



The GRE® and TOEFL® Tests

An Update from ETS

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The GRE® revised General Test Is Launching Worldwide in 2011



The first administration will be on August 1, 2011



GRE® revised General Test: Better by Design[™]

Enhanced to provide even better results – with the validity, security and fairness you trust.

Features a new level of sophistication in psychometric designand delivery

- More closely aligned with the skills needed to succeed in graduate school
- More simplicity in distinguishing performance differences between candidates
- More test-taker friendly for an enhanced test experience



Skills Measured on the GRE® General Test

Verbal Reasoning:

 Measures reading comprehension skills and verbal and analytical reasoning skills, focusing on a candidate's ability to analyze and evaluate written material

Quantitative Reasoning:

 Measures problem-solving ability, focusing on basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis

Analytical Writing:

 Measures critical thinking and analytical writing skills, specifically the ability to articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively



Verbal Reasoning Measure

- An emphasis on complex reasoning skills
 - More text-based materials such as reading passages
 - Less dependence on vocabulary knowledge alone; no antonyms and analogies
- New question types and new computerenabled tasks, such as highlighting a relevant sentence to answer a question



Quantitative Reasoning Measure

- More real-life scenarios to better gauge candidates' skills
- An emphasis on quantitative reasoning skills
 - Increased proportion of questions involving real-life scenarios and data interpretation
 - An on-screen calculator to reduce the emphasis on computation
- New question types and new computerenabled tasks, such as entering a numerical answer



Analytical Writing Measure

- The Analytical Writing measure will not change dramatically
- Test takers will be asked to provide more focused responses to questions, reducing the possibility of reliance on memorized materials



The Computer-Based GRE® Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning Sections Are Section-Level Adaptive

- The computer selects the second section of a measure based on the test taker's performance on the first section
- Within each section, all questions contribute equally to the final score
- Both sections are important, since the final score on each measure is based on the total number of correct answers and the level of difficulty of the questions



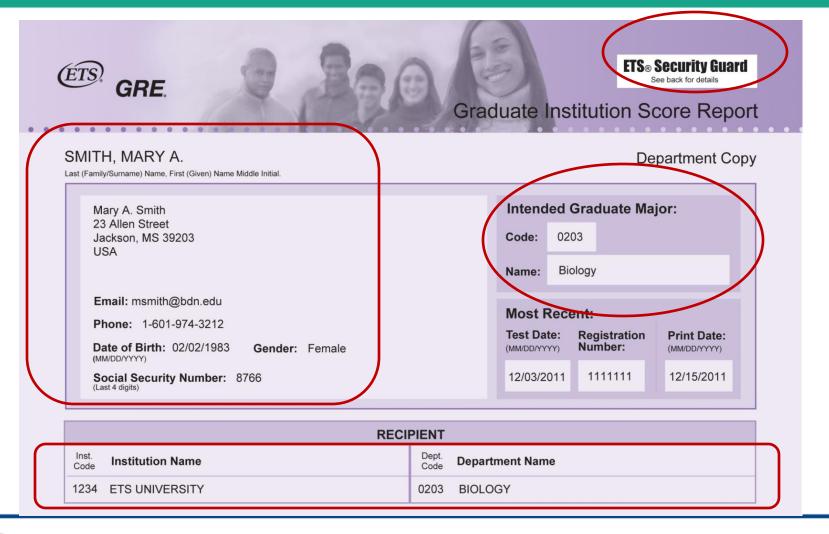
More Simplicity in Distinguishing Performance Differences Between Candidates

- Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores will be reported on a **new score scale** of 130–170, in 1-point increments
 - Current score scale: 200–800, in 10-point increments
- The Analytical Writing scores will continue to be reported on the same 0–6 score scale, in half-point increments





Sample Score Report: Expanded Examinee and Score Recipient Information





Sample Score Report: Detailed Score Information

GENERAL TEST SCORES										
Test Date	Verbal Reasoning*			Quantitative Reasoning*				Analytical Writing		
	Prior Format		Current Format		Prior Format		Current Format			
MM/DD/YYYY	Scaled Score	Estimated Current Scare	Scaled Score	% Below	Scaled Score	Estimated Current Score	Scaled Score	% Below	Score	% Below
12/03/2011 06/01/2009	 590	154	156	89 84	770	158	157	85 87	4.5 4.5	63 63



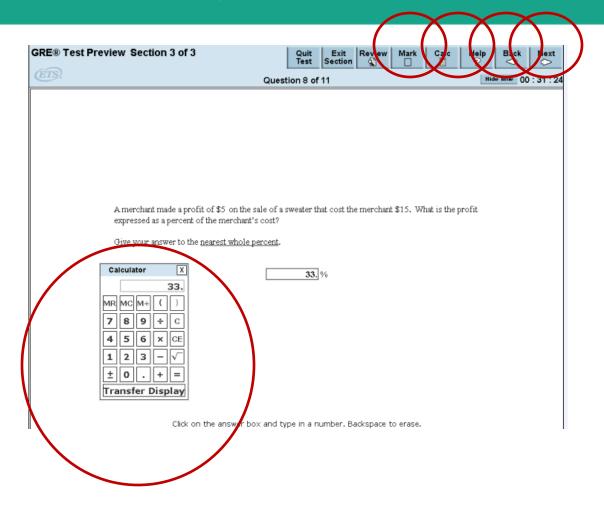
More Test-Taker Friendly for an Enhanced Test Experience

- Questions are more aligned with the types of work students will do in graduate or business school
 - includes more text-based questions and more reallife scenarios
- The test experience is enhanced
 - new functionality, including review, go back, change an answer, etc.
 - test takers can navigate freely within a timed section
- An on-screen calculator will be provided on the Quantitative Reasoning measure*



^{*}For those taking the paper-based *GRE* revised General Test, calculators will be provided at the test center for use during the test.

Example of Some of the New Features





Test Administration

- The GRE® revised General Test will be administered in a secure testing environment on a continuous basis at computer-based test centers around the world
- In Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea, the split-test administration will be replaced with computer-based testing 1-2 times per month
- In areas of the world where the computerbased test is unavailable, paper-based tests will be administered up to 3 times per year



Important Dates You Need to Know

Month	Milestone
March	March 15: First day of registration for the revised test
August - September	 August 1 - First day of testing for the revised test For tests administered in August and September, scores will be reported starting in early November.
October- November	For tests administered in October and November, check the detailed score reporting schedule on the GRE website
December	Score reporting returns to the regular reporting period (10-15 days after test date)

Score reports for paper-based administrations will continue to be reported six weeks after test date.



Important Dates You Need to Know (continued)

- Concordance information will appear on the new GRE® score reports and in electronic files through SCORELINK® Internet Delivery Service and CD-ROM, starting in early November
- Concordance tables will also be available on the GRE website at that time



What You Can Do to Get Ready

- Inform your admissions, fellowship and scholarship committees, and faculty and staff about the GRE® revised General Test
- Understand that test scores for all individuals who test between August and October 2011 will be reported starting in November 2011
- Become familiar with the new score scale and have procedures in place to review the new scores when score reporting for the revised test begins in November 2011
 - Keep in mind you will likely receive a higher-than-normal volume of GRE score reports starting in November because of the special score reporting schedule



What You Can Do to Get Ready (continued)

- Review your internal and externally published admissions criteria to allow provisions for the new score scale
 - Update your website to include this information next to your admissions requirements

IMPORTANT: Notify potential applicants that if they need their score reports before November, they should take the current *GRE*[®] General Test before August.



Help for You and Your Colleagues

- Monthly eUPDATE newsletter
 - Sign up at <u>www.ets.org/gre/updates</u>
- New Webinar: Getting Ready for the GRE® revised General Test
 - Includes live Q&A session at the end of the webinar
 - Register at <u>www.ets.org/gre/webinar</u>
- An ever-expanding GRE® Infocenter
 - View short videos, brochures, newsletters and other helpful and easy-to-use resources
 - Visit <u>www.ets.org/gre/infocenter</u>
- GRE revised General Test Helpline
 - Contact <u>GREhelpline@ets.org</u> or **1-609-683-2662** if you have immediate questions or needs



What to Tell Potential Applicants

- Test takers who need their scores before
 November 2011 must take the GRE® General Test before
 August 2011
- If applicants do not need their score reports until after November, they can take the GRE® revised General Test
- Test takers who take the GRE revised General Test between August 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011 can save 50% off their test fee
- Free test preparation materials are available on the GRE website now

Important: Students need to register early for whichever test they plan to take to get their preferred date and location



Need More Information?

To get the most up-to-date information:

- GRE® Tests and Services
 - √ Visit <u>www.ets.org/gre/institutions</u>
- GRE® revised General Test
 - ✓ Visit <u>www.ets.org/gre/infocenter</u>
 - ✓ Sign up for the *eUPDATE* newsletter at www.ets.org/gre/updates

If you have questions:

- Write to us at GREhelpline@ets.org
- GRE Academic Help Line: 1-609-683-2662



Tools for Success



GRE® Search Service

Use the *GRE* Search Service as a powerful global recruitment tool



- Search database includes over 450,000 prospective graduate students
- Easy-to-use system finds prospective graduate students based on up to 28 unique criteria, including intended graduate major and geographic locations
- Expert guidance from trained Search Service consultants



The ETS® Personal Potential Index (ETS® PPI)

Get a more complete picture of your graduate applicants to find the best candidates for your program

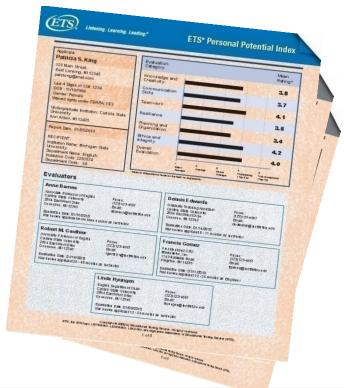


- A convenient and easy-to-use, web-based, multirater system for evaluating the personal qualities of graduate or professional school applicants
- An Evaluation Report based on evaluator feedback provides both quantitative and qualitative information about an applicant



The ETS® PPI Evaluation Report

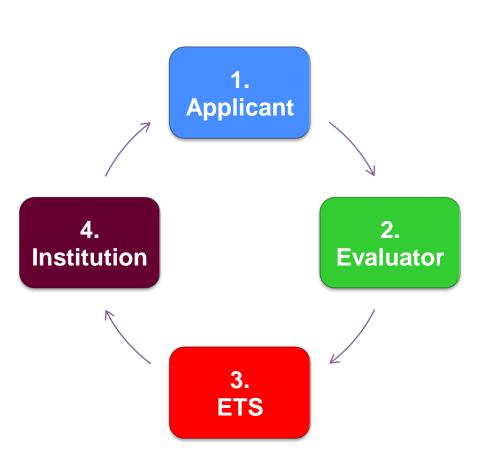
- Yields an overall evaluation rating of the applicant
- Provides ratings on six dimensions identified as critical for success in graduate and professional school:
 - Knowledge and Creativity
 - Communication Skills
 - Teamwork
 - Resilience
 - Planning and Organization
 - Ethics and Integrity
- All GRE® General Test registrants can send four free ETS PPI Evaluation Reports





How Does the ETS® PPI Work?

- 1. Applicant selects evaluators
- 2. Evaluators rate applicant
- 3. ETS creates Evaluation Report
- ETS sends Evaluation Report
 - Free to receiving institutions





Why Did ETS Develop the ETS® PPI?

- The ETS® PPI was developed in response to:
 - The concerns of the GRE® Board and others in the graduate community about the lengthy average time to degree and high attrition rates in doctoral programs
 - The growing recognition that noncognitive skills have a significant impact on success in graduate and professional school



What Is the Research Basis for the *ETS*® PPI?

Multiple sources:

- Input from GRE® Board noncognitive symposium (June 2001)
- Research by ETS scientists and others in the field
 - personality theory
 - measurement of personal qualities and noncognitive skills
- Feedback from hundreds of graduate and professional school deans and faculty members
- Analysis and refinement of the instrument

Three-year pilot with:

- Project 1000 at Arizona State University

Commitment to:

 Ongoing validity studies exploring the relationship between these attributes and success in graduate and professional school



The ETS® PPI Can Help ...

- Graduate and Professional Schools:
 - Identify applicants who are more likely to persist and succeed
 - Increase the diversity of graduate programs
- Applicants:
 - Provide evidence of a broader range of capabilities
 - Request and track evaluations easily
- Faculty and Other Evaluators:
 - Consistently evaluate personal qualities that are critical for success in graduate and professional school
 - Share feedback quickly and easily with multiple institutions



Six Dimensions, 24 Statements – Plus an Overall Evaluation

Knowledge and Creativity

- Has a broad perspective on the field
- Is among the brightest persons I know
- Produces novel ideas
- Is intensely curious about the field

Communication Skills

- Speaks in a clear, organized and logical manner
- Writes with precision and style
- Speaks in a way that is interesting
- Organizes writing well

Teamwork

- Supports the efforts of others
- Behaves in an open and friendly manner
- Works well in group settings
- Gives criticism/feedback to others in a helpful way

Resilience

- Accepts feedback without getting defensive
- Works well under stress
- Can overcome challenges and setbacks
- Works extremely hard

Planning and Organization

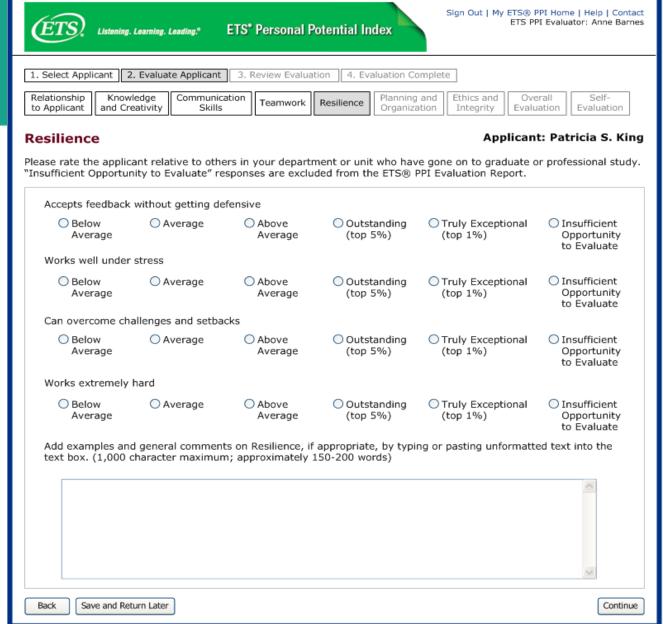
- Sets realistic goals
- Organizes work and time effectively
- Meets deadlines
- Makes plans and sticks to them

Ethics and Integrity

- Is among the most honest persons I know
- Maintains high ethical standards
- Is worthy of trust from others
- Demonstrates sincerity



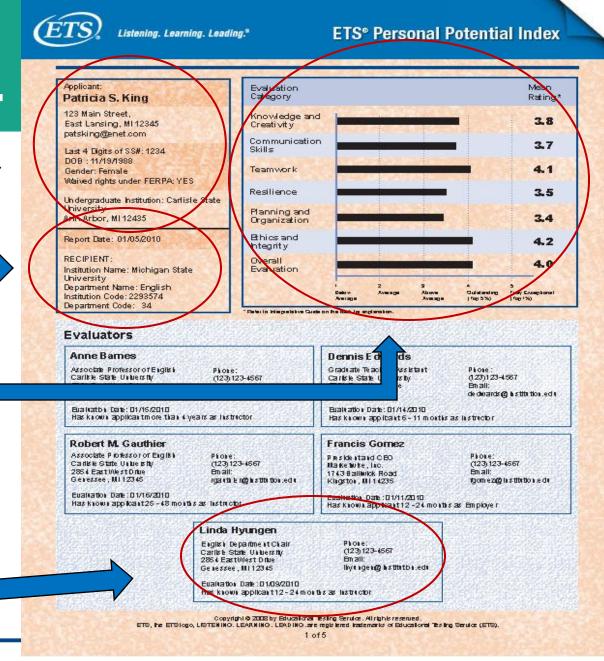
The evaluator can also add comments for each dimension





The Evaluation Report Shows ...

- Applicant information
- Recipient information
- A summary of the mean ratings for each of the six dimensions and overall evaluation
- Evaluator information





The Evaluation Report Shows ...

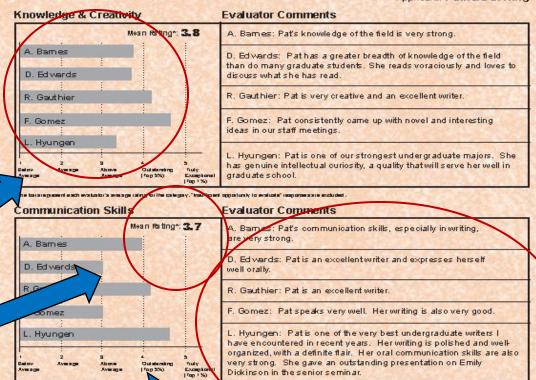
For each of the six dimensions and the overall evaluation, the report shows:

- Individual evaluator ratings
- Mean ratings
- Evaluator comments



ETS® Personal Potential Index

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It's Easy to Start Using the ETS® PPI

- 1. Talk with your colleagues about requiring or recommending that applicants submit an *ETS* PPI Evaluation Report as part of the application process
- 2. Decide how you will use *ETS* PPI Evaluation Reports in the admissions process
- If your institution is not already a GRE® score recipient, sign up for an ETS PPI code
- 4. Paper or electronic? Decide whether you would like to receive *ETS* PPI Evaluation Reports in paper format or electronically via *SCORELINK*® Internet delivery service
- 5. Let prospective applicants know that an *ETS* PPI Evaluation Report is required or recommended for admission



Informational Websites

- ✓ GRE® Tests and Services
 www.ets.org/gre/institutions
- ✓ GRE® revised General Test Information Center <u>www.ets.org/gre/infocenter</u>
- ✓ ETS[®] Personal Potential Index <u>www.ets.org/ppi</u>
- ✓ GRE® Search Service
 www.ets.org/gre/search



Contact Information

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Questions?



The TOEFL® Test Difference and New Developments



TOEFL® Test Overview

- More than 25 million test takers since 1964
- Most widely available academic Englishlanguage test in the world
 - Administered in over 4,500 certified test centers in more than 165 countries
- Most widely recognized
 - More than 7,500 institutions, professional bodies, immigration authorities and scholarship agencies worldwide recognize and accept TOEFL scores



The TOEFL iBT® Test (Internet-based test)

- 96% of all TOEFL testing
- Four language skills: Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing
- 100% academic
- Emphasizes communicative English
- Integrated questions
- Reliability coefficient 0.95



External Oversight

The TOEFL® Board

- Graduate Deans and Faculty
- Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions
- Community Colleges
- International High Schools
- International Student Advisors
- Current members from US, Morocco, Thailand, Netherlands, Australia, Canada

The TOEFL Committee of Examiners

- Language testing and research specialists
- ESL teachers and teacher trainers
- Current members from US, Canada, UK, Netherlands, Finland, Japan, Australia



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The TOEFL® Test Difference

- Unparalleled research foundation
 - More than 150 research reports, most available as free downloads
 - Annual Test and Score Data Summary
- Meticulous test design
 - Six to eighteen month process to get a test question written, reviewed, recorded, approved, piloted, analyzed and finally assembled into an operational test
 - Multiple quality and fairness reviews
- Rigorous Security
 - From test content through score reporting



Scoring Sets the TOEFL® Test Apart

Fair testing with unbiased, objective scoring

- Unlike other tests, the TOEFL test separates the testing site from the scoring process to maintain score integrity
 - Raters see and hear worldwide responses, not just from one country
 - Raters do not know the examinee



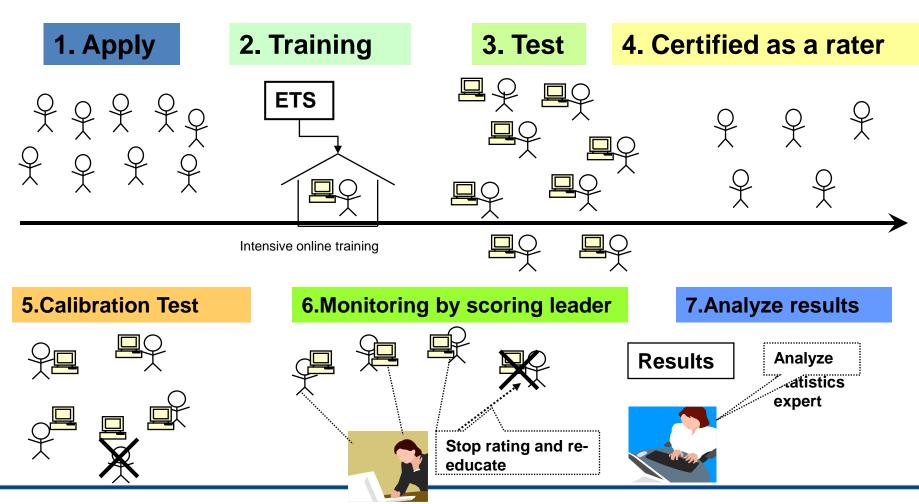
Scoring Sets the TOEFL® Test Apart

Fair testing with unbiased, objective scoring

- TOEFL uses multiple raters for speaking and writing
 - Increases test reliability
 - Speaking section: Six tasks
 - Three to six human raters
 - Writing section: Two tasks
 - Two human raters
 - Two automated ratings



How Scoring for the TOEFL® Test Works





Innovation in Scoring

The TOEFL® program uses the *e-rater* ® automated scoring engine in a limited and responsible way for the Writing section

- Independent writing task:
 - one human rater + one automated rating
- Integrated writing task:
 - one human rater + one automated rating

Combines the judgment of humans for content and meaning and the consistency of automated scoring for linguistic features



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Official TOEFL iBT® Score Report



TOEFL® (Test of English as a Foreign Language™)
Internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT™)
Official Score Report



Name: Last Name, First Name Middle Name

Last (Family/Surname) Name, First (Given) Name widdle Name

Gender: W Registration Number: 0000 0000 0000 0000

Date of Birth: 05 Mar 2000 Test Date: 01 Jan 2010

Lastname, First name Middle Name Address 1 xxx Xxxx xxxx xxxx xx-xxx

City, State Zip Code Country Name

Inst. Code: 0000 Dept. Code: 00

Test Center Code: 0000000000000000

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TOEFL Scaled Scores				
Reading	18			
Listening	18			
Speaking	15			
Writing • • • • • • •	22			
Total Score · · · · ·	73			

New Developments Faster Scores

Faster score turnaround

- Scores are now available to test takers in two weeks or less
- Further reductions planned
- Test takers now notified via e-mail that their scores are available online
- Scores are sent weekly to score users receiving TOEFL scores electronically or via CD-ROM
- Official paper score reports are sent to score users three times per week



New Developments Speech Samples

Speech samples available to score users

- Scored one-minute speech sample
- Median performance from one of the four integrated speaking tasks
- Candidate search only requires Candidate Registration Number and Date of Birth
- Available online, free of charge, to score users who sign confidentiality statement
- Sign up today:
 <u>www.ets.org/toefl/speechsample</u>



New Developments: Expanded Scholarship Programs

- TOEFL® Scholarship Program
 - Recognizes students who have:
 - Excelled academically
 - Demonstrated leadership skills
 - Participated in extracurricular activities
 - Achieved English-language proficiency
 - 2010: China, India, Korea
 - 62 scholarships totaling \$170,000
 - 2011: China, India, Korea, Japan, Taiwan



Comparing TOEFL iBT® and IELTS™ Total Scores



Why ETS Created a Comparison Table

- Concordance tables and similar documents are published in various media
 - Some of the information on these tables is inaccurate and misleading
- Universities have asked for a way to compare TOEFL iBT[®] and IELTS[™] scores



Research to Support the Comparison Table

- ETS collected more than 1,100 sets of TOEFL iBT® and IELTS™ scores from individuals who had taken both tests
- An equipercentile approach was applied to each IELTS band score to develop the comparison table
 - Ex: a TOEFL iBT score of 115 represents the 90th percentile of the test takers in the sample, the same as an IELTS score of 8.5



TOEFL iBT® and IELTS™ Score Comparison

TOEFL iBT	IELTS
35	5.0
46	5.5
60	6.0
79	6.5
94	7.0
102	7.5
110	8.0
115	8.5



Using the Comparison Table

- The comparison table was created as an initial step for universities that wanted to compare TOEFL iBT® and IELTS™ scores
- ETS recommends the table be used for purposes of general understanding and not for establishing cut scores
- It is not appropriate to use the comparison table to project an applicant's IELTS or TOEFL iBT score
- Follow up validity studies are recommended to validate the score comparisons



Using TOEFL® Test Scores in the Admission Process



Using TOEFL® Scores in Admissions

Consider the use of section scores as well as the total score

	Reading	Listening	Writing	Speaking	Total
Student 1	17	20	24	19	80
Student 2	20	20	20	20	80
Student 3	25	25	16	14	80

Which student is the best candidate for your program?



TOEFL iBT® Total Population

Scaled Section and Total Score Means 2010

	TOEFL iBT Mean		
Reading	20.1		
Listening	19.5		
Speaking	20.0		
Writing	20.7		
Total	80.08		



TOEFL iBT® 2010 Total Population

Score Means by Test-Taker Purpose

Group	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Graduate Mean	21.3	20.7	20.7	21.4	84.0
Undergraduate Mean	18.5	19.3	20.3	20.3	78.0
Professional Mean	20.4	20.7	21.5	20.8	83.0



Services for Score Users and Teachers



Promote Your Institution

TOEFL TV Channel on YouTube:

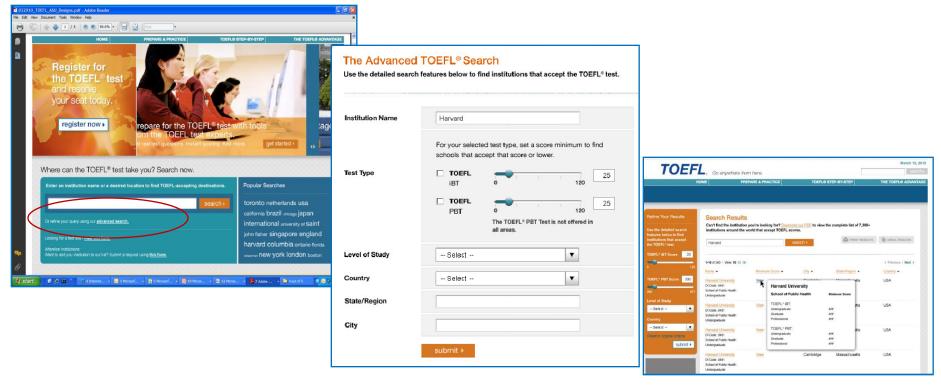
www.youtube.com/TOEFLtv

- A great way to get valuable exposure for your institution at no charge
- Record a brief video testimonial about your institution and how you use the TOEFL® test
- Teachers and students can create short videos with tips on:
 - Learning English
 - Preparing for the TOEFL test
 - Studying abroad
- Post your video on your YouTube channel, and share it with username "TOEFLtv", and we can add it to a TOEFL TV playlist



The Advanced TOEFL® Search

 Advanced search provides an institution's score requirements and program information





Resources for Teachers and Learners

Free TOEFL iBT Test Sample Questions

- Includes questions from all four sections of the test
- Includes Speaking and Writing sample responses

TOEFL iBT Sampler: www.toeflgoanywhere.org

 More free sample questions, included with registration for the TOEFL iBT test

TOEFL iBT Tips: www.toeflgoanywhere.org

 Free guide to the test with study tips, scoring rubrics, test section overviews, and more

Propell™ Manual for the TOEFL iBT® Test

Helps you build an curriculum based on TOEFL iBT learning objectives

Criterion® Online Writing Evaluation Service

- www.ets.org/criterion/ell
- Student-submitted essays are scored instantly by e-rater and students are provided feedback so they can revise and resubmit their essays



Resources for Teachers and Learners

- Lexile Measures <u>www.Lexile.com/TOEFL</u>
 - Match TOEFL iBT® reading scores to Lexile® measures
 - Find books of interest at the appropriate reading level
- TOEFL® Practice Online (available at the ETS Store <u>www.ets.org/store</u>)
 - Simulates TOEFL iBT testing experience
 - Provides instant scores and performance feedback
- The Official Guide to the TOEFL® Test, 3rd Edition
 - Paperback book and CD or e-book formats with test preparation tips, strategies and sample questions
 - Institutional discounts: orders of 50 or more receive 50% discount(contact TOEFLNews@ets.org)
- Pronunciation in English; Idioms in English; and Writing in English (available at the ETS Store www.ets.org/store)
 - Interactive multimedia programs



Resources for Universities

EducationUSA — U.S. Department of State-affiliated educational advising centers in more than 400 overseas locations



- Reach prospective international students through this well established global network (no fees)
- Gain access to a variety of services:
 - Collaborate with Regional Educational Advising Coordinators (REACs)
 - Send your institutional information to advising centers for distribution or weekly e-newsletter
 - Participate in higher education fairs, attend regional conferences, and visit local center
 - Link your international admissions website to EducationUSA's to direct prospective students to their centers for on-the-ground, incountry support for U.S. institutions

http://www.educationusa.info/



TOEFL® Information and Contacts

- TOEFL website for institutions: <u>www.ets.org/toefl/institutions</u>
- Academic Help E-mail: <u>TOEFLNews@ets.org</u>
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