



ETS Testing Update

TOEFL[®] iBT

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TOEFL Internet-based Test (iBT)

- Measures four key skills that students need to communicate successfully in English in an academic setting
 - Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing
- Simulates real university classrooms and life
- Emphasizes integrated, authentic tasks
 - Test takers combine skills
 - Reading/Listening/Speaking
 - Reading/Listening/Writing

TOEFL iBT Status Rollout

- Rollout started in September 2005 and new test centers are continually added
- Paper-based testing (pBT) will continue on a limited basis to supplement the iBT test center network
- ***Test of Spoken English*** (TSE®) will be offered in areas where TOEFL pBT continues

TOEFL iBT Status Rollout

As of December 29, 2006

- 72 administrations
- 120 countries
- 908 cities
- More than 3,000 active test centers
- 1,750 additional test centers in pipeline
- Approximately 45,000 seats available
- New test centers added on a continual basis

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How Are We Doing?

- Integrated items performing as expected
- Test delivery technology overall is working well
- Scoring is accurate
- Scoring has been on time in almost all cases
- Gradual rollout to ensure access

“The launch of this long-awaited test constitutes a major landmark in the history of language testing.”

TOEFL iBT Status Challenges

- Capacity shortfalls in some locations, particularly during peak testing months
- Registration system unavailable when Q1 dates opened in December
- Scores delayed approx 5 business days from November 19 – end of year

TOEFL iBT Status Responses

- Capacity
 - Add additional test dates
 - Recruit additional test centers
 - Establish paper-based testing as needed to address testing needs
- Registration
 - Improve capacity of registration system to handle multiple users
 - For Q2 dates – open registration in high volume areas first
 - As of March - open registration system to display available test centers for four months at a time
- Scoring
 - Recruit additional raters (scoring back on track as of January 6 administration)

TOEFL iBT Scores

New Scoring Scale

- **Four skill scores**
 - Reading 0 - 30
 - Listening 0 - 30
 - Speaking 0 - 30
 - Writing 0 – 30
- **Total score: 0 – 120**
- **Score reports sent 15 business days after test**

All TOEFL test scores are valid for two years from the test administration date.

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Student Performance

September 2005 – December 2006

Issues associated with reporting this data:

- This is a snapshot of a newly introduced test
- Rollout was gradual; data does not cover equal timeframe for all areas (i.e. test introduced in largest Asian countries July – September 2006)
- The performance of the test is likely to change next year when there will have been a full year of testing worldwide

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Scaled Section and Total Score Means 9/05 through 12/06

	Mean	SD
Reading	19.1	7.8
Listening	20.5	6.9
Speaking	19.4	5.3
Writing	20.1	5.7
Total	79.0	23.0

N = 246,120

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Information for Score Users

- Performance data (score means and percentiles) will be posted on the TOEFL Web site in March (Test and Score Data Summary)
- TOEFL iBT has been mapped to the Common European Framework; report will be available in March
- TOEFL scores are sent by mail or electronically within 15 business days
- New service! Designated Institutions will be able to view and verify scores online (available in March)

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