



International Certifications of English Language Competence

Test of English as a Foreign Language
ToEFL

International English Language Testing System
IELTS

ToEFL or IELTS?

- ToEFL – American English
 - measures a candidate's ability to use and understand English at the university level
 - <http://www.ets.org/toefl>
- IELTS – British English
 - is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who want to study or work where English is the language of communication
 - <http://www.ielts.org/>

When to take the test?

- ToEFL / IELTS scores must be obtained **before** you compile your admissions dossier (before December)
- Not all institutions require such tests, some may ask for a letter, please send me an email Jennifer.Valcke@ulb.ac.be

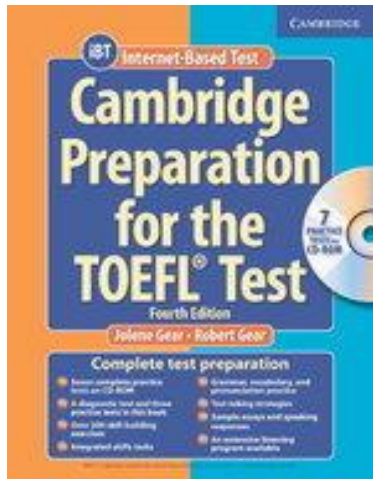
Format of the ToEFL iBT

(Internet-based test)

- The ToEFL iBT (Internet-based Test) tests all four language skills:
 - Reading (30 points) 60 minutes
 - Listening (30 points) 45 minutes
 - Writing (30 points) 50 minutes
 - Speaking (30 points) 20 minutes

- Speaking is tested by computer-generated questions and answers are recorded
- Video with detailed tips on:
http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/17494/TOEFL_Resources_Web_Video.htm

How to prepare for the ToEFL?



- o Use the “Cambridge Preparation for the ToEFL Test” by Jolene Gear and Robert Gear

Format of the IELTS

- The IELTS tests all four language:
 - Reading 40 questions 30 minutes
 - Listening 40 questions 60 minutes
 - Writing 3 parts 60 minutes
 - Speaking 3 parts 11-14 minutes

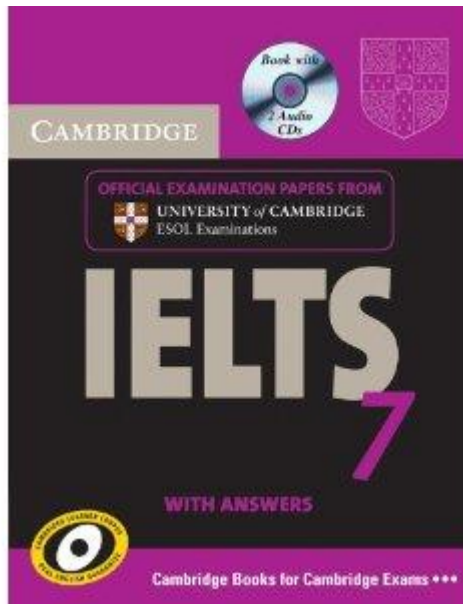
IELTS™

Information for candidates



- Speaking is done **face-to-face** with a native speaker
- Brochure: *IELTS information for candidates*

How to prepare for the IELTS?



Use the “Cambridge IELTS 7 Self-study Pack” by Cambridge ESOL

Requirements

- Requirements vary from institution to institution
- You should check with individual institutions for their specific requirements
- For North American / British universities, you will probably need a ToEFL iBT score of 75 to 92 (/120)
- For North American / British universities, you will probably need an IELTS band score of 6 to 6.5 (/9)
- B1+ to B2 on the CEFR



Any further questions?
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Good luck!