



Taking IELTS

In Winter 2023

Do I really have to take IELTS?

- University entrance requirement
 - Usually 6.0 with nothing below 5.5 for UG
 - Can be higher (6.5 Overall or 6.0 in Writing are increasingly common)
 - "Equivalent" to English GCSE requirement
- Requirement of your **current** visa (for EF University Preparation)
 - You promised that you would take it in your visa interview
 - Even if you already have the grade that you need for university

Where can I take my exam?

- You must take IELTS for UKVI
- The nearest centres for this exam are in London
- London Central is the easiest
 - Our coach will take you there
 - London West is the next best – we will use this if Central is full

General Arrangements

- We would like to provide transportation together
 - BUT we need to get you all booked on one day
- We will provide transport **Saturday 11th February**
 - Semester and Year students
- Please let me know if **London Central** fills up for this day
 - 2nd choice would be a different centre (**London West**) on the same day

Paper or Computer?

- Both are equally valid
- Both are in an exam centre in London
- Both are available at Central
- Usually more spaces for Computer
- Results for Computer arrive after 1 week
- Results for Paper arrive after 2 weeks
- Whichever you are more comfortable with
- Your preparation in class will usually be paper-based
- Paper available morning only; Computer has morning or afternoon times
- Our coach will arrive for the **morning** session

How do I book?

- [Takeielts.britishcouncil.org](https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org) or search: "Take IELTS"
- Click "Book IELTS" at the top
- Choose United Kingdom from the drop-down menu
- Choose the right exam
 - UKVI
 - Academic
- Choose your exam centre
- Choose your exam date
- Fill in the personal details

Filling in the form

- Make sure your name is **exactly** as it appears in your passport
 - Or you will not be allowed to take the exam
- Make sure that you send a copy of your results to the school
 - Make sure that you set your home/postal address as the school:
 - EF International Language Campus, Pullens Lane, Oxford, OX3 0DT
 - You **may** be able to add the school as an institution as well

Under 18s

- You will need to give my email address on the website to register for you
 - So that I can give my consent
 - I am *in loco parentis*
- Come to the Academic Office to complete the booking
- Bring:
 - Your passport
 - Your payment (debit or credit) card
 - Your UK phone number






Let me show you...

Wait. I have to pay?

- Only temporarily
- The University Preparation course includes one (1) exam in the course fee
- **BUT** IELTS will only communicate directly with the candidate (you)
- So you pay online then get a refund from your EF Sales Office
- Send your payment confirmation to EF *in your country*
- You must send this evidence in order to get the refund

The Speaking exam

- If you're booking in London,
 - Book your Speaking for **the same day**
 - Choose a fairly early speaking time so that you don't have to travel back super late
 - They will probably re-organize the schedule at the last minute
 - I'll check times again in the week immediately before the exam



**Please also send confirmation of
your exam date, location & speaking time
to me**

So that I know that you've booked it and can organize
transport

Also tell me if you have booked Paper-based or Computer-delivered
as I'm tracking student preferences

Travelling with us to your exam: London Central

- You need to arrive in London to register at **07:30**
- We will ***leave*** school at about 05:30
 - Meet at school at 05:15
- We will go direct to the exam centre
 - Walk with you from the drop-off point
 - Wait with you until you have registered
- We will meet you at the end and bring you back
 - O18s can stay in London longer & come back yourself if you like

Travelling on your own to your exam: London Central

- You need to arrive to register at **07:30**
- Take the Oxford Tube (from opposite Oxford Brookes) at about 05:30
 - O18s can stay in London the night before
- Get off the bus at **Marble Arch**
- Take the **Central Line** to Holborn
- Walk (5 min) down High Holborn to International House, **Stukeley St**
 - Past Sainsbury's and the Princess Louise pub
 - Turn left into Smart's Place

Help on the day

- Obviously, I can't help you in the exam
- BUT if you have any other problems, there will be a special UP emergency phone number on this day ***only for IELTS takers***
 - 11th February
 - 05:00-20:00
 - Number: (+44) (0) 7572897063
 - Other times and days, call the regular EF Emergency Phone

On the day

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Remember to take:

- Pens & Pencils
- Passport
- Booking confirmation
- Phone for emergencies and maps

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Arrive on time

- Give yourself plenty of time to travel

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Stay calm and enjoy 😊

For everyone's sake

BOOK TODAY!

But not all at *exactly* the same time: that's how you crash a website...

Any
questions?

