



PTE ACADEMIC™

# Help students and migrants achieve their goals sooner

**PTE Academic** is the smart choice for students and migrants needing to demonstrate their English language skills for university, professional and migration applications.

- ✓ Get results typically within 5 business days.
- ✓ Computer based marking ensures all test takers are scored impartially and accurately.
- ✓ Accepted by all universities in Australia, New Zealand and Ireland, and by a growing number across the USA, Canada, UK, Singapore and Europe.
- ✓ Approved for **all** Australian and New Zealand visa and migration applications.



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# What you need to know about PTE Academic

## WHAT IS PTE ACADEMIC?

**PTE Academic** (Pearson Test of English Academic) is a computer-based language test that offers candidates the fastest, fairest and most flexible way of proving their English language proficiency for immigration and student visas.

As an education or migration agent, **PTE Academic** offers you a new and more efficient way of helping your clients achieve their goals.

## HOW IS PTE ACADEMIC STRUCTURED?

**PTE Academic** is a single 3 hour test, comprising:

Part	Content	Time allowed
Intro	Introduction	1 minute
Part 1	Speaking and writing	77 - 93 minutes
Part 2	Reading	32 - 41 minutes
Optional scheduled break		10 minutes
Part 3	Listening	45 - 57 minutes

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## HOW DOES PTE ACADEMIC BENEFIT YOUR CLIENTS?

**PTE Academic** is designed to help test takers achieve their goals sooner.

### FAST & FLEXIBLE

- Schedule **PTE Academic** up to twenty-four hours in advance.
- Completed in a convenient single three-hour test session.
- Results are typically available within five business days.
- Testing globally over 360 days of the year, in over 200 test centers around the world.

### FAIR & SECURE

- No more frustration: Highly accurate marking makes test scores consistent.
- No bias: The test is scored by computer so it doesn't matter where test takers come from or what they look like, **PTE Academic** only tests their English skills.
- Palm-vein scanning, randomized test forms and data forensics ensure test score validity.

### RECOGNIZED & ACCEPTED

- Accepted for study applications by thousands of institutions worldwide, including:
  - 100% of Australian, New Zealand, and Irish universities.
  - 96% of UK universities.
  - A growing number of universities in the USA and Canada.
  - Universities in Europe and Asia delivering courses in English.
- Approved by the Australian and New Zealand Governments for all student visa and migration applications, and accepted by an increasing number of professional bodies.


Learn more: [pearsonpte.com/accepts](https://pearsonpte.com/accepts)

### UNLIMITED SCORE REFERRALS

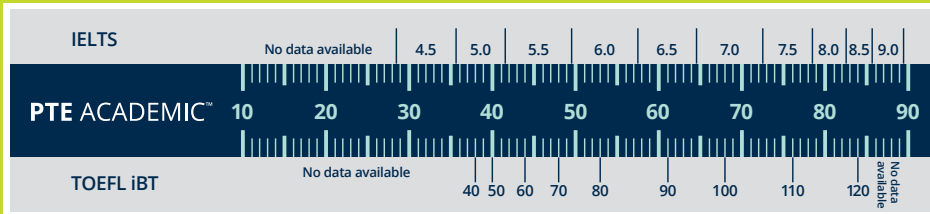
- Candidates can send their scores to an unlimited number of institutions without additional fees via their secure online account.

## QUESTION TYPES

**PTE Academic** consists of three main parts and there are 20 different question types. The test is an integrated skills test, each question type assessing one language skill or a combination of language skills. Question types are task-based, representing the range of functions and situations that students will encounter in an English speaking environment. The table below shows the test structure, question types and time allowed.

Part of Test	Question Type	Time Allowed
Part 1: <b>Speaking &amp; Writing</b> 	Personal introduction	1 minute
	Read aloud	30 - 35 minutes
	Repeat sentence	
	Describe image	
	Re-tell lecture	
	Answer short question	
	2 x Summarize written text	20 minutes
	Summarize written text or Write Essay	10 or 20 minutes
Write Essay	20 minutes	
Part 2: <b>Reading</b> 	Multiple-choice, choose single answer	32-41 minutes
	Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers	
	Re-order paragraphs	
	Reading: Fill in the blanks	
	Reading & Writing: Fill in the blanks	
Optional scheduled break		10 minutes
Part 3: <b>Listening</b> 	Summarize spoken text	20-30 minutes
	Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers	23-28 minutes
	Fill in the blanks	
	Highlight correct summary	
	Multiple-choice, choose single answer	
	Select missing word	
	Highlight incorrect words	
	Write from dictation	

# How do PTE Academic scores compare to other English tests?



**Note:** This score alignment is recommended by PTE Academic.  
Test takers should check their preferred institutions' website for score requirements.

## Interpreting the Score Report

PTE Academic is scored against the Global Scale of English, a granular scale from 10-90. The PTE Academic Score Report includes the test taker's overall score, communicative skills scores and enabling skills scores.

### 1. Overall Score

Reflects the student's overall English language ability and is based on performance throughout the test.

### 2. Communicative skills

Listening, reading, speaking and writing are based on all test questions that assess these skills, either as a single skill or together with other skills.

### 3. Enabling skills

Grammar, oral fluency, pronunciation, spelling, vocabulary and written discourse are based on all test questions assessing one or more of these skills.

## PTE Academic Test Taker Score Report

### Example Test Taker

**Test Taker ID:** PTE123456789  
**Date of Birth:** 06 January 1980  
**Country of Citizenship:** United Kingdom  
**Country of Residence:** United Kingdom  
**Email Address:** pttsupport@pearson.com  
**Registration ID:** 123456789  
**Test Date:** 13 September 2016  
**Test Centre Country:** United States  
**Test Centre ID:** 00001  
**First-Time Test Taker:** Yes  
**Report Issue Date:** 18 September 2016  
**Scores Valid Until:** 13 September 2018



Test Taker Example

23/20/6/78

### Overall Score: 56

The Overall Score for the PTE Academic is based on the test taker's performance on all items in the test. The scores for Communicative Skills and Enabling Skills are based on the test taker's performance on only those items that pertain to these skills specifically. As many items contribute to more than one Communicative or Enabling Skill, the Overall Score cannot be computed directly from the Communicative Skill scores or from the Enabling Skill scores. The graph below indicates this test taker's Communicative Skills and Enabling Skills relative to his or her Overall Score.

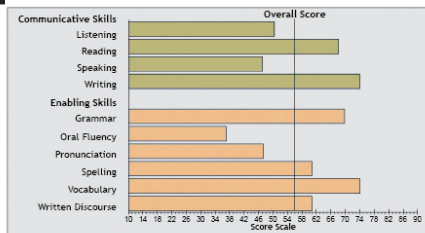
When comparing the Overall Score and the scores for Communicative Skills and Enabling Skills, please be aware that there is some imprecision in all measurement, depending on a variety of factors. For more information on interpreting PTE Academic scores, please refer to Interpreting the PTE Academic Score Report which is available at [www.pearsonpte.com/ptecademic/scores](http://www.pearsonpte.com/ptecademic/scores).

### Skills Profile

Communicative Skills	Score
Listening	51
Reading	69
Speaking	47
Writing	74

Enabling Skills	Score
Grammar	70
Oral Fluency	37
Pronunciation	47
Spelling	61
Vocabulary	74
Written Discourse	61



Score Report representation might differ from current score reports.

**NOTE TO INSTITUTIONS:** This score report is not valid unless authenticated on the PTE Academic Score Report Website: [www.pearsonvue.com/ptescores](http://www.pearsonvue.com/ptescores).



### Please note:

- Scores should only be submitted via the Score Report Website.
- Score Report representation (right) may differ from current score reports.

# Booking a test

## REGISTER AND BOOK

Before booking test takers should be ready to provide the following details exactly as they appear on their identification document (i.e. a valid passport for anyone taking the test outside their country of citizenship):

- Name
- Email
- Date of Birth
- Citizenship
- Country and City of Birth
- Credit or Debit Card

## BY PHONE

For phone numbers and contact hours in your region visit [pearsonpte.com/contact](https://www.pearsonpte.com/contact)

## ONLINE 24/7

1. Visit [pearsonpte.com/book](https://www.pearsonpte.com/book)
2. Create a Pearson account:
  - Test takers must create a Pearson account in order to book a test.
  - Candidates must register using the name and date of birth as it appears on their passport. They must bring their passport on test day.
  - Once they have created an account test takers receive an email with their login details.
  - This may take up to 24 hours to appear in their Inbox.
3. Once their login details are received via email test takers can schedule a test:  
[www.pearsonvue.com/pte](https://www.pearsonvue.com/pte)

## IMPORTANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Test takers and their agents should be familiar with the test terms and conditions.

For full terms and conditions, including the test identification requirements, rescheduling and cancellation policies view the Test Taker's Handbook which is available in multiple languages:

[pearsonpte.com/handbook](https://www.pearsonpte.com/handbook)

# Preparation

Like any test, test takers should prepare by becoming familiar with the test format and learn how to tackle questions correctly. Pearson offers test takers a range of resources designed to help maximize their scores online:

[pearsonpte.com/prepare](https://www.pearsonpte.com/prepare)

## FREE PREPARATION MATERIALS

- Learn about **PTE Academic** with a free test taker handbook available in 7 languages; an online tutorial providing a detailed overview of the test; plus FAQs.
- Prepare for the test with a combination of free skills videos or an unscored practice test.

## PREPARATION BOOKS

- The Official Guide to **PTE Academic** containing over 200 practice questions, analysis of sample responses and test-taking tips.
- **Practice Tests Plus:** Test takers can see if they are ready for **PTE Academic** with authentic practice, comprehensive guidance and strategies for dealing with every task in the test.

## TEST PREPARATION COURSES

- Visit the website for a list of **PTE Academic** preparation courses delivered by private language schools.

## ADVANCED PREPARATION

Test takers can achieve their goals sooner, and save money, when they purchase online preparation packs allowing them to practice at home. These include a fully scored practice test that tells test takers when they are ready to book a full test.

For all resources visit: [pearsonpte.com/prepare](https://www.pearsonpte.com/prepare)

# The PTE Academic advantage

	PTE Academic	IELTS	TOEFL iBT®
<b>BOOKING A TEST</b>			
<b>Booking &amp; registration</b>	Register and pay online or by phone up to 24 hours in advance.*	Online, by mail or in person. Many centers close registration some time before the test.	Online, by mail or by phone. Register up to 7 days prior to test date. Late registration closes 4 days prior to test date and has a late fee.
<b>Test availability</b>	Over 360 days of the year. Where demand is strong tests are run 5+ days per week, multiple times per day.	48 fixed test sessions per year (3 Saturdays and 1 Thursday a month).	On fixed dates, over 50 times per year.
<b>Locations</b>	Over 200 locations worldwide, visit: <a href="https://pearsonpte.com/centers">pearsonpte.com/centers</a>	Multiple locations worldwide.	Multiple locations worldwide.
<b>THE TEST</b>			
<b>Duration</b>	Single 3 hour session (with an optional 10 minute break).	Test totals around 3 hours but can be delivered in 2 sessions in some locations.	Test totals 4 hours (with a mandatory 10 minute break).
<b>Format</b>	Test comprises 3 parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaking and writing</li> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Listening</li> </ul>	Test comprises 4 parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening</li> <li>• Writing</li> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Speaking</li> </ul>	Test comprises 4 parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening</li> <li>• Writing</li> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Speaking</li> </ul>
<b>Delivery</b>	Computer based and 100% computer marked.	Paper based test with interviews marked by examiners.	Administered on a computer. Both automated and human scoring.
<b>RESULTS</b>			
<b>Results available</b>	<b>5</b> business days or less (typically).	<b>13</b> days.	<b>10</b> days (approximately).
<b>Accessing &amp; submitting results</b>	Results are available via the secure score report website. Test takers can send their scores to an unlimited number of institutions without additional fees. 2 year score validity (recommended).	Test takers can send their scores to up to 5 institutions for free, after that there is an additional fee. 2 year score validity (recommended).	Test fee includes up to 4 official score reports sent to institutions or agencies the test taker selects before taking the test. The fee is US \$20 for each additional report ordered. 2 year score validity (recommended).
<b>Score comparison</b>	Scored on a granular scale from 10 - 90 that shows a detailed breakdown of skills. The test gives an extremely accurate and consistent assessment of a test taker's ability.	Scored on a 9 point band scale.	Scored on a scale of 0 to 120 points with each section receiving a score from 0 to 30.

\* A late booking fee applies for test booked within 48 hours of test session.

# What to expect on test day

**PTE Academic** is taken at a secure test center, where candidates will need to check-in with the test administrator, show ID and sit their test in a secure computer room.



*“(PTE Academic) is an excellent and more efficiently designed computer based exam to test an individual’s English level. I would love to recommend it to others.”*

Sami Khan, Australia

On check-in the test administrator will provide the candidate with a copy of the test center rules to read, request copies of ID, ask for a digital photograph and signature, and scan the test taker’s palm.

The candidate will be assigned a locker to check-in their belongings before sitting the test in the secure room.

The test administrator monitors candidates throughout the test.

*“All in all, it took me 5 days from the moment I decided to take the exam until I got my results.”*

Al Faisal El Dajani, Jordan

*“Talking to a foreigner makes me nervous and in that condition my real speaking ability will be affected. Talking to a computer puts me at ease and I know my performance will not be influenced by anxiety.”*

Wang Yequi, China



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