

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>

We are currently preparing for you to be able to take your IELTS exam shortly, ensuring all [health and safety measures](#) are in place. Please get in touch with exams.peru@britishcouncil.org for any further information.

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 specific questions:

- Should you register for the regular version of IELTS, or the UKVI IELTS or Life Skills?
- If you need the regular IELTS test version, should you opt for the General Training or the Academic test?
- If you need to take IELTS for UKVI or Life Skills, the test will depend on the type of visa you are applying for (Tier 1,2,3 or 4). It is highly important that you are clear on what visa or TIER you need before registering for the IELTS test. 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>
 - UK Visa service in Lima: <https://www.vfsglobal.co.uk/pe/es>

Please note that the British Council does not provide advice 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.

What is the difference between the paper-based IELTS exam and the computer-delivered IELTS exam?

The content and cost of both versions of the exam are the same. If you choose to take the computer-delivered IELTS, you will submit your responses through a computer for the reading, writing and listening sections. The speaking section continues to be face to face with a qualified IELTS examiner.

The computer-delivered IELTS test offers more flexibility with regards to available dates, your speaking test may be taken on the same day as the other sections or during one week before or after the date you have selected to take your written IELTS exam. Your results will be issued within seven days.

Please note that as of April 2020, IELTS for UKVI (Academic and General Training) is only computer-delivered.

For more information, visit: <https://www.britishcouncil.pe/examen/ielts/computadora>

Where does the exam take place?

The IELTS test is delivered by our official test centres:

- British Council
- Centro de Idiomas de la Universidad del Pacífico
- Asociación Cultural Peruano Británica

The UKVI IELTS or Life Skills Test (for UK visa purposes) is to be delivered directly by the British Council.

Click here for more information; <https://www.britishcouncil.pe/examen/ielts/fechas-precios-ubicaciones>

What is the cost for the IELTS exam?

- IELTS Academic or General Training: 750 soles (British Council and Asociación Cultural Peruano Británica)
- IELTS Academic or General Training: 760 soles (Centro de Idiomas de la Universidad del Pacífico)
- IELTS for UKVI Academic or General Training: 863 soles
- IELTS Life Skills A1 or B1: 654 soles

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How / where do I register for the test?

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

In order to avoid any issues, please **complete your registration on a computer** (not via mobile phone or tablet).

If you are registering for the regular version of the IELTS exam (non-UKVI) and face any trouble completing your registration, please send an e-mail directly to the authorised test centre where you are registering.

If you are registering for the UKVI IELTS (Academic or General Training) or IELTS Life Skills (A1 or B1) and face any trouble completing your registration, please send an e-mail at exams.peru@britishcouncil.org

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

For the regular version of IELTS (non-UKVI), during the registration process you will have the option to choose your speaking test date from a list of available dates.

For UKVI IELTS and Life Skills candidates will be informed by the test centre (by e-mail) when, where and at what time the speaking test will take place.

Speaking tests for computer-delivered IELTS may be scheduled on the same day as the rest of the exam or during one week before or after the date you have selected to take your written IELTS exam.

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

If you are taking the UKVI IELTS or Life Skills tests (for UK visa purposes), please send your request directly to exams.peru@britishcouncil.org

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

We offer a wide variety of free online preparation resources which you can access here: <https://www.britishcouncil.pe/examen/ielts/preparar> You will find past papers, free online preparation courses (MOOCs), webinars, apps, and other valuable online resources to prepare for the test.

You may also contact your test centre for face to face preparation courses.

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

Our authorised test centres will inform you directly when they will be sending you confirmation of your test details.

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

If you have taken the regular version of the IELTS test (non-UKVI), 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 for paper-based IELTS are issued after 13 days of the main test date (the date when you took the writing, listening and reading components).

Test results for computer-delivered IELTS are issued within seven days.

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 the regular version of the 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.

How do I reschedule my test date or request a refund?

Please see our refund and rescheduling policies here for the regular version of IELTS:
<https://www.britishcouncil.pe/examen/ielts/politica-reembolso-cancelacion>

Please see our refund and rescheduling policies here for the UKVI IELTS version:
<https://www.britishcouncil.pe/ielts-para-ukvi-politica-de-cancelacion-y-reembolso>