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### IELTS Test

Al Ain University is now an authorized IELTS Test Venue in partnership with the British Council. IELTS is the world's most popular English language proficiency test with two million tests taken in the last year. Taking IELTS opens doors – it can help you live, study and work in 135 countries around the world. More than 9,000 organizations worldwide accept IELTS, including government, academic and employment institutions- including over 3,000 institutions in the USA. In fact, IELTS is the only English language test accepted for immigration purposes by all countries that require one. IELTS is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who want to work or study in countries where English is the language of communication.

#### Test Format

IELTS has four modules – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

#### Total Test Time

The total test time is 2 hours and 45 minutes. The Listening, Reading and Writing tests are done in one sitting. The Speaking test may be on the same day or up to seven days before or after the other tests. You will be advised of the time for your speaking interview when you apply.

	Total time for each part	
Listening	40 questions	Approximately 30 minutes
Reading	40 questions	60 minutes
Writing	2 tasks	60 minutes
Speaking	3 parts	11–14 minutes

#### Registration and Payment:

The IELTS candidate may apply either online through this link

<https://ieltsregistration.britishcouncil.org/test-chooser>

or personally by visiting the Registration Unit at Al Ain University where a member of staff has been assigned to provide help with filling out the application form online.

The candidate has two options of payment, either online by credit card or offline at the finance unit staff at AAU registration counter. If the candidate chooses to pay offline, he/she will attend to the finance staff with the application reference number to pay the fees.

### **IELTS Testing Venues at AAU**

- Abu Dhabi Campus
- Al Ain Campus

### **Test Fees**

Paper Test: **AED 1120**

Computer Delivered: **AED 1260**

### **Required Identification Documents**

On the day of the test, students must present their original, valid and signed passport; or UAE National ID for identification purposes only.

Please note that you will not be allowed to enter the exam hall without the original ID that you used during your registration.

### **How to Prepare**

Road to IELTS is a popular online self-study resource for Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking test practice. Written by the British Council for its IELTS students, Road to IELTS includes:

- practice materials
- timed tests
- tutorials
- online scoring
- self-assessment tools so that you can measure your progress.

You can try British Council's Road to IELTS resources with 10 hours of free study right now

with no prior registration.

When you register for an IELTS test with British Council you'll be free to enjoy a further 20 hours of access to the learning materials.

You can also visit this link for more IELTS preparation materials

<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare-test/how-prepare-ielts-test>

## **IELTS Additional TRFs:**

Students can order for additional original copies (up to maximum of five) of test report forms to be posted to receiving institutions. If you would like us to do this, please apply through one of our British Council customer services points. They send them free of charge if applied within the 4 (four) weeks from the result publishing date. However, for secure and faster delivery, additional courier charges may apply.

## **How IELTS is scored**

IELTS results are reported on a 9-band scale

IELTS results are designed to be simple and easy to understand. Results are reported as band scores on a scale from 1 (the lowest) to 9 (the highest). The IELTS band scale has remained consistent and has acquired currency around the world over the past three decades.

## **The IELTS scale**

Band score	Skill level	Description
9	Expert user	The test taker has fully operational command of the language. Their use of English is appropriate, accurate and fluent, and shows complete understanding.
8	Very good user	The test taker has fully operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic

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7	Good user	<p data-bbox="1046 293 1457 566">inaccuracies and inappropriate usage. They may misunderstand some things in unfamiliar situations. They handle complex and detailed argumentation well.</p> <p data-bbox="1046 613 1457 1003">The test taker has operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings in some situations. They generally handle complex language well and understand detailed reasoning.</p>
6	Competent user	<p data-bbox="1046 1055 1436 1442">The test taker has an effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings. They can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.</p>
5	Modest user	<p data-bbox="1046 1494 1457 1845">The test taker has a partial command of the language and copes with overall meaning in most situations, although they are likely to make many mistakes. They should be able to handle basic communication in their own field.</p>
4	Limited user	<p data-bbox="1046 1897 1393 2007">The test taker's basic competence is limited to familiar situations. They</p>

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		frequently show problems in understanding and expression. They are not able to use complex language.
3	Extremely limited user	The test taker conveys and understands only general meaning in very familiar situations. There are frequent breakdowns in communication.
2	Intermittent user	The test taker has great difficulty understanding spoken and written English.
1	Non-user	The test taker has no ability to use the language except a few isolated words.
0	Did not attempt the test	The test taker did not answer the questions.

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