

IELTS (The International English Language Testing System)

General Information

The IELTS is accepted by most Australian, British, Canadian and New Zealand academic institutions. American academic institutions are increasingly accepting IELTS for admissions purposes. The IELTS is offered in Myanmar at the British Council in Yangon.

The IELTS is jointly managed by The University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), The British Council and IDP Education Australia: IELTS Australia, so you can contact any of these organizations for more information about the test.

Note: there is an academic version and a general proficiency version. If you are applying to universities, you must take the academic version.

Description of the Test

The IELTS consists of 4 sections and takes 3 hours to complete:

Listening	4 sections	40 items	30 minutes
Academic Reading	3 sections	40 items	60 minutes
Academic Writing	2 tasks	150/250 wds	60 minutes
Speaking			10-15 minutes

Scoring

Candidates receive a separate score for each section and an overall score. Scores are given on a band scale from 1 to 9, with one representing almost no English ability and 9 representing total fluency.

You can obtain practice materials for the test, called IELTS Specimen Materials, at the www.ielts.org website or at your nearest test center. You can also find out about preparation courses at the centers listed below.

Test Fee and Registration

Myanmar: Test Fee: US\$144

Thailand: Test Fee: 5,700 BAHT

Malaysia: Test Fee: Ringitt 510

Singapore: Test Fee: S\$280

Australia: Test Fee: AUD\$280

USA: Test Fee: \$140 through June 30, 2007

Testing Centers:

Bangladesh

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How to Prepare

The best way to prepare for the exam is to find out information about the exam such as:

- Ask the test center if they have any preparation materials, like books or CDs you can borrow.
- Find out what the the sections on the exam are?
- What is the style of the exam: essay, multiple choice, short answer, true/false, etc?
- How long is the exam?
- Take a preparation course before the exam
- Take practice exams
- Look for information on their website

More Information

Go to www.ielts.org or contact any of the IELTS administrators listed above.