

KIGALI INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT IS THE **ONLY REGISTERED IBT (Internet BASED TEST) TOEFL CENTRE IN RWANDA**



WHAT IS IT?

The TOEFL Ibt (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is an international internet based test that measures how well you **read, listen, speak and write** in English and use these skills together in the university classroom or office.

WHY SHOULD I TAKE IT?

The government of Rwanda recently made English the only official language of instruction and business and hence a need for all citizens to develop proficiency at the language

WHO EXAMS IT?

The TOEFL EXAMS are examined by ETS (Education Testing Services). They are also administrators of the GRE AND SAT EXAMS as well as a host of other tests.

ETS is a nonprofit, non-stock corporation organized under the education laws of the State of New York. Their work is supported through revenue from their products and services, as well as contracts and grants with government agencies, private foundations, universities and corporations. Their mission is to help advance quality and equity in education by providing fair and valid assessments, research and related services.

The TOEFL scores are the most widely acceptable gauge that one can read, listen, speak and write English. In fact, more institutions accept TOEFL test scores than any other test scores in the world. More than **6,000 colleges, universities and licensing agencies in 136 countries**, to be exact. You will be eligible for admission to virtually any institution in the world — including the top colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, U.K such as Harvard, Oxford, Yale, etc

HOW IS THE TOEFL EXAM STRUCTURED?

The test is given in English, has 4 sections on reading, listening, speaking and writing and takes about 4½ hours.

Structure of the TOEFL iBT exam

Section	Description	Testing Time	Questions	Score Scale
Reading	3-5 passages from academic texts; approximately 700 words long; 12-14 questions per passage.	60-100 minutes	36-70 questions	0-30
Listening	4-6 lectures, some with classroom discussion; each 3-5 minutes long; 6 questions each. 2-3 conversations; each 3 minutes long; 5 questions each.	60-90 minutes	34-51 questions	0-30
Break	-	10 minutes	-	-
Speaking	2 tasks to express an opinion on a familiar topic; 4 tasks to speak based on what is read and listened to.	20 minutes	6 tasks	0-4 points converted to 0-30 score scale
Writing	1 task to write based on what is read and listened to; 1 task to support an opinion on a topic.	50 minutes	2 tasks	0-5 points converted to 0-30 score scale
Total score	-	-	-	0-120



WHEN CAN I ATTEMPT IT?

TOEFL EXAMS ARE AVAILABLE AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH

For more information on the dates just login into www.toefl.org and click on register for the test. Registration is available 3-4 months before the test date. The deadline for registration is 7 days before the available test date. This is unlike paper based TOEFL exams in Rwanda which are available twice a year

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THE EXAMS?

ETS offers a variety of preparation and practice materials to help you do well on the TOEFL iBT. These include free sample questions, practice tests, a CD with listening passages and spoken answers, a multimedia program to help with pronunciation, and detailed tips and information for understanding more about the TOEFL iBT. All these are available on the www.toefl.org (click on Internet based testing and then click on Test preparation). Kigali Institute of Management (KIM) is in the process of launching English classes that will have as their final exam the TOEFL exam.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A payment to the Kigali Institute of Management of \$200 will allow a candidate to sit for an exam. However if a candidate has a credit card they will be able to pay online.

WHEN DO I GET RESULTS?

Scores are posted online 15 business days after the test date, and then mailed to you and the institutions you selected. The scores will be valid for two years and ETS will report scores for 2 years on their website after the test date. This is unlike the paper based exam where results are available after 5 weeks.

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