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Start your journey with PTE Academic

Want to study in the UK this year? Here's how to meet the latest English language requirements.

Why do I need to take an English test?

If you are a non-native speaker applying to study on an English-taught course in the UK, then you will need to prove your English ability to your chosen university or college. In addition all students applying through Tier 4 are now required to demonstrate English language proficiency at B1 or B2 on the Common European Framework, depending on the course level.

English exams can either be administered online like PTE Academic or via a paper-based test. Each test contains different sections to test different aspects of your language abilities, such as written, listening and reading comprehension. Typically a university or college and the UK Border Agency will require you to demonstrate a score in the four skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking.

What to look for in English test?

Ultimately, you should choose a test that best suits your requirements and is accepted by the UKBA as one of their approved English tests.

Things you need to find out include:

- Who accepts the test and what the requirements are for visa applications to countries such as the UK
- How long it takes to receive your test scores
- The locations of test centres
- The format and content of the different tests
- The length of time for which each test score is valid

Registration processes and requirements differ by test. During busy testing times, you will often need to book ahead to make sure you can find a date that suits you and to ensure that you get your test score back in time to obtain your visa or meet admission deadlines.

Did you know that PTE Academic test takers can schedule taken and sent their scores all within 7 days?

Why choose PTE Academic?

PTE Academic is Pearson's academic online English test which delivers real-life measurement of test taker's language ability.

PTE Academic tests integrated language skills to provide real-life measures of your English language ability to universities, higher education institutions, and government departments. **With added security measures, flexible start dates and conveniently located test centres all over the world**, PTE Academic is fast becoming one of the world's most recognised and reliable English language tests.

PTE Academic is

Flexible – choose a date to suit you

Fast – results in 5 days

Convenient – one 3 hour test session

Secure – send your scores online to as many universities and government agencies as you like for free

Who accepts the test?

PTE Academic is fast becoming the test of choice. It is accepted and trusted by both the UK and Australian governments for student visas and universities and colleges worldwide.

About the test

What type of material does PTE Academic use?

- **Responding in real time**

Using 20 integrated and innovative item types or tasks, you will be asked to express yourself clearly and immediately, using well-formed spoken and written English to demonstrate that you are comfortable with using English as it is used in everyday academic life.

This means that you can be confident that passing the test will mean that you can communicate effectively using English at the required level to be able to succeed in your studies.

- **Authentic texts**

The texts used for PTE Academic are taken from real-life situations as you will encounter in an academic environment. These could include historical biographies and narratives, academic articles, book reviews, commentaries, editorials, critical essays and articles.

- **Testing a range of listening skills**

You will listen to a variety of lectures (for example audio, video, audio-visual) delivered with different accents and at varying delivery speeds. Listening tasks include lectures and study texts of academic interest from speakers from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the US.

How can I prepare for PTE Academic?

As well as specifically tailored course books, Pearson has a number of resources that will help you to prepare for your tests such as:

- Scored practice tests
- A free test tutorial providing a detailed overview of the test
- The Official Guide to PTE Academic containing over 200 practice questions, analysis of sample responses, test-taking tips and more

These resources will help you to prepare for your tests, but they will also give you confidence in being able to use English every day in the classroom.

Find out more about testing resources at www.pearsonpte.com/prepare or take one of our practice tests at www.pearsonpte.com/testme

Where do I register?

To register for the test just visit www.pearsonpte.com/register

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