

IELTS Indicator Product Overview

What is IELTS Indicator?

It is a timed session-based, online test that includes Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking sections, and uses live IELTS questions marked by real IELTS markers and examiners. This means that the test is more reliable than a mock test, as it provides a more accurate score.

IELTS Indicator is the same duration as paper-based/computer-delivered IELTS. The Listening test is 30 minutes, the Reading test is 60 minutes, and the Writing test is 60 minutes in length. The Speaking test is conducted by an IELTS examiner over the Zoom video-conference platform. We wanted to keep the face-to-face interaction of the current IELTS test as we believe this gives a true reflection of a test taker's ability, in as close to a real-life situation as a test can get. The Speaking test is 11–14 minutes.

IELTS Indicator scores will be issued within seven days of the final component being taken, The cost of IELTS Indicator is US\$149.

Where and when will this test take place?

IELTS Indicator is an online test which can be taken from home, provided there is an internet connection. The test is available for a limited time in locations where IELTS testing is currently limited due to Covid-19, outside Mainland China. There will be one test session per week. IELTS Indicator will be withdrawn from markets where official restrictions have been removed and IELTS centre-based testing is resumed.

Why is the test not available in Mainland China?

We are working very closely with the Chinese government to reopen in-person IELTS testing. IELTS Indicator is not approved by the Chinese national exams regulator at this time, but we are working to provide the most appropriate solution, in line with the requirements of the local authorities.

Why should I use IELTS Indicator scores?

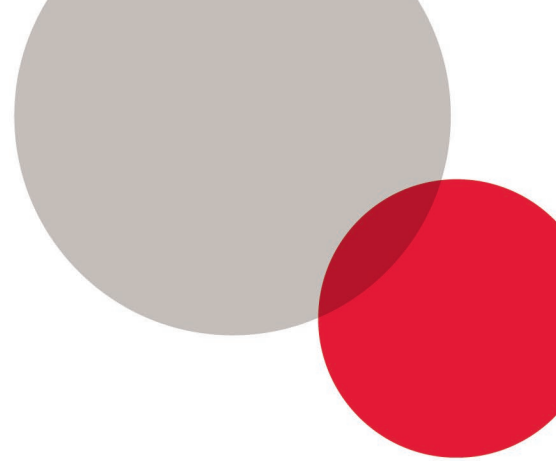
IELTS Indicator is designed to support organisations during the Covid-19 pandemic. It uses official IELTS test questions and the test taker's performance is marked by qualified IELTS examiners. In terms of test construction and assessment, IELTS Indicator is a valid assessment of English language proficiency.

What is the usability period for IELTS Indicator scores?

While it is up to each organisation to set a period that works for their purposes, the IELTS Partners recommend a two-year usability period for IELTS Indicator scores. Ultimately, usability period is at the discretion of each organisation.

How do I check IELTS Indicator test scores?

You will need to register with us to say that you accept IELTS Indicator scores. Once your organisation has registered to accept IELTS Indicator scores, you will be provided access to the IELTS Indicator Score Check website. The IELTS Indicator Score website will allow you to electronically download IELTS Indicator scores of all the test takers who have applied to your organisation. The system will allow bulk downloads. Alternatively, you can ask applicants to provide their unique IELTS Indicator identifier and you can verify their scores. You will not be able to use the IELTS Results Service to check IELTS Indicator scores.

**Will IELTS Indicator be a proctored test?**

The test at initial launch will not be fully proctored. Test takers will need to upload identity documents to register for the test, install a Zoom application and have a web camera to take the IELTS Indicator Speaking test, so that their ID documents can be checked. The platform on which the test will be delivered is Inspira Secure Exam Browser (SEB) which blocks all other applications on the computer during the test.

How secure is the Inspira Safe Exam Browser (SEB)?

The SEB is a locked-down browser which prevents access to all other websites, applications and computer processes during the test. Its data logs are able to detect anomalies which could indicate any attempted malpractice or unfair advantage. A system integrity test is performed before the session to prevent tampering with the exam software.

How are Speaking tests delivered?

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Security**ID Verification Process for IELTS Indicator**

Test takers will be asked to upload a photo ID during the registration process and then they will present the same photo ID on screen to the examiner during the IELTS Indicator Speaking test. The examiner will then check that the image on the photo ID is a fair representation of the test taker in the Speaking test. IELTS will not be checking/storing/capturing Photo ID numbers remotely in order to comply with GDPR Data Protection regulations. The IELTS examiner may stop the test and have it rescheduled if there is strong evidence that the photo ID is not a fair representation of the test taker.

We have the ability to check all test taker details against its database of banned test takers and known imposters. We reserve the right to refuse IELTS Indicator scores in exceptional cases where there is strong evidence that the test taker is an imposter.

Use of the Zoom platform for video-conference

ZOOM is recognised by industry and security organisations for excellence: (SOC 2 (Type II), FedRAMP (Moderate), GDPR, CCPA, COPPA, FERPA and HIPAA Compliant (with BAA), Privacy Shield Certified (EU/US, Swiss/US, Data Privacy Practices), TrustArc Certified Privacy Practices and Statements. Zoom complies with all applicable privacy laws, rules, and regulations in the jurisdictions in which it operates, including the GDPR and the CCPA.