

A new way to the UK



FAQs for Institutions

PTE English language tests help students continue to access education and open up career opportunities. Our tests are UK Home Office approved SELTs, (Secure English Language Tests) which means that international students will be able to take our tests as proof of English proficiency for study visas, work visas, family visas and settlement.

What is a SELT?

A Secure English Language Test is an English language proficiency test approved by the UK Home Office for visa and immigration purposes.

Why might a student need a SELT?

International students may need a SELT in order to obtain a General Student visa, which is required for those over 18 years of age undertaking an English language course that is longer than 11 months, a pre-sessional/foundation course, preparation pathway course or Higher Education diploma (dependent on institution)

Adult learners may also require a SELT in order to obtain a work visa or for their UK settlement or citizenship application – *see the table overleaf for more information.*

Why PTE?

Our tests are delivered and scored entirely by computer. This means we can provide a faster, more convenient and fairer test.

- **Fast** – 85% of results are delivered in just 2 business days
- **Convenient** – We have test center locations across the globe and frequent test sessions
- **Fair** – Unbiased English testing powered by AI

How can I help my students prepare?

PTE Academic

You can guide students through our Preparation Pathway which includes the various questions with video examples and tips. There is also a free Practice App which includes sample questions and a free Introduction to **PTE Academic** Massive Open Online Course. Practice tests and official course books are also available for purchase.

PTE Home (available soon)

There will be resources available, including example videos for all the question types. There will also be a wealth of English language learning courseware available for purchase, as well as professional development resources to help test takers on the next stage of their journey.

There are official handbooks, for both **PTE Academic** and **PTE Home**, which take test takers through the entire journey: from how to book the test, and what to expect before, during and after test day.

When will students be able to take PTE tests for Home Office Purposes?

We are aiming to open bookings and start delivering PTE (Academic and Home) for UK visa purposes in the early part of 2020. We are unable to give an exact date at present but will update our website as soon as we do, so please keep checking it. Furthermore, if your students are interested in taking the test and would like to leave their details they

can do so at <https://pearsonpte.com/uk>. We can then email them as soon as we have further information on when and where they can take PTE (Academic or Home) to apply for a UK Visa.

How are tests scored?

PTE Academic test takers are issued with scores on the Global Scale of English (GSE). The GSE runs from 10–90 and has been aligned to the CEFR.

PTE Home tests are available at three levels: CEFR A1, A2 or B1. The test taker will receive a simple Pass or Fail result.

How are scores accessed?

The student will receive an email notifying them once their scores are available and will be able to access their scores online.

How can I share this information with my students / colleagues?

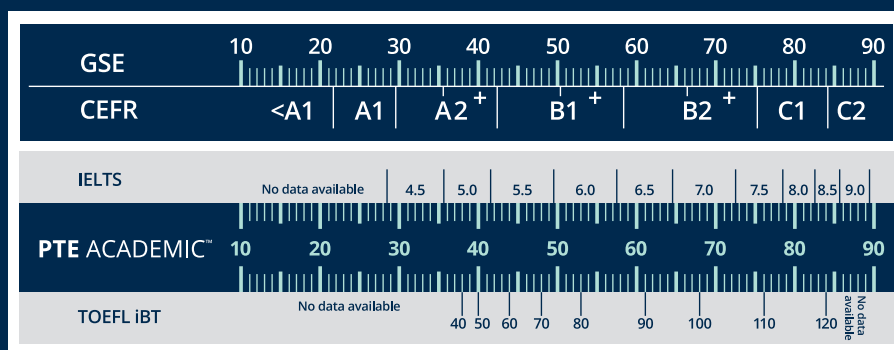
Contact us at pteamarketing@pearson.com and we can provide you with flyers, posters and digital assets to help you inform your prospective students, current students and international offices.

Which test?

Visa	CEFR Level	Test
Start-up visa	B2	PTE Academic UKVI
Innovator visa	B2	PTE Academic UKVI
Representative of an Overseas Business	A1	PTE Home A1*
Tier 2 General visa – in most cases	B1	PTE Academic UKVI
Tier 2 Sportsperson visa	A1	PTE Home A1*
Tier 2 Minister of Religion visa	B2	PTE Academic UKVI
Tier 4 General Student visa Below degree level i.e. pre-sessional courses	B1	PTE Academic UKVI
Tier 4 General Student visa – degree level and above	B2 (Some universities will require a higher level)	PTE Academic PTE Academic UKVI* (dependent on institution visa approval status)
Family route Spouse/partner Fiance, fiancée or proposed civil partner Parent of a dependant	A1	PTE Home A1*
Family route (extension) Spouse/partner Parent of a dependant	A2	PTE Home A2*
Settlement (indefinite leave to remain) or citizenship	B1	PTE Home B1*

* There is no difference in terms of test content between **PTE Academic** and **PTE Academic UKVI**. Book **PTE Academic UKVI** if a unique UKVI number is needed for the visa application.

Concordance table



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