



# TOEFL iBT® Paper Edition

## Test Overview

### Overview and Benefits

The *TOEFL iBT*® Paper Edition completes the TOEFL iBT portfolio, joining the traditional TOEFL iBT (taken in a test center on a computer) and the TOEFL iBT Home Edition, thus offering 3 convenient ways to take the gold standard TOEFL iBT test of academic English proficiency.

The TOEFL iBT Paper Edition is the same valid, reliable, 4-skills, high-security TOEFL iBT test you trust — just delivered in a different format through 2 sessions rather than 1. Three sections — Reading, Listening and Writing — are taken on paper at an ETS authorized test center. The fourth section, Speaking, is completed at home with 100% online human proctored security supported by best-in-class AI technology, using the same proven delivery and security model as the TOEFL iBT Home Edition. The Speaking section is completed within 3 days after the test-center session.

Many students worldwide prefer testing on paper rather than on a computer. Compared to current options in the marketplace, the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition offers a **more convenient and comfortable** paper-delivered English-language testing option for those students:

- Unlike some other paper-delivered tests, the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition incorporates a 10-minute break after the Reading and Listening sections and before the Writing section, thus providing a more comfortable testing experience.
- Test takers can take the Speaking section from the comfort of their home with 100% online human proctored security, just as in the TOEFL iBT Home Edition. Other paper tests typically require test takers to travel back to the test center on another day.
- Test takers can choose the time of their Speaking section appointment from all available sessions, unlike other paper-based tests where the time is assigned by the testing company.
- Test takers can send score reports to as many universities and institutions as they want, free of charge.
- The TOEFL iBT Paper Edition offers the same registration deadline as the other 2 formats of the TOEFL iBT: just 2 days before the test date. Other paper-delivered tests usually require much earlier deadlines of a few weeks before the test.
- Just as with the TOEFL iBT and TOEFL iBT Home Edition, the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition includes *MyBest*® scores, which are the combination of the highest section scores from all valid test administrations in the past 2 years. *MyBest* scores are automatically included in every score report alongside traditional scores from the test administration chosen by the test taker.

With all these test-taker-friendly features, the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition, as part of the portfolio of *TOEFL*® tests, could help to expand your pool of qualified applicants.

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## Availability and Pricing

The TOEFL iBT Paper Edition will initially be offered in India, the United States, Mexico and Colombia with registrations commencing on October 12, 2021, and the first administration on December 11, 2021. Test dates typically will be offered twice a month. Each country has a wide selection of testing locations to cover major cities and population centers.

Over time, we will expand the availability of the test to most major testing markets worldwide and increase testing locations and dates. This includes China, where we are working with the authorities to expand availability as soon as possible.

The test fee for the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition is the same as for TOEFL iBT and TOEFL iBT Home Edition in each country.

## Security

You can be confident in the security of the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition test, which uses proven TOEFL test security protocols for both test centers and at home testing.

- At ETS-certified test centers (for the Reading, Listening and Writing sections), test takers will be asked to complete a comprehensive security check and ID review, and will be monitored throughout the test by qualified, trained proctors.
- The at home Speaking section uses the same proven security protocols as the TOEFL iBT Home Edition, including 100% live human proctoring supported by best-in-class AI security measures, a comprehensive security check, ID review, a thorough test environment scan with the proctor and video recording from start to finish.

Unlike some other paper-delivered tests, the Speaking responses for the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition are recorded at a computer overseen by a human proctor, eliminating the potential biases and security risks of an in-person interviewer who may also act as a rater.

## Scoring and Score Reporting

Because **the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition is the TOEFL iBT test** — including the same content, scoring and score scale — you can accept and use scores the same way and **keep the same score requirements** as the traditional TOEFL iBT and the TOEFL iBT Home Edition.

Scores will be sent to institutions 11–13 business days after the completion of all sections of the test, similar to other major paper-delivered tests.

As with TOEFL iBT and TOEFL iBT Home Edition score reports, score reports for the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition will include a total score, section scores for each of the 4 skills and *MyBest* scores. Initially, only TOEFL iBT Paper Edition tests will be included in the *MyBest* score calculations for Paper Edition score reports, but once more data is collected from the initial set of TOEFL iBT Paper Edition administrations, *MyBest* scores will also include traditional TOEFL iBT (test center) and TOEFL iBT Home Edition tests.

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Score reports will clearly indicate that they are from a TOEFL iBT Paper Edition administration, like other TOEFL iBT score reports that indicate whether at test was taken at a test center or at home.

The Test Date noted on the score report for the Paper Edition is the date when the test taker took the Reading, Listening and Writing sections at the test center, not the later date when the Speaking section was taken at home.

Scores will be sent to institutions in the same ways as for the traditional TOEFL iBT test. If you manage scores with an automated tool, you will need to configure your system to accept TOEFL iBT Paper Edition scores. Score users will be notified by email with further details.

TOEFL iBT Paper Edition scores are automatically included in **TOEFL® Showcase™** (within the *ETS®* Data Manager), the **Online Score Verification Service (OSVS)** and the **TOEFL® Search Service**. TOEFL Showcase and OSVS also include the test taker's Speaking and Writing samples, like for other versions of the TOEFL iBT test.

## Communicating Your Acceptance of the TOEFL Portfolio of Tests

We recommend that you communicate the acceptance of the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition along with the TOEFL iBT portfolio of tests on your website and other forums in one of the following ways:

**TOEFL iBT, including the Home Edition and Paper Edition, with a minimum score of XYZ [Add section scores if applicable.]**

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- **TOEFL iBT**
- **TOEFL iBT Home Edition**
- **TOEFL iBT Paper Edition**

If your website still lists previously discontinued formats of TOEFL tests, including the CBT (computer-based test), PBT (paper-based test) and rPDT (revised paper-delivered test), we suggest that you remove them since they are no longer offered.

Please note that the last rPDT administration was in April 2021, so those scores will remain valid until April 2023. The few countries where TOEFL rPDT was available now have much better internet capability, and all of them have now been provided with access to the TOEFL iBT and/or the TOEFL iBT Home Edition to fully meet their needs.

Also, as you know, the *TOEFL® Essentials™* test is a new and innovative test that is different from the TOEFL iBT test. Please list your acceptance of the TOEFL Essentials test separately from the listing of TOEFL iBT tests, but still under the TOEFL Family of Assessments.

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## Next Steps for Institutions

**Stay connected.** Reach out to your TOEFL representative with questions at [TOEFLnews@ets.org](mailto:TOEFLnews@ets.org) or **1-609-683-2008**.

**Communicate your acceptance of the test** on your website and other appropriate forums.

**Tell us about your acceptance**, so we can include your institution on our list of accepting institutions. Email [TOEFLnews@ets.org](mailto:TOEFLnews@ets.org) with your institution name and a link to your TOEFL requirements.

**Apply for a TOEFL institution code** if you don't have one already. Most institutions already have a 4-digit code for TOEFL tests that will also be used for the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition. If you need a code, apply here: [ets.org/toefl/score-users/scores-admissions/become](https://ets.org/toefl/score-users/scores-admissions/become).

**Be ready to update your systems** if necessary. If you manage scores with an automated tool, you will need to configure your system to accept TOEFL iBT Paper Edition scores. Score users will be notified by email with further details.

We thank you for your support and welcome your feedback to help us better meet your and your applicants' needs.

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