

ROAD TO IELTS

IELTS preparation and practice

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○ **What you need to know...**

○ You've decided to take IELTS! Today we look at the important rules and procedures you need to be aware of for your test day.



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Identity checks

When you fill in the **IELTS Application Form**¹ you will specify your proof of identity document, which must be a national ID card or your passport. You must bring the same document on the test day.

Before you take the test you may have your photo taken to be embedded on your Test Report Form. You can **read more about this here**².

Don't forget to bring your identity document for the Speaking test.

What to bring on test day(s)

As well as your identity document, you may need to bring two recent (not more than six months old) identical passport-sized photographs. Check your test documentation to see whether this applies to you.

The only other items you can bring into the test are pens, pencils and erasers. Remember to switch off your mobile phone: failure to do so could result in you being disqualified!

Taking the test

You will do the Listening test first, and then the Reading and Writing. The Speaking test may be on a different day, up to seven days before or after the written papers.

Remember that you must complete the answer paper in pencil as it will be processed by a machine that can't read ink.

At the end of the test, stay in your seat until you are given permission to leave the room.

1. http://www.ielts.org/PDF/IELTS_Application_Form.pdf

2. <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/book-your-test/terms-and-conditions/ielts-candidate-identity-verification>

What if I fail to get the band score I need?

There are no restrictions on when you can retake IELTS.

What if I have a disability?

Contact your test centre to discuss your special needs as soon as possible. Note that it can take up to three months to put special arrangements in place.

What if I am ill or delayed by circumstances beyond my control?

Contact the test centre. They may offer you a test on the next available test date.

What if...?!

What if I need to go to the toilet?

Put up your hand to attract the invigilator's attention. Make sure you do not disturb other candidates. You can only leave the room when you've been given permission.

What if I can't hear the Listening test recording?

If you can't hear properly, or if you have any other questions, put up your hand and the invigilator will come and talk to you. (Note that you can't ask the invigilator to explain questions to you!)

If, after the test, you feel there are any issues that have affected your performance, make sure you tell the invigilator immediately.

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