

# 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:

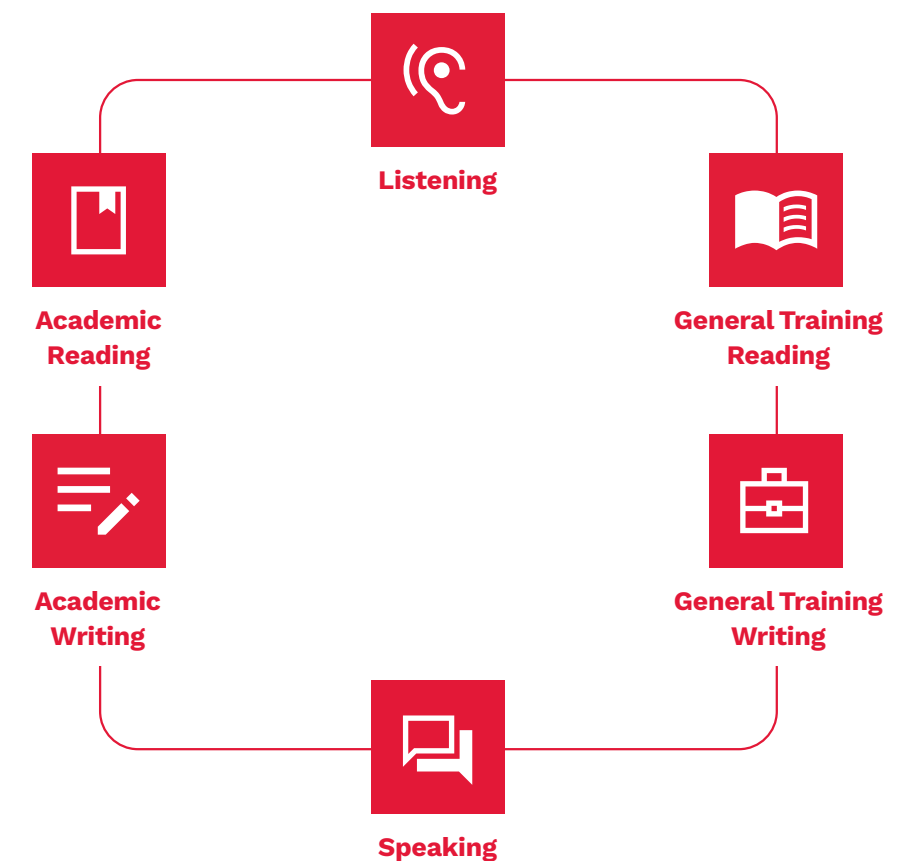
**IELTS Academic** is for higher education or professional training.

**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://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/teach-ielts/test-information/scores-explained)

The test is made up of:



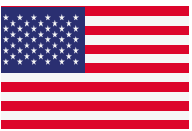


# IELTS opens doors

Over 11,500 organisations globally accept IELTS. As the most popular test for higher education and working abroad, it gives you a huge number of options.



**United Kingdom**  
IELTS is accepted by UK Visas and Immigration.



**United States**  
Over 3,400 institutions in the USA accept IELTS.



**New Zealand**  
Immigration New Zealand accepts IELTS along with several other organisations.



**Australia**  
Over 1,000 organisations in Australia accept IELTS, including the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.



**Canada**  
IELTS is accepted by Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and by over 350 institutions.



**Globally recognised**  
IELTS is recognised in Germany, Malaysia, Netherlands and many other countries around the globe.

**See the full list**  
For a full list of universities and organisations that accept IELTS scores, visit [takeielts.org](https://takeielts.org)



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# 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

## Road to IELTS

Get free access to our award winning online preparation course.

2

## Preparation material

Free webinar every week to help you prepare for your test with an expert IELTS teacher.

3

## Dates and locations

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

4

## More choice

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



# If you are going to the UK

You may need to take a specific kind of IELTS test to prove your English language ability.

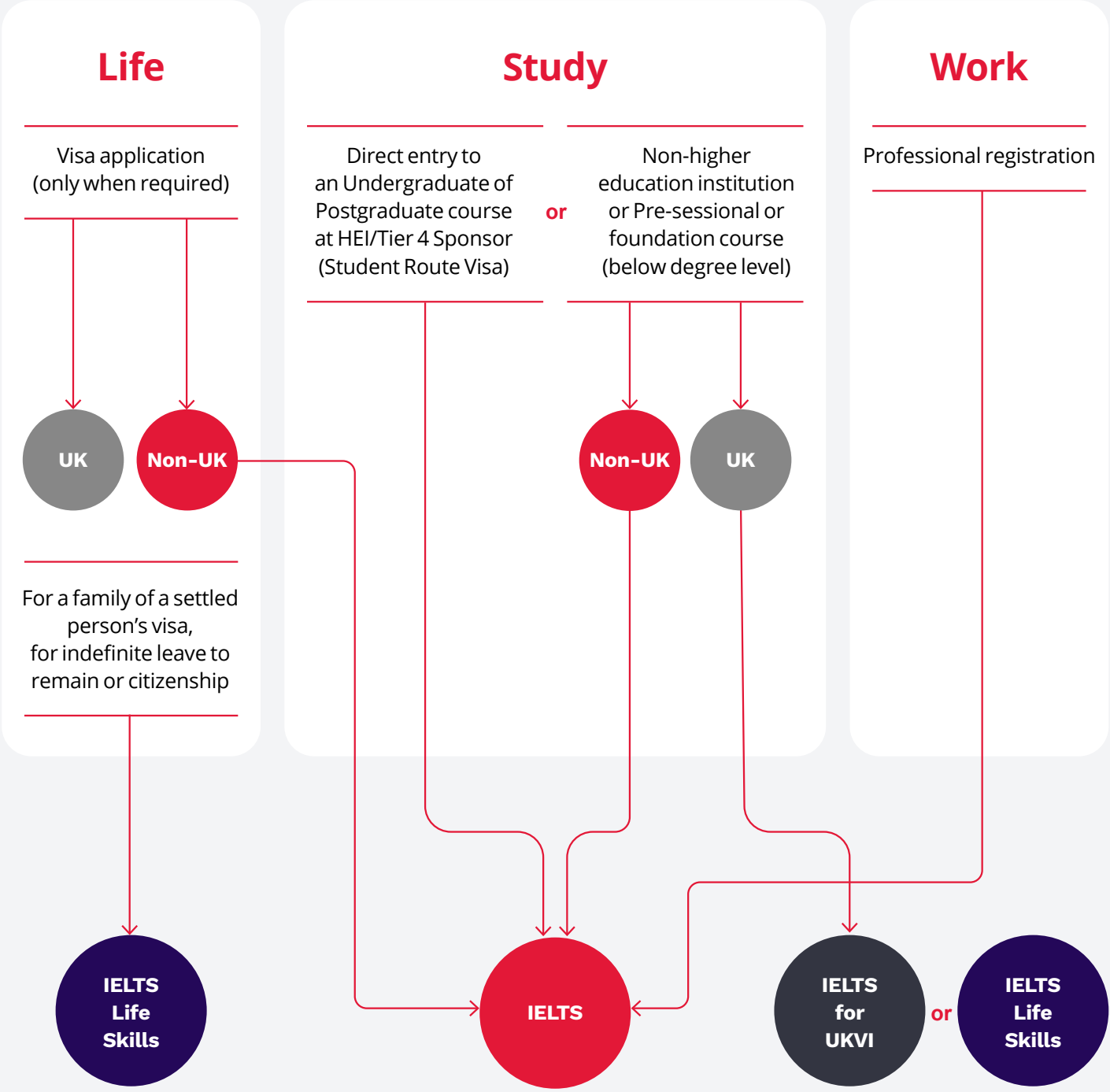
For visa applications, the UK Home Office has approved IELTS, IELTS for UKVI and IELTS Life Skills.

**Applying for Student Route Visa (Tier 4)?**  
If you are applying to a university that is a Tier 4 Sponsor to study for a bachelor or postgraduate degree, you must meet the English language level set by that institution. Almost all British universities and colleges accept IELTS results.

To see the list of universities that Student Route Visa (Tier 4) applicants can apply to, visit [gov.uk/student-visa](https://gov.uk/student-visa)



## Which IELTS test do you need for the UK?



# About IELTS for UKVI and IELTS Life Skills

## 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 Life Skills

IELTS Life Skills is used for specific types of applications – a ‘family of a settled person’ visa, an ‘indefinite leave to remain’ visa and for citizenship.

It is a test of Speaking and Listening available at CEFR Levels A1, A2 and B1.

### The purpose of each test

#### IELTS Life Skills A1

For those applying to UK Visas and Immigration for a ‘family of a settled person’ visa.

#### IELTS Life Skills A2

For those applying to UK Visas and Immigration for an extension to a family, spouse or partner visa.

#### IELTS Life Skills B1

For those applying to UK Visas and Immigration for indefinite leave to remain or citizenship.

For more information visit  
[takeielts.britishcouncil.org/take-ielts/  
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# Start your IELTS journey



## Book online

Go to **takeielts.org** to find your nearest test centre and book your test.



## Book in test centre

Go to **takeielts.org** to find your nearest test centre.

**Remember there are two IELTS tests – IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training – so make sure you check which one is right for you before booking.**

### Checking which test is right for you

If you are applying to an organisation or institution, go to their website or search for them in the ‘Organisations that recognise IELTS’ section of **takeielts.org** to check their requirements.

If you are emigrating to another country, contact its immigration authority to find out which IELTS test and score you need.



# 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

### Road to IELTS

When you book with us, you get free unlimited access to Road to IELTS Last Minute course. This includes nine videos giving advice and tutorials, 92 interactive activities and six practice test papers.

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

### Free weekly IELTS webinars

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

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### IELTS Progress Check

Improve your performance and confidence with an IELTS official practice test.

Visit [ieltsprogresscheck.com](https://ieltsprogresscheck.com)



## Apps

### IELTS Prep App

Our app gives you instant access to free practice tests, grammar tips, exercises, and quizzes. You'll also find sample questions for Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking, as well as vocabulary practice.

### 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)

### Practice book

Our printed book includes sample tests for the Academic and General Training tests as well as test tips.

Contact your test centre to order.



## Face-to-face learning

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**

Our test centres offer both IELTS on computer or IELTS on paper options for your Academic or General Training test. The only difference is for the Listening, Reading and Writing sections, you can either type or write your answers. The choice is yours.

## **IELTS Online**

IELTS Online has the same test content as IELTS on computer and IELTS on paper taken in a test centre, but you can take it from the comfort of your own home or private space.

The Speaking test is the same for both tests and is done face-to-face with a qualified IELTS Examiner. IELTS Online is carried out 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. Visit [takeielts.org](https://takeielts.org) to know if it is in your country.







# Your test results

### When do I receive my test score?

- Between 3–5 days of taking IELTS on computer
- Within 13 days of taking IELTS on paper
- Within 3–6 days of taking IELTS Online (you will receive an email telling you your results are available and how to access)
- Within 7 days of taking IELTS Life Skills

Send your results to up to five (IELTS on computer and IELTS on paper) or an unlimited number of universities (IELTS Online) for free Visit [takeielts.britishcouncil.org/teach-ielts/test-information/results](https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/teach-ielts/test-information/results) for more details.

### Can I apply for a re-mark?

If you are unhappy with your test results, you can apply for your test to be remarked. This is called an Enquiry on Results. You have up to six weeks after the test to make the request and can choose which section of the test you would like to be marked again.

The re-mark fee will be refunded if your score is increased. Contact your test centre to apply.

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM

Test Report Form

ACADEMIC

NOTE

Administrative information and past practice results should be based on the ACADAMIC Reading and Writing Modules. Cambridge English Speaking and Writing Modules are not designed to test the full range of language skills needed for academic purposes. It is recommended that the candidate's language ability be indicated in this Test Report Form by re-assessment after two years from the date of the test.

Centre Number

G0599

Date

13/FEB/2014

Candidate Number

000193

Candidate Details

Family Name

MARTINEZ

First Name

JOHN

Candidate ID

F000242

Date of Birth

26/03/1984

Sex (MF)

☒ M ☐ F

Scheme Code

Private Candidate

Country or Region of Origin

Country of Nationality

AFGHANISTAN

First Language

AFRIKAANS

Test Results

Listening

6.0

Reading

6.0

Writing

6.0

Speaking

5.5

Overall Band Score

5.5

Administrator Comments

Centre stamp

Validation stamp

Administrator's Signature

Date

20/05/2014

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Sample IELTS TRF

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Test Report Form

IELTS Online

ACADEMIC

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Centre Number

Date

Candidate Number

Candidate Details

Family Name

First Name(s)

Candidate ID

Date of Birth

Sex (MF)

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Scheme Code

Country or Region of Origin

Country of Nationality

First Language

Test Results

Listening

Reading

Writing

Speaking

Overall Band Score

CEFR Level

Administrator Comments

Recognising organisations must verify this score at [ielts.org/verify](http://ielts.org/verify)

Validation stamp

Date

Test Report Form Number

Sample IELTS Online TRF

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