



INFORMATION ABOUT IELTS

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INTRODUCTION

What is IELTS?

IELTS – the International English Language Testing System – is the world’s most popular English language test. It is developed by some of the world’s leading experts in language assessment and evaluates all of your English skills — reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Why choose IELTS?

The test reflects how you’ll use English to study, work and live in an English speaking environment. You can take the test at any of our official test centres across the world.

Study, work and live abroad

IELTS is accepted by more than 10,000 organisations in over 140 countries. Those organisations include governments, academic institutions and employers with 3,300 in the USA alone.

Get where you want to go

In most countries where English is the main language, you’ll need evidence of English language skills to apply for jobs and university courses.

Prove yourself at home

Proving your English language skills with an IELTS test can help you get a better job or a promotion in your home country.

The British Council in Oman offers IELTS tests in different locations: Muscat, Sur, Shinas, Ibri, Nizwa, Salalah, Buraimi and Rustaq, with up to 3 test dates per month.



Which IELTS test should I take?

There are different types of IELTS tests you can take. IELTS can help you move around the world, get the job you've always wanted or just demonstrate that you have improved your English. The test you should choose depends on what you want to do.

Before booking your test, make sure to check which test you need with the organisations you are applying to.

IELTS Academic – *get ready for a higher education environment*

The IELTS Academic test measures whether you have the level of English language proficiency needed for an academic, higher education environment. It reflects some of the features of academic language and assesses whether you are ready to begin studying or training.

Take this test if you want to:

- Study at either undergraduate or postgraduate level anywhere in the world
- Apply for Tier 4 Student Visa at a university that is a Tier 4 Sponsor in the UK
- Work in a professional organisation in an English speaking country.

IELTS General Training – *prove you have practical, everyday English language skills*

IELTS General Training proves your English skills:

Take it to work in your country or to emigrate to an English speaking country.

Looking to work or study in the UK?

There is a specific IELTS test for UK visas and immigration (UKVI). If you are looking to work, study or live in the UK then you may need to take this test.



What is **IELTS** for UK Visas and Immigration?

If you are looking to work or study in UK, you may need to apply for a UK Visa and demonstrate that you have met the required level of English by taking a Home Office approved Secure English Language Test (SELT), such as IELTS for UKVI (Academic and General Training) which is available in Muscat. You can take the test on a paper (results in 13 days) or on a computer (results in 3 – 5 days).

Is there a difference in test format between **IELTS** and **IELTS for UKVI**?

IELTS and IELTS for UKVI are the same in terms of format, content, scoring and level of difficulty. However, the Test Report Form which contains your results is slightly different to show that you have taken the test at an official IELTS for UKVI location, which is approved by the UK Home Office.

Is there a difference between **IELTS on Paper** and **IELTS on Computer**?

IELTS on Computer

If you choose IELTS on Computer, you will take the Listening, Reading and Writing sections on a computer at one of our official test centres. The Speaking test will remain face to face with a trained IELTS Examiner, as we believe it is the most effective way of assessing your speaking skills. If you have taken the IELTS on Computer test, you will be able to preview your results after 3 to 5 calendar days from the test date.

IELTS on Paper

If you choose IELTS on Paper, you will answer the Listening, Reading and Writing sections on a paper. The Speaking test is carried out face-to-face with a trained IELTS Examiner. The Listening, Reading and Writing sections of all IELTS tests are completed on the same day. The Speaking section, however, can be completed up to a week before or after the other tests. If you have taken the IELTS on Paper test, you will be able to preview your results after 13 calendar days from the test date.



Is the IELTS for UKVI (Academic) test accepted in all the countries around the world?

Yes, it is accepted in all the countries.

When should I take IELTS?

We recommend that students spend enough time to prepare for the IELTS exam, focusing on basic grammar, reading speed, test strategies and writing skills. Each part of the IELTS exam is different, so ensure you fully understand what is expected of you. It is advisable that you take the IELTS exam before you sit for your final exams or while you register for scholarships.

FREE IELTS preparation support.

Register for an IELTS test with British Council and get the chance to attend a FREE 3 hour face-to-face **IELTS Ready** workshop, conducted by our expert teachers to help you prepare for your IELTS test. The FREE workshop will prepare you for the listening, reading, writing and speaking modules.

You can also get a FREE 30 hours of online practice, **Road to IELTS**, when you register for your IELTS test with the British Council. It includes FREE practice tests for the four components of the IELTS test.



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