Exam Preparation Courses: TOEIC

Test of English for International Communication

What Is TOEIC?

The *Test of English for International Communication* (TOEIC) is an English language test designed specifically to measure the everyday English skills of people working in an international environment.

More than **8,000** businesses, governments, schools and organizations in more than **90** countries throughout the world use the TOEIC test **each year** to determine who has the English-language skills to succeed in the global workplace.

The new TOEIC Speaking and Writing tests, which are delivered through the Internet, are valid assessments of a person's ability to speak and write in English in the workplace. They have been added to the TOEIC product line to complement the TOEIC Listening and Reading test. Together, they provide a reliable measurement of all four English-language communication skills.

Who takes the TOEIC Exam and Why?

Nonnative English speakers take the test to demonstrate English proficiency when applying for new positions and obtaining credentials.

Where Do People Take It?

The test is given at open public sessions, and at companies and language schools around the world.

Who Accepts It?

The test is widely accepted by corporations, English-language programmes, and government agencies around the world because…

- Corporations use TOEIC test to document progress in English training programmes, recruit and promote employees, and put standard measurements in place across locations.
- English Programmes use it to place students at the right learning levels, and show student progress and program effectiveness.
- Government agencies use it to document progress in English language courses, and to recruit, promote and hire employees.

What is involved in taking the TOEIC exam?

The TOEIC exam has two main parts (Listening & Reading) with the option of doing two further parts (Speaking & Writing):

Section I: Listening: 45 minutes

100 Questions: Examinees listen to a variety of questions and short conversations recorded in English, then answer questions based on what they heard.

5 - 495

Section II: Reading: 75 minutes

100 Questions: Examinees read a variety of materials and respond at their own pace to questions based on the content.

Test takers speak and write in English and give their responses to real-world questions and scenarios.

5 – 495

Total Result ranges from 10 – 990. Please refer to the "Mapping your Level / Grade" grid above.

In addition, students have the option of taking the speaking and writing tests which can be used to further evaluate a test-taker's English communication abilities.

The TOEIC Speaking Test Format:

- Content: 11 questions
- Time: approximately 20 minutes
- Score Scale: 0-200

The test is designed to provide information about language ability of speakers across a range of English proficiency.

The TOEIC Writing Test Format:

- Content: 8 questions
- Time: approximately 60 minutes
- Score Scale: 0–200

The test is designed to provide useful information about test takers across a broad range of English proficiency levels.

How is the TOEIC exam graded?

The Listening and Reading parts of the exam are marked between 5 – 495 each – a total score of 990 marks. Please refer to the Mapping your Level / Grade grid *(www.kli.ie/map)* for a breakdown of the results.