

# Introduction

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is widely recognised as a reliable means of assessing the language ability of candidates who need to study or work where English is the language of communication. These Practice Tests are designed to give future IELTS candidates an idea of whether their English is at the required level.

IELTS is owned by three partners, Cambridge English Language Assessment, part of the University of Cambridge, the British Council and IDP Education Pty Limited (through its subsidiary company, IELTS Australia Pty Limited). Further information on IELTS can be found on the IELTS website [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org).

## WHAT IS THE TEST FORMAT?

IELTS consists of four components. All candidates take the same Listening and Speaking tests. There is a choice of Reading and Writing tests according to whether a candidate is taking the Academic or General Training module.

<b>Academic</b> For candidates wishing to study at undergraduate or postgraduate levels, and for those seeking professional registration.	<b>General Training</b> For candidates wishing to migrate to an English-speaking country (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK), and for those wishing to train or study at below degree level.
--	--

The test components are taken in the following order:

<b>Listening</b> 4 sections, 40 items approximately 30 minutes	
<b>Academic Reading</b> 3 sections, 40 items 60 minutes	<b>General Training Reading</b> 3 sections, 40 items 60 minutes
<b>Academic Writing</b> 2 tasks 60 minutes	<b>General Training Writing</b> 2 tasks 60 minutes
<b>Speaking</b> 11 to 14 minutes	
<b>Total Test Time</b> 2 hours 44 minutes	