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Global and local update on TOEFL testing
Global update on TOEFL testing

• 98% of UK Universities now recognise TOEFL tests for entry to the university. This includes all the Russell Group of universities

• ETS is conducting standard setting for the TOEFL test in China with the new 9 level Chinese English test across all age groups. Standard setting for both the TOEFL iBT test and TOEFL Junior will be completed.

• Japan’s National Centre for University Entrance Examinations (NCUEE) has confirmed the TOEFL iBT test as fulfilling all requirements for participation in the English Score Information System for University Entrance Examinations in Japan

• ETS TOEFL is working with various government projects in Latin America to improve English proficiency eg Brazil, Ecuador, Chile, Peru

• For more information, please see http://news.ets.org/
Recent TOEFL Research

• Assessment and technology- automated scoring (NEAS presentation 2018)


Local update on TOEFL testing

• The Department of Home Affairs is reviewing all visa categories with a view to substantially cutting the number across all visas. They are also taking the opportunity to review the way English scores are used in their risk management strategies.

• Department of Home Affairs has sent all test companies a survey about test equivalences and how they were established. The Department is responding to concerns regarding a perception that it is easier to get the minimum required score on one test than other test options.

• Increasing numbers of professional bodies are becoming registered users of TOEFL scores. A full list is available in the FAQ document in your folder.
Who takes a TOEFL test in Australia?
Where did TOEFL test takers come to Australia from?

Key source countries for TOEFL scores coming to Australia in July – December 2017 are listed below. This pattern varies by semester, depending on mobility trends.

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Who uses TOEFL tests taken in Australia?

Some data about test takers July – December 2017

- **Average score** verified for tests taken in Australia: **98.68**
- Over **70%** of tests verified are taken in Sydney or Melbourne
- The majority of score verifications for tests taken in Australia **are not done** by educational institutions
- **Largest score users** for these scores appear to be for post study reasons
  - Department of Home Affairs
  - Professional bodies (Accounting, AHPRA, Engineering)
Initiatives to grow TOEFL testing in Australia
Upcoming Events for score users in Semester 1

• May 18    Insights for Score Users – Melbourne

• May 24    Insights for Score Users – Brisbane
Upcoming Events for test takers for Semester 1

• May 18  #TOEFLGO – Melbourne

• May 24  #TOEFLGO – Brisbane
Meet our intern

Caroline
Masters of Marketing
University of Queensland
Outreach to education and migration agents

• New *promotional initiative* – ACE

• Presentations to *migration agents* at CPD sessions.

• **Free presentations** on TOEFL iBT testing to clients in agent offices. Support and training to provide TOEFL prep programs.

• **Propell workshops** for Agents who offer their own ELP prep
TOEFL on Social Media
Platform #1: www.toeflgoanywhere.org
Platform #2: facebook.com/TOEFL/#

1. Apps
2. Select Your Region: Australia Page
3. Direct Message
Platform #3: @toefl_official/#TOEFLGO
Possibilities

- Drive engagement with employers and businesses
- International Student Employability: Stories of successful employment
- Nurture global alumni
- Linkage with TOEFLx (MOOC)
- Gateway to working in North America and beyond

“My Dreams, My Potential, My Journey”
Afternoon Tea
More outreach activities
Insiders Guide to the TOEFL test

https://www.edx.org/course/toeflR-test-preparation-insiders-guide-etsx-toeflx-4

Test takers can prepare for the TOEFL® test and learn how to improve their score and English language skills from the experts who create the exam.

Instructors will guide students through each section (Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing) and explain the kinds of questions test takers can expect.
How is the MOOC presented?

All presenters are directly involved in TOEFL test development at ETS. The MOOC offers:

• Highly interactive presentations, using videos, sample questions with explanations, short quizzes and collaborative discussion boards
• Real test materials from past tests
• Free resources and discounted test prep offers throughout the course
• Valuable insider tips to help test takers do their best

During the weeks covering Speaking and Writing, all course participants who send in their samples can receive scores for their practice-test responses.
What is learnt on the MOOC

- How to **improve** English language skills
- How to effectively **navigate** the four sections of the TOEFL test: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing
- Helpful tips to **prepare** for the TOEFL test
- How the TOEFL test is **scored**
- How to **use** TOEFL test scores for employment, study, visas and scholarships
- Ways to **manage time** during the test
- Where to find **additional resources** available for the TOEFL test
- How to **register** for the TOEFL test
English Communication for Employability seminars

• Objective – provide students with a better understanding of the English language skills required in the workplace and give them a plan of action for developing those skills over the course of their studies.

• 1.5 hour workshop facilitated by TOEFL English language consultant Cath Moore

• Presented in consultation/ cooperation with Careers Advisors, International student support staff
Teacher test Preparation workshops

Propell workshops

• The *Propell*® workshop is a professional development program designed to help English-language teachers meet the challenges of teaching English to students.

• The workshop uses examples from the Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing sections of the *TOEFL iBT*® test.

• It provides instructional techniques and strategies for using the integrated-skills approach to teaching language and for preparing students for success.

• Led by ETS-approved facilitators in an interactive, hands-on classroom setting

• Teachers will receive a *Propell* workshop kit

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Thank you for attending