Computer-delivered IELTS

Frequently asked questions for Test Takers

In a positive step towards improving your IELTS experience, the IELTS partners are now running computer-delivered test sessions for both IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training).

The aim is to make your experience faster and more flexible, while retaining all of the security, trust and integrity of our current approach.

This document has been prepared to answer some of your queries and to introduce you to computer-delivered IELTS.

- **What are those enhancements?**

Computer-delivered IELTS provides you with more test date options and faster results.

- **What is changing?**

Computer-delivered IELTS includes the Listening, Reading and Writing sections. The test will be the same as paper-based IELTS for content, scoring, level of difficulty and test format. The IELTS Speaking test is not changing and will still be carried out by a trained IELTS Examiner.

You now have the choice between taking IELTS on paper or on computer.

With computer-delivered IELTS there are more test dates and test sessions available, allowing you to take IELTS at a time convenient for you.

You will also receive your results faster - in 3-5 calendar days

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- **Should I take IELTS on paper or computer?**

This comes down to personal choice.

You may be used to taking exams on paper from this other exam situations you have experienced, whereas other people might feel more comfortable typing or have more experience taking tests on computer.

Information on both options is available on ielts.org/oncomputer and you can contact your test centre if you would like further information.

www.ielts.org

- **Will there be more IELTS tests available now with the introduction of computer-delivered tests?**

To start with, there will be one computer-delivered IELTS session available per day in a limited number of test centres.

Increased frequency and availability of computer-delivered IELTS will be introduced throughout 2018. Please contact your local IELTS test centre or visit ielts.org for more detailed information.

- **Will Test Report Forms be released faster?**

Results are processed faster and will be available between 3-5 calendar days after the test has been completed.

- **Is IELTS on a computer harder than IELTS on paper?**

No. The test will be the same as paper-based IELTS in terms of content, scoring, level of difficulty and question types.

- **What practice materials available?**

Please view the practice material available at ielts.org, which gives you an introduction to computer-delivered IELTS and how it works.

- **I think I need special arrangements to take IELTS. Can I still sit the computer-delivered test?**

Test takers with special requirements are encouraged to contact their test centre to check if the computer-delivered test is suitable. We have a number of options available to support special requirements with paper-based IELTS, so speak to your test centre to find the option that best suits you.

If you have any further queries, please contact your local IELTS test centre.