

IELTS Results FAQs

1. How are the tests marked?

- IELTS uses a 9-band scoring system to assess and report test scores in a consistent manner all over the world. You receive individual band scores for all four sections Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking separately and an aggregate Overall Band Score on a band scale from one to nine.

2. Who sets the “pass” mark for the IELTS test?

- You do not pass or fail in the exam. You are given scores from 1 – 9 bands. Each institution has set its own requirement of IELTS score required for admission.

3. When will I receive my test results?

- You get your Test Report Form 13 days after the exam date. The centres are responsible to send you the reports. Keep it safe once you receive it as you get only one copy. Some test centres provide SMS alerts and an online results service.

4. How many Test Report Forms (TRFs) are you entitled to?

- You will be given one copy of your test report form. Up to five copies of your TRF will be sent to those institutions which you had listed on application form while registering. If you require additional TRFs, request it from the test centre which issued your TRF. You may be charged an administration fee for additional TRF. Regular postage is free of charge. Charges for courier services and/or overseas postage will be passed onto candidates. If you have lost your TRF, please contact the Test Centre which issued your TRF.

5. How can you order more Test Report Forms if your test centre has closed since you took the test?

- We can still send you a copy of TRF though your centre has closed. As a matter of fact, we can send a copy of your TRF to any Receiving Organisation for the first two years after your test.
- To request a Test Report Form you will need to:
- complete an Application for additional TRFs (from closed centres) form. Write the names of you and your family members as they are on the identification documents.

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- Submit the form by clicking the Submit button at the end of the form.
- Also attach a scanned copy of the passport or identification document that you used earlier at the time of registration.
- Test Report Forms can only be sent to Receiving Organisations and additional copies will not be sent to the candidate, their families or friends.
- There service is free of cost.

6. How soon can you re-sit the test?

- There is no limit on sitting the test. However, IELTS recommends that you have a thorough study before you sit for the exam. Certain centres even offer preparatory courses and language classes. See here for further guidance.

7. What if I feel my test result is wrong?

- You can apply for an Enquiry on Results procedure at your test centre within six weeks of the test date. You must pay an enquiry fee, which is fully refunded if your band score changes. But be aware that IELTS Examiners and markers follow strict assessment guidelines and are continuously monitored. The IELTS testing process has the highest quality control procedures.