

IELTS FAQs

Do I need an IELTS?

If you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in any of the following countries, you do NOT need to provide an IELTS Certificate as part of your Intern in Britain application

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- the Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- South Africa
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- UK
- USA*

* If you are currently studying in the USA and provided your US university with an alternate language test to gain admission, please submit that in place of an IELTS certificate. BUNAC will review and inform you if we require any further proof of English language proficiency.

You also do not need to prove your knowledge of English if one of the following apply:

- you're a national of Canada or any of the countries in the list above
- you have studied in the UK before as a Tier 4 (Child) student
- you're applying to come to the UK for a study abroad programme as part of a university degree course in the USA

What is IELTS?

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) measures the language proficiency of people who want to study or work where English is used as a language of communication. It uses a nine-band scale to clearly identify levels of proficiency, from non-user (band score 1) through to expert (band score 9).

Which version do I need?

BUNAC applicants are required to complete either the **Academic** or **General Training** test. Please do **NOT** take the IELTS for UKVI test.

How do I get one?

Please visit <https://www.ielts.org/> to book your test and get more information.

How much does it cost?

Each test centre sets its own fee, so there is not one single answer to how much the IELTS costs. Most IELTS testing centres now charge around \$225 to sit for the exam.

When will I get my results?

If you've taken a paper-based test, your Test Report Form will be available 13 days after you complete the test. If you have taken a computer-delivered test, your results will be available between 5 and 7 days after your test.

You can arrange for your test centre to post this to you, or you can pick it up in person.

My IELTS is more than 2 years old, do I need a new one?

Yes. You must submit an IELTS certificate dated within the last 2 years of making your BUNAC application.

What do I need to upload as proof?

You must upload a copy of your official IELTS Results Certificate to your supporting documents. Online results will not be accepted.

I have a TOEFL certificate, does that or another English language certificate count?

Only an IELTS Certificate can be provided as proof and other English Language qualifications cannot be accepted.

I have done all my studies in English, do I still need an IELTS?

Yes - Unless you have completed the equivalent of a UK Degree in one of the countries listed above.

My country is not listed above, do I still need an IELTS?

Yes - only the exceptions listed above will be granted.

I don't have enough time to complete an IELTS?

BUNAC will not be able to issue the Certificate of Sponsorship until all documents have been received – including the IELTS. We advise starting your BUNAC application at least 8-12 weeks before your internship to accommodate taking the IELTS test.