

IELTS Paper-Based Test Delivery Method Summary

- **Test Format:** All four skills (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking) are tested separately. The first three (Listening, Reading, Writing) happen on the same day, in a set order.
- **Test Day Schedule:**
 1. **Listening** (30 minutes + 10 minutes to transfer answers)
 2. **Reading** (60 minutes) - this starts after Listening
 3. **Writing** (60 minutes) - this starts after Reading
 4. **Speaking** – scheduled either on the same day (usually after the written test) or within 7 days before or after the test date, done face-to-face with an examiner in a private room. Candidates will choose the time and day of the speaking test.
- **Materials:**
 1. Test takers write answers on paper answer sheets using pencils or pens as specified.
 2. Listening section requires marking answers on an answer sheet while listening to audio played via speakers. You have extra time (10 minutes) to transfer answers.
- **Test Environment:**
 1. Conducted in an official test centre under strict exam conditions.
 2. No electronic devices allowed inside the test room.
 3. Personal belongings stored separately.
- **Identification:**
 1. Valid ID (passport or national ID) required for entry and verification (the same ID is required as your registration ID)
 2. Name on the test must match ID exactly.

No sugar-coating - paper-based IELTS is old-school, low-tech, but still highly reliable and widely accepted. It demands good time management since everything is done on paper under exam conditions with no electronic help.