

The fast and fair English test

PTE Academic is the smart choice when you want to study or work abroad. It is the leading computer-based English test and allows you to demonstrate language skills for university, professional and migration applications.

-  Get results typically within 5 business days.
-  Computer based marking ensures all test takers are scored impartially and accurately.
-  Accepted by universities and colleges in Australia, New Zealand, USA, UK, Canada, Ireland, Singapore, Germany and more.
-  Approved for **all** Australian and New Zealand visa and migration applications.



PTE Academic compared

	PTE Academic	IELTS	TOEFL iBT®
BOOKING A TEST			
Booking & registration	Register and pay online or by phone up to 24 hours in advance.*	Online, by mail or in person. Many centers close registration some time before the test.	Online, by mail or by phone. Register up to 7 days prior to test date. Late registration closes 4 days prior to test date and has a late fee.
Test availability	Over 360 days of the year. Where demand is strong tests are run 5+ days per week, multiple times per day.	48 fixed test sessions per year (3 Saturdays and 1 Thursday a month).	On fixed dates, over 50 times per year.
Locations	Over 250 locations worldwide, visit: pearsonpte.com/centers	Multiple locations worldwide.	Multiple locations worldwide.
THE TEST			
Duration	Single 3 hour session (with an optional 10 minute break).	Test totals around 3 hours but can be delivered in 2 sessions in some locations.	Test totals 4 hours (with a mandatory 10 minute break).
Format	Test comprises 3 parts: • Speaking and writing • Reading • Listening	Test comprises 4 parts: • Listening • Writing • Reading • Speaking	Test comprises 4 parts: • Listening • Writing • Reading • Speaking
Delivery	Computer based and 100% computer marked.	Paper based test with interviews marked by examiners.	Administered on a computer. Both automated and human scoring.
RESULTS			
Results available	5 business days or less (typically).	13 days.	10 days (approximately).
Accessing & submitting results	Results are available via the secure score report website. Test takers can send their scores to an unlimited number of institutions without additional fees. 2 year score validity (recommended).	Test takers can send their scores to up to 5 institutions for free, after that there is an additional fee. 2 year score validity (recommended).	Test fee includes up to 4 official score reports sent to institutions or agencies the test taker selects before taking the test. The fee is US \$20 for each additional report ordered. 2 year score validity (recommended).
Score comparison	Scored on a granular scale from 10 - 90 that shows a detailed breakdown of skills. The test gives an extremely accurate and consistent assessment of a test taker's ability.	Scored on a 9 point band scale.	Scored on a scale of 0 to 120 points with each section receiving a score from 0 to 30.

* A late booking fee applies for test booked within 48 hours of test session.

How do PTE Academic scores compare to other English tests?

PTE Academic	30	36	42	50	58	65	73	79	83	86	
IELTS	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	9.0	
PTE Academic	38	42	46	50	53	59	64	68	72	78	84
TOEFL iBT	40-44	54-56	65-66	74-75	79-80	87-88	94	99-100	105	113	120

Note: This score alignment is recommended by PTE Academic and is approved by the Australian DHA. Test takers should check their preferred institutions' website for score requirements.



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