



TOEIC: Frequently Asked Questions

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What does TOEIC stand for?

Test of English for International Communication

What does TOEIC do?

TOEIC assesses English language proficiency of non-native English speakers and is designed to measure language proficiency in an international workplace.

Where is the TOEIC used?

The TOEIC test is well-known around the world, particularly in Japan, Korea, Europe, and the Middle East. The Education Testing Service (ETS) indicates that TOEIC test scores are used by nearly 14,000 companies, government agencies, and English language learning programs in 150 countries, and that more than seven million TOEIC tests are administered per year.

Who takes the TOEIC test?

Individuals at all stages of their careers take the TOEIC tests to demonstrate their English proficiency and enhance their competitiveness in the global workplace environment. For example, professionals who currently work in an international company or organization, employees advancing in their organizations, and job candidates seeking to raise their competitiveness all consider taking the TOEIC tests. In addition, many organizations around the world use the TOEIC tests as a tool to evaluate prospective or existing employees in English-language proficiency in the workplace.

Who takes the TOEIC test in the United States?

Not many people take the TOEIC in the U.S. The TOEIC test was developed starting in 1977 and was first administered in Japan, but it is not widely known in the United States. In fact, one part of the TOEIC test, the Speaking & Writing test, was not administered in the U.S. until 2009. Even now the closest TOEIC Speaking & Writing test center to Washington, D.C. is in Dover, Delaware.

How is TOEIC different from TOEFL?

TOEIC tests English language proficiency in an international workplace while TOEFL tests English language proficiency in an academic setting.

What is on the TOEIC test?

Test questions reflect the fact that TOEIC is designed to assess proficiency for the English language workplace. For example, contexts might include corporate development, dining out, finance and budgeting, purchasing, and travel, but individuals are not required to know specialized business and technical vocabulary in order to take the TOEIC.

How is the TOEIC test structured?

The TOEIC is administered in two parts: (1) Listening & Reading and (2) Speaking & Writing. This structure reflects an effort to separately test comprehension (listening and reading) and production (speaking and writing).

What is on the TOEIC Listening & Reading test?

TOEIC Listening & Reading tests are paper-based, multiple-choice test. Each section contains 100 multiple-choice questions.

- Listening questions are drawn from statements, questions, conversations, and talks recorded by voice actors from several different English-speaking countries. This section includes four parts and lasts about 45 minutes. It is administered by CD.
- Reading questions are drawn from a variety of written material. This section includes three parts and lasts about 75 minutes.

How much does it cost to take the TOEIC Listening & Reading test?

\$75 payable to ETS

When can I take the TOEIC Listening & Reading test in 2017?

May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 4, and December 4

Where do I register for the TOEIC Listening & Reading test?

www.toeicrts.ets.org/WebRegistration/toeic/ReserveSeat.html

What is on the TOEIC Speaking & Writing test?

TOEIC Speaking & Writing tests are computer-based tests.

- The Speaking test has 11 questions that require oral responses, such as reading a text aloud, describing pictures, responding to questions after reading a short text and listening to a related spoken text, and listening to a short spoken text and then proposing a solution or expressing an opinion. This section takes about 20 minutes.
- The Writing test has eight questions that require test takers to write a sentence based on a picture, respond to written requests, and write an essay that states, explains, and supports an opinion on an issue. This section takes about 60 minutes.

How much does it cost to take the TOEIC Speaking & Writing test?

\$140 payable to Amideast

When can I take the TOEIC Speaking & Writing test in 2017?

May 20, July 15, September 23, and November 11

Where do I register for the TOEIC Speaking & Writing test?

www.apply.amideast.org/toeic_usa/TestPurchase.aspx

What is a public test?

Public tests are administered on specific test dates at approved test centers, much like the TOEFL.

What is an institutional test?

ETS licenses organizations (including companies and schools) to administer the test on other dates. Institutional test sites are still required to follow prescribed test processes. Students are provided scores on the same basis as for the public test, but they receive an institutional score report rather than an ETS score report. Please let us know if you are interested in an institutional test.