

PTE Academic Test

The PTE (Pearson Test of English) Academic Test is like the TOEFL und the IELTS a widely accepted test designed to assess the language ability of those who want to study at institutions where English is the main language of instruction, e.g. the USA, Canada, the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand or MBA programm. It is endorsed by Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), the owners of the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

PTE Academic Test has some advantages compared to TOEFL and IELTS

- No fixed test administration dates - register and schedule your test online at a time that suits you.
- Tasks are interactive and integrated, reflecting how language is really used in everyday life.
- It only takes a 3-hour session.
- Results are available to view online in typically five business days.
- Institutions can view the scores online within 48 hours of the test taker permitting them to do so.

The PTE evaluates the language skills on a scale from 10 (non-user) to 90 (expert user).

Content

All four language skills **speaking, listening, reading and writing** are tested in three different parts:

Section	Description	Time allowed
Speaking	Personal introduction, reading aloud, describing images, re-telling lectures, answering short questions	31 – 36 minutes
Writing	Summarizing written texts, writing an essay	50 – 60 minutes
Reading	Multiple-choice (single and multiple answer), re-order paragraphs reading and writing: fill in the blanks	32 – 41 minutes
Listening	Summarizing spoken text, multiple-choice (multiple answers), filling in blanks, highlighting correct summary, selecting missing words, highlighting incorrect words, writing from dictation	43 – 58 minutes

Test dates and places

PTE Academic is a computer-based test that is delivered through secure network of test centers. In Germany, test centers are in Frankfurt and Berlin.

Cost

The test fee is \$ 210,00 (As of 24.06.2010)

Registration

- Create a web account by registering your details by logging onto www.pearsonpte.com
- Click on “Register for PTE Academic” under the “Quick links” on the right side of the screen. Then follow the instructions.
- Alternately, one can call Pearson’s customer service team at 0044 (0) 161 8557431. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cancelation:

- Cancelation more than 7 calendar days before the test date will be entitled to a 50 % refund.
- Cancelation 7 calendar days or less before the test date no refund is granted.

Rescheduling:

Changing date, time or location (within the same country) is possible. If rescheduling more than 7 calendar days before the test date, an additional 25% of the test fee is charged. If rescheduling 7 calendar days or less before the test date, a new test fee in full has to be paid.

Payment

Payment is made by credit card, voucher or promotion code.

Test score

The overall score is based on the performance on all test items. The score range is 10 – 90 points. Test takers will be notified by email when the PTE Academic scores are available (normally within 5 business days from the test date.) The scores can then be sent to up to seven selected institutions of your choice. The test scores are valid up to two years from the test date.

What to do next

To find out more, simply make an appointment with one of our professional language consultants for a free consultation. We can then devise an individual program tailored to your needs to help you attain the targeted score, based on the results of a diagnostic test you can take at our center.