

TOEFL Test (iBT)

The 'Test of English as a Foreign Language' TOEFL is required for admission to almost every university in the USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada (though IELTS from Cambridge University is mostly required for Universities in the UK). For further information see www.toefl.org.

In most countries the TOEFL is now internet based (iBT) but in some countries it is still computer based (cBT) or even paper based. The TOEFL is designed and administered by a US based company called ETS (Educational Testing Services) from Princeton University.

Each university requires a minimum score in the TOEFL from applicants between 0 and 120. Details are found on the websites of each university and mostly quote the iBT or cBT score.

Content

All four language skills **speaking, listening, reading and writing** are tested. The test lasts about 3.5 – 4.5 hours. Note taking is allowed throughout the entire test. It is possible to go back to the previous question in the **Reading** section, but **NOT** in the **Listening** section.

Section	Description	Testing Time	Questions	Score Scale
Reading	3-5 passages from academic texts; approximately 700 words long; 12-14 multiple choice questions per passage.	60 - 100 minutes	36-70 questions	0 - 30
Listening	4-6 lectures, some with classroom discussion; each 3-5 minutes long; 6 questions each. 2-3 conversations; each 3 minutes long; 5 questions each.	60 - 90 minutes	34-51 questions	0 - 30
Break		10 minutes		
Speaking	2 tasks to express an opinion on a familiar topic; 4 tasks to speak based on what is read and listened to. The response is recorded by the computer and then graded by human raters	20 minutes	6 tasks	0 - 4 points converted to 0-30 score scale
Writing	1 task to write based on what is read and listened to; 1 task to support an opinion on a topic.	50 minutes	2 tasks	0 - 5 points converted to 0-30 score scale
Total score		200 - 270		0 - 120

Test dates and places

For dates and places see the internet under www.ets.org.

In the Rhein-Main region the test can be taken in Frankfurt, Darmstadt, Oestrich-Winkel, Mainz, Mannheim and Fulda.

Registration

Online under

- + www.ets.org
- + 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- + Registration closes **7 days** before your test date
- + Late registration closes 3 days before your test date
- + Pay with a credit/debit card

Cost

- + The current fee (As of 15.07.2013) is \$ 240
- + For late registrations an extra fee of \$ 35 is charged additionally

Test score

- + The results are usually available online after 15 business days
- + The final score report is also send by mail
- + Up to 4 official score reports can be sent by ETS directly to institutions or agencies that the candidate selected free of charge
- + The TOEFL score is only valid for two years

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 the TOEFL diagnostic test you can take at our e-Learning center.