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**IELTS for UK Visas
and Immigration**

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IELTS for UKVI



IELTS for UKVI is approved by the UK government as a proof of your English language abilities in support of a visa application, and is also accepted by the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand governments.

If you are planning to study at non-higher education institutions, on pre-sessional or foundation courses (below degree level), IELTS for UKVI is required.

IELTS for UKVI (Academic and General Training)

If you're applying for Tier 1 and Tier 2 visas to the UK, this is the test for you.

The actual test taken is the same for both IELTS and IELTS for UKVI, with the same content, examiners, format, level of difficulty, scoring and so on. The only difference between the two is that IELTS for UKVI is a Secure English Language Test (SELT), administered in a test venue with video recording and CCTV facilities. Test Report Forms will be slightly different, to show that you have taken the test at an IELTS UK visa session.

IELTS Life Skills

If you're applying for a 'family of a settled person' visa, extension of a 'family of a settled person' visa or for indefinite leave to remain or citizenship, IELTS Life Skills is the test for you.

IELTS Life Skills is approved by UKVI as a Secure English Language Test (SELT).

This test is for people who need to show they have speaking and listening skills at Level A1, A2 or B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Which test do I need?

The following IELTS tests are on the UK Home Office's list of Secure English Language Tests (SELT tests) and have been approved for UK Visas and Immigration purposes:

IELTS Academic**

This test is for test takers wishing to study at undergraduate or postgraduate levels, and for those seeking professional registration in the UK.

IELTS General training

This test is for test takers wishing to migrate to the UK and for those wishing to train or study below degree level.

IELTS Life Skills A1

This test is for those who need to prove their English speaking and listening skills as part of their application to UK Visas and Immigration for 'family of a settled person' visas.

IELTS Life Skills A2*

This test is for those who need to prove their English speaking and listening skills as part of their application to UK Visas and Immigration for extension to Family, Spouse or Partner visa.

IELTS Life Skills B1

This test is for those who need to prove their English speaking and listening skills as part of their application to UK Visas and Immigration for indefinite leave to remain or citizenship.

*Please note, IELTS Life Skills A2 is only available in the UK.





**IELTS for UKVI (Academic) is also available delivered on computer in certain locations.



Test Format

IELTS for UKVI (Academic and General Training)

The Listening, Reading and Writing components of all IELTS tests are completed on the same day. The order in which these tests are taken may vary. There are no breaks between these three tests. The Speaking component, however, can be completed up to a week before or after the other tests.

	Academic	General Training
 <p>Listening (30 minutes*)</p>	<p>There are four sections, which include both monologues and conversations. A variety of voices and accents are used and each section is played only once.</p> <p>(*30 minutes, plus 10 minutes extra to transfer your answer to the answer sheet)</p>	
 <p>Reading (60 minutes)</p>	<p>There are three long reading passages with tasks.</p> <p>Texts range from descriptive and factual to the discursive and analytical and may include non-verbal material such as diagrams, graphs or illustrations.</p> <p>Texts are authentic and taken from books, journals, newspapers, magazines and other sources.</p>	<p>There are three reading passages with tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1 contains two or three short factual texts. • Section 2 contains two short, work-related, factual texts. • Section 3 contains one longer text on a topic of general interest. <p>Texts are authentic and are taken from company handbooks, official documents, books, newspapers and other sources.</p>
 <p>Writing (60 minutes)</p>	<p>There are two tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Task 1, you are presented with a table, graph, chart or diagram and are asked to describe, summarise or explain the information in no less than 150 words. • In Task 2, you are asked to write an essay of no less than 250 words in response to a point of view, argument or problem. 	<p>There are two tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Task 1, you are presented with a situation and are asked to write a letter of at least 150 words to request information or explain the situation. • In Task 2, you are asked to write an essay of no less than 250 words in response to a point of view, argument or problem.
 <p>Speaking (11–14 minutes)</p>	<p>A face-to-face interview comprised of three sections: short questions, speaking at length about a familiar topic and a structured discussion.</p>	

IELTS Life Skills

IELTS Life Skills is a speaking and listening test. You will take the test face-to-face with an examiner, along with one other candidate. You will participate in a structured conversation listening and responding to a selection of tasks.




The tasks in IELTS Life Skills are designed to reflect the everyday experience of communicating in an English-speaking country. You will be expected to take part in short discussions on everyday subjects.



A1

Speaking and Listening




16–18 minutes

-  Listen and respond to spoken language, including simple narratives, statements, questions and single-step instructions.
-  Communicate basic information, feelings and opinions on familiar topics.
-  Talk with another person in a familiar situation about familiar topics.

A2

Speaking and Listening




20 minutes

-  Listen and respond to spoken language, including straightforward information, short narratives, explanations and instructions.
-  Communicate information, feelings and opinions on familiar topics.
-  Talk with one or more people in a familiar situation to establish a shared understanding about familiar topics.

B1

Speaking and Listening

22 minutes

-  Listen and respond to spoken language, including straightforward information and narratives, and follow straightforward explanations and instructions.
-  Communicate information, feelings and opinions on familiar topics using appropriate formality.
-  Talk with one or more people in a familiar situation, making relevant points and responding to what other says to reach a shared understanding about familiar topics.



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Why should you take IELTS with the British Council?

Pre-test support

- Clear and comprehensive information on pre-test procedures and test-day arrangements.
- A range of comprehensive resources including free practice tests, online courses, up-to-date interactive learning materials, videos and a mobile app to help you familiarise yourself with IELTS and to prepare for your test.

In-test arrangements

- A quality sound system enables you to focus on what's important during the test.
- Professional yet friendly speaking test examiners make you feel at ease so you can perform to the best of your ability.

Post-test services

- Timely delivery of your printed Test Report Forms.
- A user-friendly online enquiry service for your test result.

Learn more about the test format and find out more information about your destination: www.ieltsasia.org