

# IELTS takes you places

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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's the world's most popular English language test for higher education and global migration.

# What is IELTS?

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

It helps you develop the kind of English you 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.

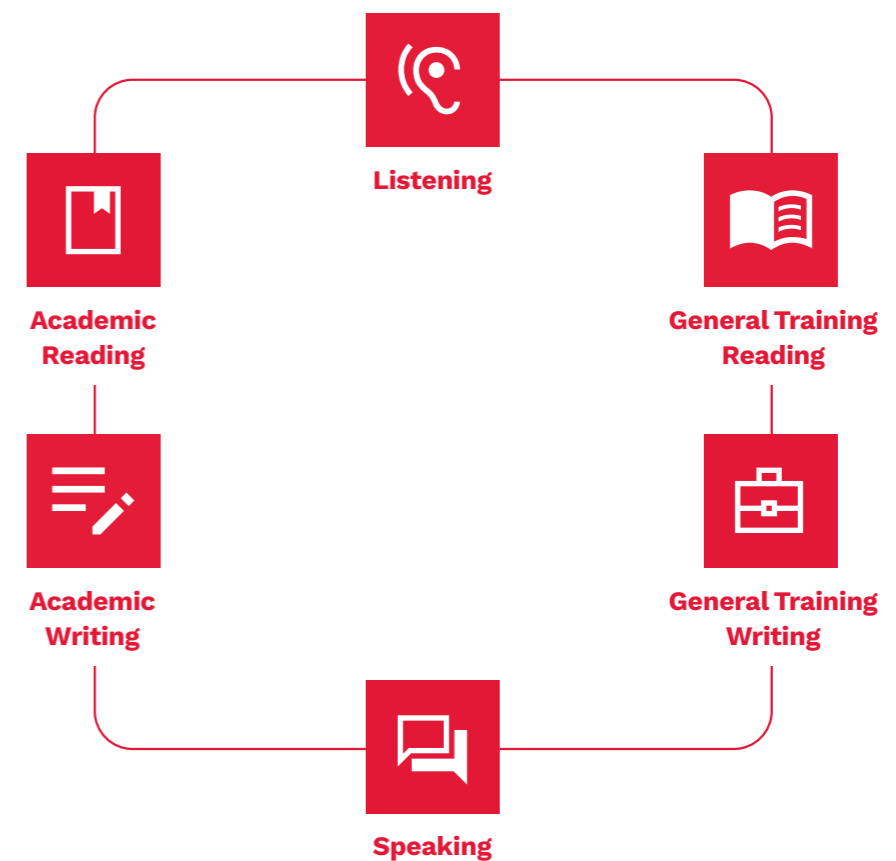
### **IELTS General Training**

is for secondary education, migration, work or training.

Whichever test you take, you'll get a score from 1 to 9 for each section – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

You can find out more about scoring at [takeielts.britishcouncil.org/teach-ielts/test-information/scores-explained](https://www.britishcouncil.org/teach-ielts/test-information/scores-explained)

**The test is made up of:**



# IELTS opens doors

Over 12,500 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 accept IELTS scores, visit [takeielts.org](https://www.takeielts.org)



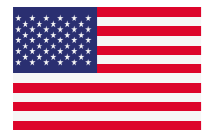
### United Kingdom

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 3,400 institutions in the USA accept IELTS.



### Canada

IELTS is accepted by Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) 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.

# +12,500

organisations globally accepted IELTS



# Why British Council

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

We deliver IELTS around the world. And in the past 30+ years we've helped millions of people take the next step in their lives, education and careers.

Top five reasons for taking IELTS with the British Council:

1

## IELTS Ready

Get free access to our tailored online preparation course.

2

## IELTS Coach

Get personalised support with our IELTS experts who will help you on the skills you need to focus on for success.

3

## Dates and locations

Choose from more than 800 test centres globally, for a date and location convenient to you.

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## More convenient

You can take IELTS in a test centre on a computer or IELTS online. Visit [takeielts.britishcouncil.org](https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org) for more info.

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## Professional standards

We provide a high quality / standard test which includes convenient venues and professional staff to ensure that you do well at the test.



# How to book IELTS

Wherever your next move takes you, make the smart choice and choose IELTS from the British Council.

## Book online

Booking your IELTS test is quick, simple, and secure, and the process is the same for all IELTS tests. Visit our IELTS registration page and follow these steps:

### 1. Choose your test

Select IELTS Academic, IELTS General Training or IELTS for UKVI

### 2. Choose your test mode

Select IELTS on computer or IELTS Online (if available)

### 3. Select your country and city, then choose a date from the calendar

### 4. Book test

Enter your email to create your profile, then follow the prompts to book



### Before you book your test, make sure you have to hand:

- A photo or scan of your photo ID document (passport or national identity card). Your ID must be valid at the time of booking and on the test day
- Written consent from a parent/guardian if you are under 18
- A valid payment method

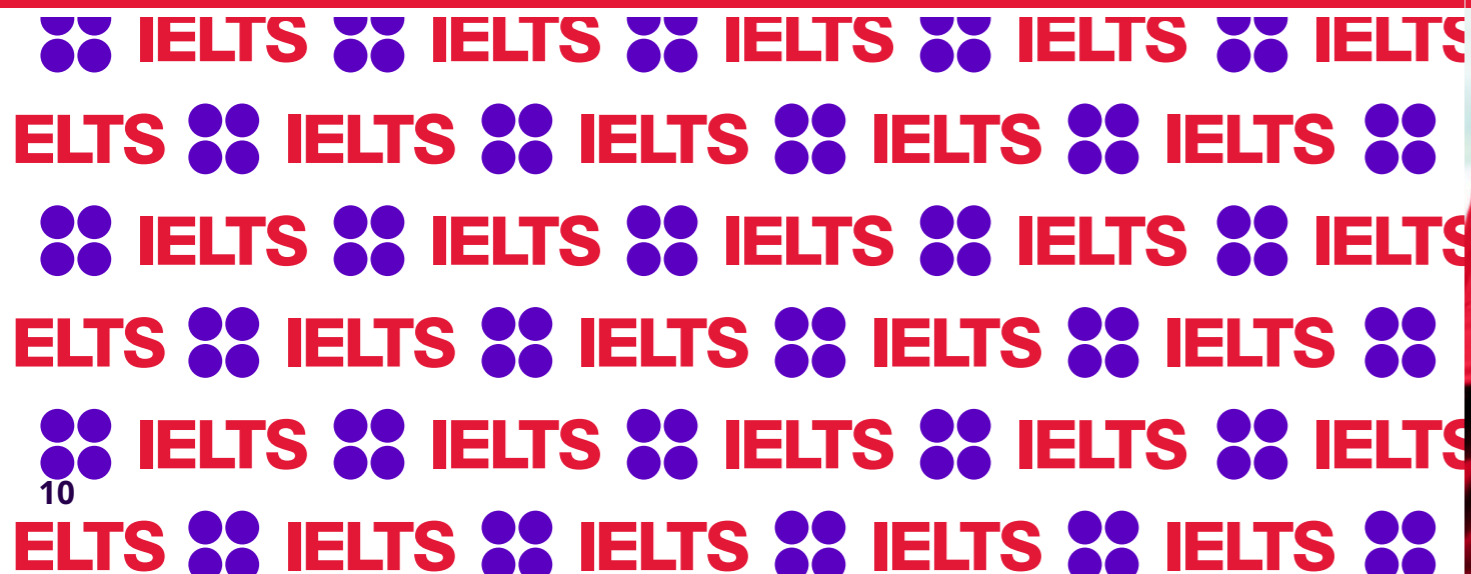
After booking, you'll receive a confirmation email with your IELTS Reference Number, which you'll need to manage your test booking and your test details.

# If you are going to the UK

If you're planning to move to the UK to live, work or study, you'll need to take an approved secure English language test for your visa.

We provide the following tests, approved by UKVI for visa applications to the UK:

- IELTS for UKVI (Academic or General Training)
- IELTS for UKVI Life Skills A1
- IELTS for UKVI Life Skills A2
- IELTS for UKVI Life Skills B1

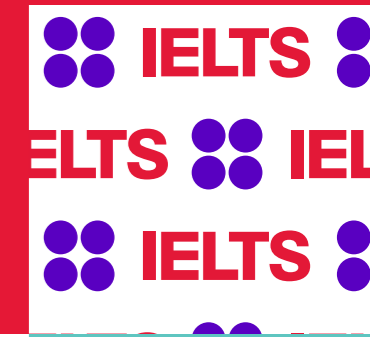


# IELTS for UKVI tests

## IELTS for UKVI

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

For more information visit [takeielts.britishcouncil.org/take-ielts/which-ielts-test/ukvi](https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/take-ielts/which-ielts-test/ukvi)



## IELTS for UKVI Life Skill

To live in the UK, you'll need to take an IELTS for UKVI Life Skills test, which assesses your English speaking and listening skills.

There are three versions available:

- IELTS for UKVI Life Skills A1
- IELTS for UKVI Life Skills A2
- IELTS for UKVI Life Skills B1

The tests focus on topics like family, work, housing and daily life in the UK, and are fully approved by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI).

You can use your results in your UK visa, settlement or citizenship application. The test that you need to take will depend on which visa you are applying for.

The tests assess your English skills at levels A1, A2, or B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Level	Skills assessed	Common visa types
Life Skills A1	Speaking and Listening	Basic family visas, some settlement applications
Life Skills A2	Speaking and Listening	Some settlement applications
Life Skills B1	Speaking and Listening	British citizenship, some settlement routes

# Prepare for your test

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

## Online Learning

### IELTS Ready: Premium

When you book with us, you get free unlimited access to IELTS Ready: Premium platform. This includes 40 practice tests for all sections of the test, practice exercises, model answers and

masterclasses.

Visit [takeielts.org/prepare](https://takeielts.org/prepare)

### Free IELTS webinars

Our free IELTS webinars cover a wide range of topics across all four IELTS skills. Each webinar is conducted by a qualified IELTS expert, who provides in-depth guidance on various aspects of the test and answers your questions to help your preparation.

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### Facebook

Follow the Take IELTS Official page to take part in our 'Ask the IELTS Expert' sessions.

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## Apps

### LearnEnglish Audio & Video

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

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

## Other resources

### IELTS on Computer familiarisation test

Experience the IELTS on Computer test system before you sit the real test, and know what to expect on the test day.

### 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](https://takeielts.org/prepare)

## Face-to-face learning

### IELTS on Computer familiarisation test

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](https://takeielts.org/prepare)

**“ IELTS gave me more confidence when applying for university.”**

Tang Shaonan, Shanghai, China





# Your test, your way

You can choose to take your IELTS test in a test centre, or online.

## **IELTS in a test centre**

Take IELTS on computer in one of our test centres for your Academic or General Training Test. The speaking section is done face-to-face with a qualified IELTS Examiner, either in centre or via a video call.

## **IELTS Online**

IELTS Online has the same test content as IELTS on computer taken in an IELTS test centre, but you can take it from the comfort of our own home or private space. The speaking section is done via a video call.

## **More choice, same trusted test**

Whether you choose to take your test in a test centre or at home, the test content and scoring system is the same. All test formats also have the same Report Form and security measures that make IELTS the world's most trusted English language test.

\* IELTS Online is for IELTS Academic only. It is available in limited markets only.

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