

## TOEFL® Tests and the Differences between them – TOEFL® iBT – TOEFL® ITP – TOEFL® PBT

### 1. TOEFL® Internet-based Test (iBT)

The Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL® iBT) measures your ability to use and understand English as read, written, heard, and spoken in universities. TOEFL is the most accepted English-language test in the world, used by more than 8,500 universities, agencies, and other institutions.

There are four sections for the TOEFL® iBT:

Section	Content	Number of Questions	Score Range
Reading	3 or 4 readings from introductory university textbooks, 60-80 minutes	12-14 per reading	0-30
Listening	4-6 lectures plus 2-3 conversations, each lasting 3-5 minutes	5-6 per lecture/conversation	0-30
Break	10 minutes	-	-
Speaking	2 questions ask about your own ideas, opinions, experiences; 4 ask you to use reading and/or listening skills as well as speaking.	6 (section lasts 20 minutes total)	0-30
Writing	Responding to a short reading and lecture (20 minutes), then expressing your own thoughts on an assigned topic (30 minutes)	2 tasks	0-30
Total	Test takes approximately 4 ½ hours		0-120

#### How much does the TOEFL® iBT cost? Where and when can I take it?

For details on registration fees, testing sites, and test dates, select your test location. The fee depends on the country where you test. The TOEFL® iBT costs \$215 in Saudi Arabia or SAR 1050 if you want to purchase a voucher in riyals through AMIDEAST Riyadh.

TOEFL® iBT is available at more than 4,500 locations in 165 countries. However, you need to register early to reserve your seat near where you are located since demand is high. It is advised that you register 4 months in advance in order to ensure a seat at your desired location and date.

#### How do I register for the test?

You can register online. If you need help, contact your local TOEFL® iBT™ Test Resource Center.

#### When can I get my score report?

Your scores will be posted online, usually within 2 weeks after the test date. They are also mailed to you and the institutions you selected - you can send more score reports for a small fee.

#### How long are scores valid?

Your score is valid for two years after the test date.

## 2. TOEFL® Institutional Testing Program (ITP) Assessment Series

The TOEFL® ITP is an easy to administer and cost-effective method for institutions to evaluate academic English language skills. It is the leading onsite testing program in the world, with more than 2,500 academic institutions administering more than 600,000 TOEFL® ITP tests each year. This test can be used to identify students' current levels of proficiency, to evaluate progress at the end of a course, for placement in a program of study, or for applying for some educational institutions and universities (usually those that do not conduct their degree programs in English).

### The Difference between TOEFL® iBT and TOEFL® ITP

It is very important to understand the difference between the official TOEFL® iBT, which is used by institutions to make high-stakes decisions, such as whether or not to admit a student, and the TOEFL® ITP tests, which consist of content from previously administered TOEFL® paper-based tests and are most often used only for initial screening of applicants and with students who have already been admitted.

The TOEFL® ITP generally cannot be used as a substitute for the TOEFL® iBT test in applying for universities in English-speaking countries. If an institution requests a "TOEFL" score for admissions purposes without specifying which version, they usually are seeking a TOEFL iBT score; do not submit a TOEFL ITP score unless you can verify that it will be accepted.

TOEFL® ITP Sections Level 1:

Section	Time Limit	Number of Questions	Score Range
Listening Comprehension	35 minutes	50	31-67
Structure and writing Expression	25 minutes	40	31-67
Reading comprehension	55 minutes	50	31-67
<b>Total</b>	<b>115 minutes</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>310-677</b>

TOEFL® ITP Sections Level 2:

Section	Time Limit	Number of Question	Score Range
Listening Comprehension	22 minutes	30	20-50
Structure and Writing Expression	17 minutes	25	20-50
Reading Comprehension	31 minutes	40	20-50
<b>Total</b>	<b>70 minutes</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>200-500</b>

Institutions are licensed to administer TOEFL® ITP tests to individuals or to groups. The time required for administration is approximately two hours for Level 1 (for intermediate to advanced English learners) and 1.5 hours for Level 2 (for high beginning to intermediate level learners).

The TOEFL® ITP test is administered under secure conditions and is provided at the AMIDEAST office in Riyadh on a monthly scheduled basis. Register at:

<http://forms.amideast.org/forms/testregister/default.aspx>

### 3. TOEFL® Paper-based Test (PBT)

The TOEFL® PBT test, administered in a paper-based format, includes three sections; Listening Comprehension, Structure, and Written Expression and Reading Comprehension, in addition to a 30-minute writing test, called the TWE® test, which is required of everyone who takes the paper-based test. The total time to take both tests will be about four hours.

While TOEFL PBT is being phased out worldwide, there are occasional TOEFL® PBT sessions to be held in Saudi Arabia only for women. Some institutions and universities may still accept the TOEFL® PBT if the test was taken less than two years ago.

#### TOEFL® PBT Sections:

Section	Total Limit	Number of Questions	Score Range
Listening Comprehension	30-40 minutes	50	31-68
Structure and written Expression	25 minutes	40	31-68
Reading Comprehension	55 minutes	50	31-67
Total	110-120 minutes	140	310-677
TWE	30 minutes	1 topic	0-6

#### How can I register for this test?

The direct link for registering online for the TOEFL® PBT is here. You can register also by mail through downloading the registration form at : [www.ets.org/toefl/pbt/about/bulletin](http://www.ets.org/toefl/pbt/about/bulletin)

When registering, your name must be entered exactly as it appears on your identification. Check types of identification you can use. You can pay with a credit/debit card, electronic check, or TOEFL voucher – vouchers can be purchased from AMIDEAST/Riyadh.

#### How much does the TOEFL® PBT cost?

TOEFL® PBT costs \$160.

**\*Note:** On test day, be sure to have the names of up to 4 institutions or agencies that you would like ETS to send your score to without added cost.