

IELTS Preparation

Preparing refugees and migrants for the world's most widely recognised English qualification

What is IELTS?

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) tests English across four skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking – and produces a band score from 1 to 9. For migrants and refugees in the UK, a strong IELTS score is one of the most transferable qualifications they can hold, recognised by employers, universities and the Home Office alike.

What does a high IELTS score unlock?



Professional registration – in healthcare (medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, allied health), social work, law and teaching



Further and higher education – foundation and access courses often ask for 5.5; undergraduate entry typically needs Band 6.0–6.5; postgraduate study Band 6.5–7.0



Immigration and settlement – IELTS for UKVI is accepted for Skilled Worker, Student and some family visa routes, and can support ILR applications



Personal confidence – for many learners this is their first formal English qualification, and preparing for it builds real confidence in using English



Improved English – from writing emails and job applications to interviewing well and handling complex conversations

IELTS™
English for International Opportunity

What does the IELTS course cover?

Learners work systematically through all four skills, building both language competence and the test techniques needed to perform well on the day.



Speaking – structured conversation, extended responses, presenting ideas, describing experience, fluency and pronunciation



Reading – academic and general texts, skimming and scanning strategies, vocabulary in context



Writing – describing data and diagrams, writing extended essays, structure, argument and academic language



Listening – understanding a range of accents and contexts, note-taking skills, following complex spoken language

Throughout the course, learners develop advanced, transferable language skills, identify and address their individual weaknesses, and practise under realistic exam conditions before test day.

IELTS courses typically last between 40 and 150 hours, depending on starting levels.



Ready to enrol your learners?

Get in touch with SLC to discuss start dates and group bookings.

