English Proficiency Tests
TOEFL & IELTS
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Q: what is minimum score of TOEFL for entering a university?
TOEFL: Each institution sets its own TOEFL score requirements. You should contact your desired institutions directly, or use the TOEFL Institutions Search at www.toeflgoanywhere.org.

Q: when will be on line test?
TOEFL: The TOEFL iBT test is an Internet-based test, so the whole test is given online.

Q: what is the main rule for successful TOEFL passing?
TOEFL: There are many ways to prepare. English courses that focus on communicative competence are most helpful, because those are the kinds of skills tested. ETS provides many resources to help you prepare, which can be found at http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/content/toefl%C2%AE-test-prep-official-tools-help-you-prepare.

Q: If i take the TOEFL test here in Iraq? is this useful to use while admitting to a us university?
TOEFL: Yes. Regardless of where you take the TOEFL test, the scores will be accepted at any institution that accepts TOEFL scores.

Q: Is this presentation only about TOFEL iBT? what about PBT?
TOEFL: Yes. Nearly all TOEFL tests given worldwide are TOEFL iBT tests. More information about the TOEFL PBT test can be found at http://www.ets.org/toefl/pbt/about.

Q: Hi! What is the equivalent in TOEFL for IELTS with 7,0 band score?
TOEFL: According to our study of test takers who took both the TOEFL and IELTS tests, a 7 corresponds to a range of 94-101 on the TOEFL test.

Q: Once I passed the test how long does it last? Forever?
TOEFL: TOEFL scores are valid for 2 years.

Q: What is the minimum band score for graduate programs?
TOEFL: Each graduate program sets its own TOEFL score requirements. You should contact your desired institutions directly, or use the TOEFL Institutions Search at www.toeflgoanywhere.org.

Q: Is it accepted in universities for Master degree?
TOEFL: Yes.

Q: As a foreigner, Can I get a scholarship based on my scores in TOEFL?
TOEFL: Many universities have scholarships available to international students. Contact them directly for details. TOEFL Scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students in 5 countries in 2011: China, India, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. You can get details about applications, deadlines and awards here: http://www.ets.org/toefl/scholarships.

Q: what is the difference between TOEFL and IELTS? What is better for Master degree?
A: both tests are a measure of your English ability. You should check directly with the school you are applying to find out which tests are accepted and then choose whichever test is best for you.

Q: is TOEFL enough to do my Masters in the US?
TOEFL: Yes, to fulfill the English language proficiency requirement.

Q: for Master degree?
IELTS: IELTS is accepted at over 3,000 institutions and programs in the US, including associate, undergraduate and master’s programs. You'll need to check with the institution to determine score requirements.

Q: is there a specific TOEFL test for PhD prospective students? or an average minimum score for the Internet based test I can refer to?
TOEFL: The same test is used for undergrad and grad programs. Minimum scores are established by the institutions and programs.

Q: for how long are the IELTS scores valid?
IELTS: IELTS scores are valid for two years.

Q: What is the maximum score in TOEFL iBT?
TOEFL: 120

Q: Can I get a scholarship from a university just based on my scores on TOEFL?
TOEFL: No. It is generally based on a variety of factors in your application, including English proficiency.

Q: is it only accepted for MBA or also BBA?
IELTS: IELTS is accepted for associate, undergraduate and graduate programs, including MBA programs.

Q: I'm sorry could you told me shortly what is the main difference between iBT or PBT?
A: iBT is Internet Based and PBT is Paper Based

Q: Is TOEFL/IELTS required to do my High School 12th grade in US?
IELTS: It depends on the US high school and you should contact the school to find out their requirements.

Q: how s the specking proficiency measured in the IBT?
TOEFL: Students speak into a microphone, and responses are scored by several raters.

Q: what if the TOEFL score was invalid during admission, Is there any flexibility from the us universities to wait for the next TOEFL exam?
A: Colleges and Universities in the US may offer conditional admissions which will be contingent on meeting minimum test scores. Check directly with the school to learn more about their own conditional admissions policy.

Q: I've just finished my course at university, Language Teaching and I want to do my Master now.
TOEFL: Suggest you ask the university directly.

Q: after two years have I to do the test again or what?
IELTS: Check with the institution you are applying to see if you need to take the test again.

Q: How long are TOEFL IBT and PBT valid?
TOEFL: 2 years.

Q: Is it easy for foreigners to get a scholarship?
EducationUSA: Over 900 colleges and universities in the US offer significant amounts of merit or need based aid to International Students. If financial aid is important to you, be sure to make it your priority when searching for schools.

Q: Can I test my English level before the test? Is there a website for this?
IELTS: Cambridge ESOL offers self study online courses which you can check out at http://www.cambridgeesol.org/resources/online-courses/#one
TOEFL: For TOEFL, go to http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/content/toefl%C2%AE-test-prep-official-tools-help-you-prepare for prep resources.

Q: Is there an online tool to assess my current level of English?
TOEFL: Yes: TOEFL Practice Online - www.ets.org/toeflpractice

Q: The page related to the scholarships does not exist
TOEFL: Here is the link again: http://www.ets.org/toefl/scholarships/overview

Q: How much TOEFL costs?
TOEFL: The cost of the test varies by location. But generally, the cost ranges from US$150 to US$225. In most locations it costs less than other English tests for admission. You can get information on registration fees, locations, and dates at: http://www.ets.org/bin/getprogram.cgi?test=toefl

Q: Is there any test preparation material for the paper-based test?
TOEFL: Yes, find it here: http://www.ets.org/toefl/pbt/prepare/

Q: How many scores do I need to get a Master degree?
TOEFL: That is determined by each institution. You would need to ask them

Q: Will be here today a trial online test? Or is it just meeting?
TOEFL: No trial test today, but you can get TOEFL test prep resources at http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/content/toefl%C2%AE-test-prep-official-tools-help-you-prepare.

Q: What if during my internet test connection breaks? Is there another session that will be planned (free of charge)?
TOEFL: Absolutely. If for some reason you can't test, you will be contacted and offered another test date free with no extra charge. ETS will also reimburse you for your travel expenses (with receipts) if you traveled to a test center but could not test due to a problem at the test center. But let me add that now it is not a problem if the internet connection fails during the test. The test continues and is sent to ETS later. I encourage you all to check the web sites of the universities you wish to apply to. Find out what their requirements are, whether it is for English proficiency or for academic testing such as the SAT for undergraduate study or the GRE for graduate study. Your EducationUSA advisor can be very helpful with this
IELTS: Here’s a link to see all institutions worldwide that accept IELTS and the required scores - http://bandscore.ielts.org.

TOEFL: I noticed a question about whether English tests are needed for high school admission. Sometimes students ask whether they need to take an English test if they graduated from a US high school after studying for one or two years.

TOEFL: If you have relatives already in the US in this situation, tell them to contact the college or university to ask. Sometimes universities say a TOEFL is not required, but sometimes they will say if a student has only been in an English speaking high school for one or two years it will be required to take the test.

TOEFL: The key is good communication with the schools you are interested in. Ask questions! Universities want to help you apply to their institutions and come to their campus.

TOEFL: As your advisor will tell you, check the university's website first for the answer. If you don't see it there, write to the university. They will be happy to answer your question.

TOEFL: But as you can imagine, they don't like to be bothered with questions that could have been answered by reading the web site.

TOEFL: It's also important to communicate with your EducationUSA advisor as soon as you start to think about studying abroad. Don't wait until the last minute. Their very good advice can help you in all of your planning.

TOEFL: The TOEFL Journey program is a new tool to assist students in their study-abroad journey. Just answer a few questions, and based on where you are in your journey, it will create your customized home page and send tailored text messages or emails. Learn more at www.toeflgoanywhere.org.

TOEFL: Yes, it's nice to use in conjunction with what your advisor is telling you.

TOEFL: Thanks very much for joining us today. We wish you success on your journey!

TOEFL: And remember, you can get everything you need to know about the TOEFL test at www.toeflgoanywhere.org.

IELTS: Thanks to all for attending. See www.studying-in-usa.com for more information on using IELTS for US admissions.