

TWO TEST VERSIONS

The IELTS is a widely recognized test, owned and managed by the **British Council, IDP: IELTS Australia** and **University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations**.

There are two versions of the test:

academic	general
✓ for post-secondary students (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)	✓ for traineeships ✓ work ✓ secondary education ✓ immigration to the UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand

Both versions have the same **Listening and Speaking** parts, but differ in **Writing and Reading**. In your application form, you have to choose which one of the two tests you want to take.

IELTS STRUCTURE

Listening (30 min)

- 4 sections with progressive level of difficulty that you hear once
- 40 different types of questions (e.g. multiple-choice, sentence completion, short answer, completion of tables/charts/summaries/notes, labeling a diagram/matching)
- with additional time to read and to answer the questions
- free written responses

Reading (60 min)

- 3 passages (1500-2500 words in total)
- 40 different types of questions (e.g. multiple-choice, sentence completion, short answer, completion of tables/charts/summaries/notes, choosing headings/Yes-No-Not Given/classification/matching lists or phrases)

Writing (60 min)

- 1. task: 20 min – 150 words
- report about a graph/table/bar chart or a diagram
- 2. task: 40 min – 250 words
- expression own opinion about a problem

You will be assessed on relevancy, use of grammar and vocabulary, style and coherence

IELTS STRUCTURE

Speaking (11–14 min, may be on the same day or +/- 7 days)

In total: 2 h 45 min.

- Part I: (4-5 min)
Introduction and interview
- Part II: (3-4 min)
Individual long turn (you will be given a card with a subject that you have to present for 1-2 min). You are allowed to take notes.
- Part III: (4-5 min)
Two-way discussion related to Part II.

Assessment is based on:

- ✓ fluency and coherence
- ✓ vocabulary
- ✓ grammatical range and accuracy
- ✓ pronunciation

IELTS RESULTS

You can view your results **online 13 days** after the test. Certificates can be collected or mailed to you. Updated information about coming posting dates you can see online on the British Council's website. See link below.

COSTS & REGISTRATION

ca. 234 Euro (as of 2021)

British Council Germany offers IELTS in 12 cities in Germany: Aachen, Berlin, Bremen, Dortmund, Düsseldorf, Freiburg, Hamburg, Hannover, Heidelberg, Köln, Leipzig and Stuttgart, up to four test dates per month (depending on the location).

For more information, go here:

<https://www.britishcouncil.de/pruefung/ielts>

IELTS PREPARATION

Language Course:

A preparation class (for the TOEFL and IELTS is offered every semester). For more information, visit our website:

www.uni-marburg.de -> English

In Selbstlernzentrum:

- McCarter, S. & Ash, J. 2011. *IELTS Testbuilder 1 With Answer Key + CDs.*
- McCarter, S. & Ash, J. 2003. *IELTS Testbuilder With Answer Key + CDs.*
- Harrison, L., Cushen, C., Hutchison, S.(2006). *Achieve IELTS 2: English for International Education.*

Online Free Materials

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