



External Tests Accepted as Evidence of Level of English for Enrolment in Vocational Education Training Courses

Students who want to study a course which uses English as the medium of instruction need to receive accurate and reliable information regarding their English language level. Ordinary placement tests are not suitable for this purpose as they do not test a range of language ability and so can give misleading information.

As a leading education provider, King's International College accepts any one of the 5 internationally recognised testing systems as evidence of English language ability for enrolment into our Vocational Education Training (VET) courses. This allows students to sit the most convenient test in their country.

IELTS

IELTS is recognised by more than 6000 institutions in over 135 countries and IELTS tests are held in over 500 centres with tests up to four times a month.

Candidates can choose from two types of IELTS test: Academic or General Training, depending on whether they want to study, work or migrate. Both modules are made up of four parts – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. IELTS results are graded on the unique IELTS 9-band scale.

Academic or General Training: all candidates take the same Listening and Speaking modules but different Reading and Writing modules. Listening, Reading and Writing must be completed in one day. Depending on the test centre, the Speaking test may be offered on the same day or up to a week before or after the other parts.

IELTS Test Centres

http://www.ielts.org/test_centre_search/search_results.aspx

TOEFL

The TOEFL test is recognized by more than 7,500 colleges, universities and agencies in more than 130 countries.

The TOEFL test is offered in two formats: the TOEFL iBT™ Test, in an Internet-based format, and the original Paper-based test (PBT). The format depends on the location of the test centre.

- The TOEFL iBT test is offered 30 – 40 times a year at more than 4,500 authorized test centres throughout the world. Most test takers take the internet-based test.
- The TOEFL PBT test is offered six times a year in areas where Internet-based testing is not available.

TOEFL Test Centres

http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/TOEFL/tclists/IBT_a.html

TOEIC

In the twenty five years since its launch, the TOEIC test has become a recognised standard for educational institutions around the world that need to evaluate the English proficiency of prospective or existing students. Today, more than 9,000 organizations in more than 90 countries use the TOEIC test to gauge the English communication skills of non-native English-speaking people.

TOEIC Test Centres

<http://www.ets.org/toEIC>

Pearson Language Tests

Pearson Language Tests (PLT) delivers the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic), Pearson Test of English General (PTE General) and Pearson Test of English Young Learners (PTE Young Learners). Pearson is an international media company with market-leading businesses in education, business information and consumer publishing with more than 30,000 employees based in 60 countries.

Pearson Test Centres

<http://pearsonpte.com/Testme/Pages/TestCenters.aspx>

Cambridge ESOL

Cambridge ESOL offers the world's leading range of certificates for learners and teachers of English - taken by over 3 million people in 130 countries. They help people gain entrance to university or college, improve job prospects or measure progress in English. More than 10,000 employers, universities and government bodies around the world recognise Cambridge ESOL qualifications.

Cambridge ESOL Test Centres

<http://www.cambridgeesol.org/recognition/study.html>

Test Scores Accepted by King's International College (Approximate Equivalence)

IELTS (Academic)	TOEFL iBT	TOEIC	PTE (Academic)	Cambridge
7.0	88 - 95	736 - 780	65 - 72	CAE A
6.5	79 - 87	691 - 735	58 - 64	CAE B
6.0	72 - 78	646 - 690	50 - 57	FCE A / CAE C
5.5	65 - 71	601 - 645	42 - 49	FCE B
5.0	59 - 64	536 - 600	36 - 41	FCE C

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