

Competence in English

Classes for part-time programmes are generally taught in English. If English is not your first language you must demonstrate to ITT Dublin that you speak and write English competently. This will ensure that you will get the best out of the programme you join. There are a number of ways you can show you are competent in English:

1. If you have studied English in school:

Provide evidence that you have studied and passed English as part of a school leaving certificate or matriculation programme

- Bring in the original of your school or matriculation certificate when you apply for the programme you want to complete
- If the certificate is not English you must also bring in a certified English translation

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2. If you have not studied English in school:

Provide evidence that you have successfully completed a recognised examination in English competency. The recognised English Competency examinations are listed in Table 1 (overleaf). If you have completed an examination in English competency that is not listed here you should:

- Attach the original of your certificate or transcript when you apply for the programme you want to complete. (This document should state the qualification obtained, the level of the award and the awarding body)
- If the certificate is not in English, you must also attach a certified English translation of the certificate or transcript

ITT Dublin will consider your application and may ask you to complete a test to determine how well you speak and write English.

ITT Dublin Access English Test

If you would like to register for a programme at ITT Dublin, but you cannot provide any evidence that your English is of the required standard for entry to the Institute (as detailed above), then you have the option of completing the ITT Dublin Access English Test.

This test measures your aural and written English. You must score 150 or above (proficient - advanced user) to meet the entry requirements for the Institute. The test will be held at the Institute and takes approximately 1 hour to complete. You may also be asked to complete an oral test.

Next test date: **Wednesday 1st September 2010 @ 18:30-20:00**
Fees: **€50**

Note: If you sit the exam and reach the required standard for entry into the Institute, the test fee of €50 will be deducted from the fees you are required to pay when you register for the programme of your choice in the same academic year.

If you do not reach the required standard you will be offered a place on our English as a Foreign Language (EFL) accredited programme. This course will help to improve your English. If you accept a place on the EFL programme your €50 exam fee will be deducted from the cost of the EFL programme in the same academic year.

If you require any further information please contact the Department of Lifelong Learning:

Tel: + 353 1 404-2101 **Email:** lifelonglearning@ittdublin.ie

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Table 1

General/ Academic English	Title of Award		Level Required
Academic	IELTS	International English Language Testing System	6
Academic	ETAPP	English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes	C1
Academic	TOEFL	Test for English as a Foreign Language	PBT 550 CBT 213
Academic	British Council UCLES/IDP	University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate	6
Academic	JMB University Entrance Test in English (Overseas)	Joint Matriculation Board of the Universities of Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield and Birmingham	Pass
Academic	AEB	Associated Examining Board	C
Academic	OEB- English as a Foreign Language (Higher Paper)	Oxford Examining Body	Pass
General	TIE	Test of Interactive English (TIE) Ireland	C1
General	CoE	Council of Europe Framework	C1
General	Trinity College (UK)	Trinity College (UK)	10 ISE – Level III
General	TOEIC	Test for English for International Communication	750
General	London Tests of English (Edexcel)	Pearson Language Assessment	Level 4
General	Cambridge ESOL		
	CAE	Certificate in Advance English	Grade C
	CPE	Certificate in Proficiency in English	Grade C
General	Pitman UK	Pitman UK	Level 5 (Advanced)
General	ARELS/Oxford UK	Association of Recognised English Language Services	Higher - Good
General	ITT Dublin EFL	Modular Credit (5)	Pass

Table 1. This table provides guidance to a Minimum standard required in English Language Examinations.

In certain circumstances results in examinations other than those outlined above may be accepted as proof of competence in the English language. For example:

- i. students who have successfully achieved a grade in an examination which is deemed by an Institute to be the equivalent of the Irish Leaving Certificate and;
- ii. non native speakers of English who have completed their education through the medium of English. (Achievement of the minimum standard in EFL tests satisfies the English minimum entry standard, but it is not used to compute points).



Access English Test Application Form

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS

Surname: _____ **Tel (home):** _____

First name(s): _____ **Tel (mobile):** _____

THE NAMES GIVEN ABOVE WILL APPEAR ON ALL INSTITUTE DOCUMENTATION

PPS No. _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

YOU SHOULD INFORM THE INSTITUTE OF ANY CHANGES TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION

Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Please tick method of payment:

Postal Order Bank draft Laser Card Visa Card MasterCard

Laser Card number: _____

Expiry date: _____

Credit Card number: _____

Expiry date: _____

These last 3 digits are the last 3 digits of the security code which can be found on the back of your credit card just above your signature

Please return your completed application form with your €50 application fee to:

**Part-time Student Information Desk
Department of Lifelong Learning
ITT Dublin
Tallaght
Dublin 24**

Please make your cheque, draft or postal order payable to Institute of Technology Tallaght.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date of exam:	
Aural result:	
Written result:	
Total:	

Standard reached: Yes No

Date student informed: _____

Notes section: