



# TOEFL<sup>®</sup> iBT Update

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# TOEFL iBT

## Unmatched Test Quality

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- Measures all four skills: Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking
- 100% academic focus
- Emphasizes the ability to use English for communication
  - Focuses on how well students **use** English, not just what they **know** about it
  - Simulates real university classrooms and life
- Uses integrated tasks to measure how well students can use English in the classroom
- Based upon extensive research

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## Scores You Can Trust

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### Fair testing with unbiased, objective scoring

- 3 to 6 raters anonymously score Speaking responses.
- 2 raters evaluate each Writing response.
- Raters see and hear worldwide responses – not just from one country
- Raters do not know the examinee.
- Raters constantly monitored to ensure the best quality control possible
- Highly reliable - the total reliability coefficient is approximately **.95**

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# TOEFL iBT Status Update

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- TOEFL iBT rollout virtually complete worldwide
- Paper-based testing (PBT)
  - available in areas where TOEFL® iBT is not yet available
  - continues to supplement the TOEFL iBT test center network where needed
  - TSE® (***Test of Spoken English™***) offered in areas with no TOEFL iBT testing
- Computer-based testing ended September 2006
- All scores valid for two years

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- 128 countries
- 933 cities
- More than 3,600 active test centers
- 1,679 test centers in preparation
- New test centers added on a continual basis

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# TOEFL® iBT Status Update

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- Test delivery and scoring technology working well overall
- Score reporting on time and accurate
- New integrated test questions performing as intended

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# TOEFL® iBT Responses to Growth Challenges

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- Capacity
  - Increasing capacity in Korea and China
  - Adding additional test dates
  - Recruiting additional test centers
  - Establishing paper-based testing as a supplement to the TOEFL iBT testing network where needed
- Registration
  - Improving capacity of registration system to handle multiple users
    - Staggering the opening of registration by region
    - Special arrangements for Korea registration

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# TOEFL iBT

## Scaled Section and Total Score Means

(9/05 - 12/06)

	Mean	SD
Reading	19.1	7.8
Listening	20.5	6.9
Speaking	19.4	5.3
Writing	20.1	5.7
Total	79.0	23.0

N = approximately 250,000

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# TOEFL® iBT Score Means

## Test Taker Purpose

(9/05 - 12/06)

Group	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
<b>Graduate</b>					
Mean	21.5	22.1	20.0	21.4	85
S.D.	7.2	6.5	5.0	5.5	21
<b>Undergraduate</b>					
Mean	17.3	19.8	18.8	19.3	75
S.D.	8.2	7.1	5.2	5.7	23
<b>Professional</b>					
Mean	20.6	22.1	20.7	20.7	84
S.D.	6.4	5.4	3.9	5.3	18

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# Score Means of Sample Countries

Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Korea	17	19	17	19	72
Japan	15	17	15	17	65
China	20	19	18	20	76
India	22	23	23	23	91
Taiwan	16	18	17	19	71
Turkey	18	20	18	19	76
Germany	23	25	24	24	96
Italy	20	18	16	17	71
France	23	23	21	22	88

Rollout was gradual; data do not cover equal timeframe for all areas

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# Sample Score Requirements

		<b>Graduate level score</b>
<b>Total Score</b>	Requirement	87
	Percentile Equivalent	65th
	Mean	78
<b>Reading Score</b>	Requirement	20
	Percentile Equivalent	56th
	Mean	17.6
<b>Listening Score</b>	Requirement	21
	Percentile Equivalent	47th
	Mean	20.3
<b>Speaking Score</b>	Requirement	15
	Percentile Equivalent	19th
	Mean	19.7
<b>Writing Score</b>	Requirement	27
	Percentile Equivalent	86th
	Mean	20.1

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# New Services

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- Ability to view available test dates by city online without logging in to a profile
- Web seminars
- *Coming Soon*  
View TOEFL® iBT Scores Online
  - Free service for TOEFL iBT only
  - View scores of test takers who elect to send their scores to your DI code
  - Search by name, date of birth, test date and native language and country
  - View examinees' score records, including photo

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# Use of TOEFL iBT Speaking Score in ITA Programs

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## Goals of the Research

- Investigate the criterion-related validity of TOEFL iBT speaking for ITA screening

*Association between scores on TOEFL iBT speaking and on local ITA tests*

- Establish cut scores on TOEFL iBT speaking for ITA screening

*Set score requirements based on TA assignments determined by local ITA test scores*

## Participating ITA programs

- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of North Carolina, Charlotte (UNCC)
- Drexel University (Drexel)
- University of Florida at Gainesville (UF)

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# Major Findings

## TOEFL iBT Speaking and ITA Programs

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- Relationships between TOEFL Speaking test and local ITA test scores moderately strong
- Strengths of relationship somewhat different depending on the extent to which the local test engages and evaluates non-language abilities
- TOEFL speaking scores more strongly related to linguistic aspects measured by the local ITA tests
- TOEFL Speaking scores were significant predictors of TA assignments and were fairly accurate in classifying students for TA assignments

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