

Introduction to IELTS

What is IELTS?

IELTS, the International English Language Testing System, is a test of English language proficiency and one of the world's most popular and respected forms of English in education and migration.

Intended for non-native speakers who are looking to study or work in an English-speaking environment, IELTS training is an internationally recognised system for testing English language ability in four categories:

- Listening
- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking

Since its introduction in 1989, IELTS preparation has become one of the most trusted forms of English-language assessment and is accepted by over 8,000 universities, employers and immigration organisations worldwide. IELTS testing methods focus on the candidate's practical ability to use English in real-life situations.

IELTS Test Types

There are two different types of IELTS test and once graded, your IELTS score is valid for two years.

- **Academic IELTS** is for international students who wish to study at a UK university or an institute of higher education.
- **General IELTS** classes focus on English survival skills and social and workplace language, ideal for those who are planning to migrate to English-speaking countries such as Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

IELTS Practice Test

An [IELTS practice test](#) enables teaching staff to assess your current reading, writing, speaking and listening ability before you begin your IELTS preparation course, highlighting your strengths and weaknesses.

IELTS 9-Band Scale

Students will be given a score of 1-9 for each part of the test. Your average score produces an overall IELTS band score, and you can be graded on whole or half points.

Score	Skill	Skill Overview
Band 9	Expert user	Fully operational command of the language: appropriate, accurate and fluent with complete understanding.
Band 8	Very good user	Fully operational command of the language with only occasional inaccuracies and inappropriacies. Misunderstandings may occur in unfamiliar situations. Handles complex detailed argumentation well.
Band 7	Good user	Operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings in some situations. Generally handles complex language well and understands detailed reasoning.

Band 6	Competent user	Generally effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings. Can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.
Band 5	Modest user	Partial command of the language, coping with overall meaning in most situations, though is likely to make many mistakes. Should be able to handle basic communication in own field.
Band 4	Limited user	Basic competence is limited to familiar situations. Has frequent problems in understanding and expression. Is not able to use complex language.
Band 3	Extremely limited user	Conveys and understands only general meaning in very familiar situations. Frequent breakdowns in communication occur.
Band 2	Intermittent user	No real communication is possible except for the most basic information using isolated words or short formulae in familiar situations and to meet immediate needs. Has great difficulty understanding spoken and written English.

Band 1	Non-user	Essentially has no ability to use the language beyond possibly a few isolated words.
Band 0	Did not attempt the test	No assessable information provided. Did not take the test

Scoring

As we said before that the IELTS is separated into four distinct sections. Reading, writing, listening and speaking. Each section has about 40 marks that are converted into band scores. Then all the band scores are averaged to finalize the result.

The one who gets 9 is considered as an expert user and it is assumed that he has complete command over the English language and has a full understanding of English with fluency and accuracy.

The one who gets a band score of 8 is considered as very good user of English having complete command in English with rare errors or inappropriate words. He has the ability to deal with complex situations but uses some inappropriate words in complex situations but also have the ability to deal with some detailed arguments.

Having band score 7 proves that the test taker is a good user who has had good command in English but has some occasional inaccuracies.

IDP IELTS EXAM DATES IN JUNE 2022

Test Dates	Test Type	IELTS Exam Fees
Saturday, 4 June 2022	Academic Only	INR 14,700
Saturday, 11 June 2022	Academic and General Training	INR 14,700
Thursday, 16 June 2022	Academic Only	INR 14,700
Saturday, 25 June 2022	Academic and General Training	INR 14,700