



# International Certifications

## of English Language Competence

Test of English as a Foreign Language

ToEFL

International English Language Testing System

IELTS



## ToEFL or IELTS ?

- ToEFL – American English
  - measures a candidate's ability to use and understand English at the university level
  - <http://www.ets.org/toefl>
- IELTS – British English
  - is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who want to study or work where English is the language of communication
  - <http://www.ielts.org/>



## When to take the test ?

- ToEFL / IELTS scores must be obtained **before** you compile your admissions dossier (before December)
- Not all institutions require such tests, some may ask for a letter, please send me an email  
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## Format of the ToEFL iBT

### (Internet-based test)

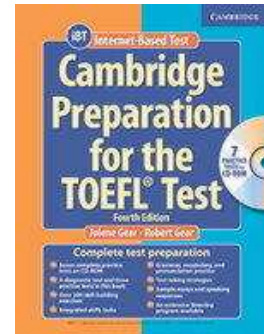
- The ToEFL iBT (Internet-based Test) tests all four language skills :
 

– Reading	(30 points)	60 minutes
– Listening	(30 points)	45 minutes
– Writing	(30 points)	50 minutes
– Speaking	(30 points)	20 minutes
- ✓ Speaking is tested by computer-generated questions and answers are recorded
- ✓ Video with detailed tips on :  
[http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/17494/TOEFL\\_Resources\\_Web\\_Video.htm](http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/17494/TOEFL_Resources_Web_Video.htm)



## How to prepare for the ToEFL ?

- Use the “Cambridge Preparation for the ToEFL Test” by Jolene Gear and Robert Gear



## Format of the IELTS

- The IELTS tests all four language skills :
 

– Reading	40 questions	30 minutes
– Listening	40 questions	60 minutes
– Writing	3 parts	60 minutes
– Speaking	3 parts	11-14 minutes
- ✓ Speaking is done **face-to-face** with a native speaker
- ✓ Brochure :  
*IELTS information for candidates*

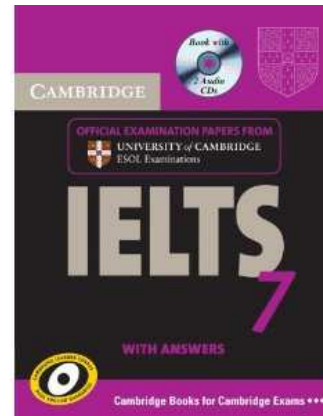
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## How to prepare for the IELTS ?

- Use the “Cambridge IELTS 7 Self-study Pack”  
by Cambridge ESOL



## Requirements

- Requirements vary from institution to institution
- You should check with individual institutions for their specific requirements
- For North American / British universities, you will probably need a ToEFL iBT score of **75 to 92 (/120)**
- For North American / British universities, you will probably need an IELTS band score of **6 to 6.5 (/9)**
- **B1+ to B2** on the CEFR



## Any further Questions ?

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Good luck !