

# Frequently Asked Questions

These are frequently asked questions for Peru. For other frequently asked questions, visit the global FAQ page:

<https://ielts.britishcouncil.org/FAQ.aspx>

## Which exam should I take? IELTS Regular, IELTS for UKVI or Life Skills?

The exam you take depends on the use you want to give your result. We suggest you contact the organisation that is requesting your IELTS result so you can be clear about the following:

- Should you register for regular IELTS, IELTS for UKVI or Life Skills?
- If you need regular IELTS, should you opt for the general test or the academic version?

If you need to take IELTS for UKVI or Life Skills, the test might depend on the type of visa you need (Tier 1,2,3 or 4). We suggest you are clear on what visa or TIER you need. Here are some useful contacts:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>

<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa/y/peru/marriage>

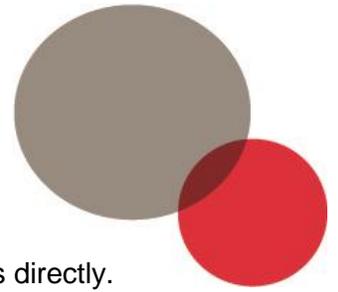
and/or contact the UK Visa service in Lima: <https://www.vfsglobal.co.uk/pe/es>

Please note that the British Council does not advise on visa issues.

## Which is easier, IELTS or Life Skills?

IELTS and Life Skills are two different types of tests. Some obvious differences are:

- IELTS tests the four skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing)
- Life Skills tests only speaking and listening, which means Life Skills is a shorter test than IELTS.



## When is the IELTS test available? How much does the test cost?

If you are taking a regular IELTS test (non-UKVI), please visit our authorised test centres directly.

If you are taking an IELTS UKVI or Life Skills Test (for UK visa purposes), please visit <https://www.britishcouncil.pe/examen/ielts/fechas-precios-ubicaciones>

## Where does the exam take place?

If you are taking a regular IELTS test (non-UKVI), test centres will inform you of the specific address where they administer the test.

If you are taking an IELTS UKVI or Life Skills Test (for UK visa purposes), our partner centre is the Centro Cultural Peruano Británico. Británico will send you details of the specific address where they administer the test.

## How / where do I register for the test?

All registrations are online. Register for British Council IELTS through this website: <https://www.britishcouncil.pe/examen/ielts/reservar>

Select the correct version of the test you will take: Regular IELTS or UKVI IELTS (for UK visas and immigration).

## When is my speaking test? Is it on the same date as the other parts of the test?

Speaking tests are usually scheduled on a separate date than the rest of the test. Each candidate is informed by the test centre (usually by e-mail) when, where and what time the speaking test will take place. Speaking tests can be scheduled days before or after the rest of the components. We advise that, if you are traveling from abroad for the test, you consider this information when booking your travel.

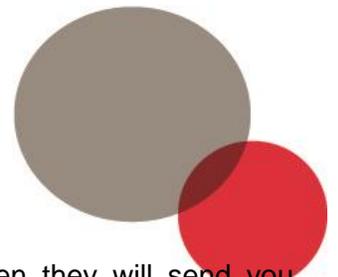
## Can I make a specific request about the scheduling of my speaking test?

If you are taking a regular IELTS test (non-UKVI), please contact your test centre directly.

If you are taking a UKVI IELTS or Life Skills Test (for UK visa purposes), please send your request directly to our partner test centre [internationalexaminations@britanico.edu.pe](mailto:internationalexaminations@britanico.edu.pe)

## Does the British Council in Peru provide any IELTS preparation courses?

Our operation in Peru does not have a teaching centre; therefore, all preparation resources are provided online. Most of them are free and accessible through this link: <https://www.britishcouncil.pe/examen/ielts/preparar> Here you will find past papers, free online preparation courses (MOOCs) and other valuable online resources to prepare for the test.



## When do I get confirmation on place and time for the exam?

If you are taking a regular IELTS test (non-UKVI), test centres will inform you when they will send you confirmation of the details of the test.

If you are taking a UKVI IELTS or Life Skills test (for UK visa purposes), our partner centre (Británico), should send confirmations approximately ten days before the exam.

## Where do I get my results? Can I view my IELTS results online?

If you have taken a regular IELTS test (not a UKVI test), you can collect your results in print from your test centre or you can view your results online here: <https://ielts.britishcouncil.org/CheckResults.aspx>

If you have taken a UKVI IELTS or Life Skills test, results are only issued in print and handed in person at the test centre.

## When do I get my test results?

Test results are issued after 13 days of the main test date (the date when you took the writing, listening and reading components). However, if your test results need further verification, this might take up to an additional 15 days.

## How long will my exam result be valid?

If you have taken a regular IELTS test (non-UKVI), results can be requested up to two years after the test date. Test centres do not keep test information after this period has ended.

If you have taken a UKVI IELTS or Life Skills test (for UK visa purposes), the following link provides information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-o-approved-english-language-tests>

## Why is the "Country or Region of Origin" field blank on my test result form (TRF)?

This is because both your citizenship and country of origin are the same. When these are different, then both fields are filled in.

## Are IELTS results certified by Cambridge University?

IELTS is jointly owned by the British Council, IDP Australia and Cambridge English Language Assessment. Test Result Forms (TRFs) are issued with all three logos of these institutions.