration are allowed, but these changes can be made no less than four days before the test date. The change fee is \$60, and any changes are subject to availability. [Click here](#) for details on change of registration.

**Q. How many times can I take the TOEFL?**

Ans. Aside from a mandatory 12-day waiting period between tests, there are no official limits on how many times an individual student may take the TOEFL. More information on retaking the TOEFL is available [here](#) and [here](#).

**Q. What is the difference between TOEFL and IELTS? Which exam should you take?**

Ans. Both the exams are designed to measure the English language proficiency of a person in four skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking. These two exams are accepted widely by universities and organizations to certify the English proficiency of a person. IELTS exam is used for educational and occupational purposes. IELTS exam uses British English and is favoured by the United Kingdom and institutions in Commonwealth nations like Australia and New Zealand.

Whereas the TOEFL test measures the ability to communicate in English in academic or classroom-based settings. The TOEFL exam uses American English and is favoured more in American institutions. In the TOEFL exam, there are mostly multiple-choice questions, on the other hand in the IELTS exam one has to answer different types of questions like gap-filling, short answer, and short essay tasks. Apart from this, the duration of the IELTS exam is 2 hours and 40 minutes, whereas the TOEFL exam is four hours long.

Note: Always check the requirements of the university/program or the organization where you are applying before deciding which exam to take.

# PTE

The Pearson Language Test more popularly the PTE exam is a unit of the Pearson PLC group, dedicated to assessing and validating the English language usage of non-native English speakers who want to join the colleges or universities of English Speaking countries. It is a computer based English language test.

There are many factors that distinguish PTE Academic from other English proficiency tests. The first and foremost distinguishing aspect of the same is the scoring pattern and the results. As the tests are completely computerized, the PTE results and scores are declared much quicker, typically in two business days. This makes it aptly suited for students who are in a bit of a rush.

## Eligibility Criteria

Candidates appearing should be of the minimum age of 16 years but there are no prescribed upper limits on age.

## Countries that majorly accept the PTE



Australia



Canada



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New Zealand



Ireland

## PTE at a glance

- Cost: INR 13,700
- Score range: 10-90
- Ideal score range: 80+
- Exam components: Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening
- Total time: 2 hours 15 mins
- Validity: 2 years

# PTE FAQs

## Q. What is the difference between IELTS and PTE?

Ans. Both IELTS and PTE are Standard English language tests that are taken by students who are appearing for admission to a university/college abroad. While most universities/colleges accept both IELTS and/or PTE Scores, however, there are times when a particular college/university could lean towards one exam over the other. While IELTS is a paper-based exam and scored on a scale of 1-9, PTE is a computer-based test scored on a scale of 10-90 points.

## Q. How many times can I appear for the PTE exam?

Ans. Unlimited, if the PTE Score may not be to the liking of the student, they may decide to appear again. A student can appear for the PTE Academic exam as many times as he wishes, although he is required to wait until he has received the scores of his previous PTE test before applying for another.

## How can I check my PTE Score?

Ans. Candidates who have successfully appeared for the PTE Academic exam can access their scores by assessing the online account they would have created during the time of PTE Registration. Candidates would receive an email notifying the availability of their results on their registered id from PTE. Candidates are required to log into their account and check their results.

## Which is tougher IELTS or PTE?

Both PTE and IELTS follow a similar standard of testing students in the English Language. It is important for students to practice well to be able to score well in the exam. It is entirely on the English language experience of the student to understand the level of the exam. Candidates can check out the syllabus and exam pattern of both PTE and IELTS to understand the difference between the two.



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