

IELTS on Computer: How Does the Test Work?

Candidates taking the **IELTS on Computer (IOC)** test sit the examination **in person**, either at an authorised test centre or at their educational institution.

The **Listening, Reading and Writing** components are completed on a computer, while the **Speaking** test is conducted with a qualified IELTS examiner, either face-to-face or via video call. In both cases, candidates attend the test venue in person.

On the Day of the Test

Candidates will:

- Present a valid identity document (passport or national identity card used during registration);
- Store their personal belongings in the designated area;
- Complete the identity verification process upon arrival;
- Be seated at an individual workstation in a secure examination room;
- Receive a sheet of paper for note-taking during each test component;
- Ensure that all answers are entered directly into the computer within the time allocated for each component;
- Receive instructions from British Council staff before the test begins. Each component starts with a short instructional video explaining the format, rules and available on-screen features;
- Be provided with headphones for the Listening test;
- Complete the Listening, Reading and Writing components on a computer;
- Be able to highlight text, make notes on screen and move easily between questions;
- Have access to an on-screen timer to help manage their time;
- Benefit from an integrated word count tool in the Writing component;
- Be able to review and amend their answers until the end of each component;
- Submit their responses electronically at the end of the test.

All rough notes and scratch paper will be collected and securely destroyed at the end of the written components.

Speaking Test

The Speaking test is conducted with a qualified IELTS examiner. It may take place on the same day as the other test components or on a date close to the test day.

Equipment

- The test is delivered on Windows PCs.
- We primarily use **AZERTY keyboards**.
- A limited number of **QWERTY keyboards** are available and may be provided by the invigilator upon request, provided the request is made before the test begins.
- Headphones for the Listening test and, where applicable, for Speaking tests delivered via video conference.

Test Results

Results are usually available within **3 to 5 days** of the test date.

Preparing for IELTS on Computer

Candidates can familiarise themselves with the IELTS on Computer format and test interface by visiting the official British Council website:

IELTS on Computer

<https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/what-is-ielts/how-it-works/test-modes/ielts-on-computer>

IELTS Academic Sample Test Questions

<https://ielts.org/take-a-test/preparation-resources/sample-test-questions/academic-test#practice-experience>

We wish all candidates every success in their preparation and in their IELTS test.