



**PTE ACADEMIC™**

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# Introducing the fast and fair English test

- ✓ Approved by the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection for all student and immigration visa applications
- ✓ Accepted by 100% of Australian universities and colleges

# What you need to know about PTE Academic

## WHAT IS PTE ACADEMIC?

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**PTE Academic** (Pearson Test of English Academic) is a computer-based language test that offers international students and migrants the fastest, fairest and most flexible way of proving their English language proficiency for immigration and student visas.

As an education or migration agent **PTE Academic** offers you a new and more efficient way of helping clients achieve their goals.

## WHY PTE ACADEMIC IS BEST FOR YOUR CLIENTS

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**PTE Academic** is designed to help test takers achieve their goals sooner.

### Approved by the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP)

- For all immigration visa applications.
- For student visa applications.

### Accepted for academic admissions, migration skills assessments and professional registration

- 100% of Australian universities and colleges accept PTE Academic scores for applications.
- Accepted by a growing number of Australian professional bodies including:
  - CPA Australia
  - Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand
  - Institute of Public Accountants
  - Australian Computer Society
  - Australian Community Workers Association
- For a full list:  
**[www.pearsonpte.com/accepts](http://www.pearsonpte.com/accepts)**

### Fast and flexible

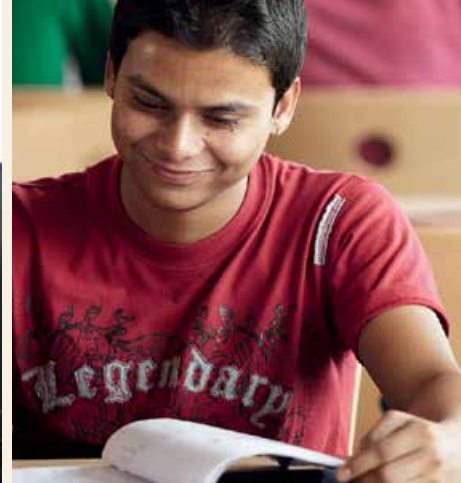
- **Test when you want:** choose a convenient test date and time online. In Australia PTE Academic is testing weekly - up to 3 times a day, 6 days per week.
- **Less waiting:** testing occurs daily in most capital cities. It's possible to book a test for tomorrow and receive results typically within 5 business days.

### The fairest option for test takers

- **No more frustration:** Highly accurate marking makes test scores consistent.
- **No bias:** the test is scored by computer so examiner bias on subjective matters such as a test taker's accent or appearance is eliminated.
- **Save time and money:** Two fully scored practice tests enable test takers to check when they are ready for the full test.

“ One of the best online test experience(s).  
The best part was (the) quick result! ”

Shok Kumar Kadel, India



# PTE Academic compared

	PTE Academic	IELTS
<b>BOOKING A TEST</b>		
<b>Booking &amp; registration</b>	Register and pay online or by phone up to 24 hours in advance*.	Usually by mail or in person with only some online. Registration may close a while before the test.
<b>Test availability</b>	Testing weekly in all centres in Australia. Where demand is strong tests are run 5+ days per week up to 3 times per day.	48 fixed test sessions per year.
<b>Cost</b>	\$330^	\$330
<b>Locations</b>	Australia: Currently Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Toowoomba, Perth and Adelaide with more opening. Worldwide: <a href="http://www.pearsonpte.com/test-takers/test-centres">www.pearsonpte.com/test-takers/test-centres</a>	Multiple locations.
<b>THE TEST</b>		
<b>Duration</b>	Single 3 hour session (with an optional 10 minute break).	Test totals around 3 hours but can be delivered in 2 sessions in some locations.
<b>Format</b>	Test comprises 3 parts: • Speaking and writing • Reading • Listening	Test comprises 4 parts: • Listening • Reading • Writing • Speaking
<b>Delivery</b>	Computer based and 100% computer marked.	Paper based test and interview marked by examiners.
<b>RESULTS</b>		
<b>Speed of results</b>	Results typically available within 5 business days. In 2014, we delivered 85% of scores in 2 days.	Usually posted 13 calendar days after the test.
<b>Accessing and submitting results</b>	Test takers can access and submit their scores to the DIBP and an unlimited number of education institutions and professional bodies via a secure website at no extra cost.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper certificate mailed by post.</li> <li>• Limited submissions, additional score submissions incur an extra charge.</li> </ul>
<b>Score comparison</b>	Scored on a highly granular scale range of 10–90 points, the test gives an extremely accurate and consistent assessment of a test taker's ability.	Scored on only a 9 point-band scale.

\* A late booking fee applies for test booked within 48 hours of test session. ^ At 1/6/15. Subject to change without notice.

“ All in all, it took me 5 days from the moment I decided to take the exam until I got my results. ”  
 Al Faisal El Dajani, Jordan

## PTE Academic Test Taker Score Report

### Example Test Taker

**Test Taker ID:** PTE123456789  
**Date of Birth:** 06 January 1980  
**Country of Citizenship:** United Kingdom  
**Country of Residence:** United Kingdom  
**Gender:** Male  
**Email Address:** pltsupport@pearson.com  
**Registration ID:** 123456789  
**Test Date:** 13 September 2011  
**Test Centre Country:** United States  
**Test Centre ID:** 00001  
**First-Time Test Taker:** Yes  
**Report Issue Date:** 18 September 2011  
**Scores Valid Until:** 13 September 2013



Test Taker, Example

23200678

### Overall Score: 56

The Overall Score for the PTE Academic is based on the test taker's performance on all items in the test. The scores for Communicative Skills and Enabling Skills are based on the test taker's performance on only those items that pertain to these skills specifically. As many items contribute to more than one Communicative or Enabling Skill, the Overall Score cannot be computed directly from the Communicative Skill scores or from the Enabling Skill scores. The graph below indicates this test taker's Communicative Skills and Enabling Skills relative to his or her Overall Score.

When comparing the Overall Score and the scores for Communicative Skills and Enabling Skills, please be aware that there is some imprecision in all measurement, depending on a variety of factors. For more information on interpreting PTE Academic scores, please refer to *Interpreting the PTE Academic Score Report* which is available at: [www.pearsonpte.com/pteacademic/scores](http://www.pearsonpte.com/pteacademic/scores).

### Skills Profile



**NOTE TO INSTITUTIONS:** This score report is not valid unless authenticated on the PTE Academic Score Report Website: [www.pearsonvue.com/ptescores](http://www.pearsonvue.com/ptescores).

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### Score report

PTE Academic score reports include not just the mandated Overall and Four Skills Scores, they also include an Enabling Skills Report that provides test takers with valuable insights into their English proficiency.

**Please note:** The enabling skills are not used by the DIBP, academic institutions or professional bodies.

### How do PTE Academic scores compare to IELTS?

PTE ACADEMIC™	29	30	36	42	50	58	65	73	79	83	86
IELTS	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	9.0

**Note:** This score alignment is approved by the Australian DIBP.

- For full Skilled Migration requirements visit: [www.pearsonpte.com/Australia](http://www.pearsonpte.com/Australia)
- Please check your preferred academic institutions' websites for score requirements.



## BOOKING A TEST

### Register and book a test

Before booking test takers should be ready to provide the following details exactly as they appear on their identification document (ie a valid passport for anyone taking the test outside their country of citizenship):

- Name
- Email
- Date of Birth
- Citizenship
- Country and City of Birth
- Credit or Debit Card

### By Phone

- Office hours: Monday – Friday,  
8:30 am – 6:00 pm AEST;  
closed on local holidays.
- Phone: 1800 190 719

### Online 24/7

1. Visit **[www.pearsonpte.com/register](http://www.pearsonpte.com/register)**
2. Create a Pearson account.
  - Test takers must create a Pearson account in order to book a test.
  - Candidates must registered using the name and date of birth as it appears on their passport. They must bring their passport on test day.
  - Once they have created an account test takers receive an email with their login details.
  - This may take up to 24 hours to appear in their Inbox.
3. Once their login details are received via email test takers can schedule a test:  
**[www.pearsonvue.com/pte](http://www.pearsonvue.com/pte)**

### Important terms and conditions

For full terms and conditions, including the test identification requirements, rescheduling and cancellation policies, test takers and their agents should be familiar with the *Test Takers Handbook* which is available in 7 languages:

**[www.pearsonpte.com/test-taker-handbook](http://www.pearsonpte.com/test-taker-handbook)**

“Talking to a foreigner makes me nervous and in that condition my real speaking ability will be affected. Talking to a computer puts me at ease and I know my performance will not be influenced by anxiety.”

Wang Yequi, China



## PREPARE AND MAXIMISE RESULTS

Like any test, test takers should prepare by becoming familiar with the test format and learn how to tackle questions correctly. Pearson offers test takers a range of resources designed to help maximise their scores online: [www.pearsonpte.com/prepare](http://www.pearsonpte.com/prepare)

### Free preparation materials

- Learn about PTE Academic with a free test taker handbook available in 7 languages; an online tutorial providing a detailed overview of the test; plus FAQs.
- Prepare for the test with a combination of free skills videos or an unscored practice test.

### Preparation books

- The Official Guide to PTE Academic containing over 200 practice questions, analysis of sample responses and test-taking tips.
- Practice Tests Plus: Test takers can see if they are ready for PTE Academic with authentic practice, comprehensive guidance and strategies for dealing with every task in the test.

### Test preparation courses

- Visit the website for a list of PTE Academic preparation courses delivered by Pearson Partners.

### Advanced preparation

Test takers can achieve their goals sooner, and save money, when they purchase online preparation packs allowing them to practice at home. These include a fully scored practice test that tells test takers when they are ready to book a full test.

<b>Online Sample Questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practice 70 timed sample questions</li><li>• Quick view of all 20 question types</li><li>• Review your answers with model answers</li><li>• Get general hints and tips for PTE Academic</li><li>• Get hints and tips for each question type</li></ul>	<b>\$9.99</b>
<b>Scored Practice Tests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full, timed PTE Academic practice exam online</li><li>• Familiarise yourself with the test format</li><li>• Mock score report - results across all skills</li></ul>	<b>\$35.99</b>
<b>Silver Test Preparation Kit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Sample Questions and answers (above)</li><li>• 1 x single use Scored Practice Test (above)</li></ul>	<b>\$39.99</b> Save \$5.99
<b>Gold Test Preparation Kit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Sample Questions and answers (above)</li><li>• 2 x single use Scored Practice Test (above)</li></ul>	<b>\$59.99</b> Save \$21.98

All prices listed in US\$. Prices correct at 1/6/15. Subject to change without notice.

For all resources visit:

[www.pearsonpte.com/prepare](http://www.pearsonpte.com/prepare)



“ (PTE Academic) is an excellent and more efficiently designed computer based exam to test an individual's English level. I would love to recommend it to others. ”

Sami Khan, Australia

### TEST VOUCHERS: PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE TO CLIENTS

Test takers would normally pay for the test over the phone or online using a credit or debit card - which can be a challenge for some candidates.

However PTE Academic allows migration and education agents to provide an enhanced service to their clients by making the test booking process even easier. Agents can purchase test vouchers in advance and then onsell or package them with other services. Then when booking a test, test takers simply enter the voucher code instead of their credit card details.

Please note:

- The minimum order is 10 vouchers and includes a 10% discount.
- Discounts are available for large volume orders.
- To learn more, and order vouchers, visit:  
**[www.pearsonpte.com/institutions/discount-vouchers](http://www.pearsonpte.com/institutions/discount-vouchers)**

### LEARN MORE ABOUT PTE ACADEMIC

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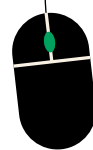
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