

Leicester Pre-sessional Speaking Test Frequently Asked Questions – May 2020

The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) will be delivering all of its summer 2020 pre-sessional courses online only. This gives more flexibility in entry requirements so that a wider range of test and exam results can be accepted for admission purposes. The list of acceptable tests and scores can be viewed [here](#) and are summarised below.

ELTU Entry	IELTS	CEFR	Cambridge English	TOEFL	PTE	WASSCE	NECO	IGCSE	HKDSE	HKAL	Language Cert B2 for SELT	CET 6 (with ELTU interview)	NHCEE with ELTU interview
	7.0 Overall	C1	185	100	67	C4	B3	A	5	B			
	6.5 Overall		176	90	61	C6	C6	B	4	C			
E	6.0 Overall	B2	169	80	54	C6	C6	B	4	C		550	76% of total
D	5.5 Overall		162	70	46			C	3		Min 33 in each skill	550	76% of total
C	5.0 Overall		150	60	42							550	76% of total
B	4.5 Overall	B1	145	53	36								
A	4.0 Overall	A2	138	42	31								

In addition, the ELTU offers an online Leicester Pre-sessional English Test to allow students who have not been able to take one of these tests to demonstrate their English level. Please email English.test@le.ac.uk for further information about this.

Can I use my CET6, Gaokao English or HKDSE English exam result to gain admission to online pre-sessional courses?

Yes, CET6 can be used for postgraduate admission and the English components of Gaokao used for undergraduate entry. The minimum scores required are as follows:

- CET6 550
- Gaokao 76%

In both cases, students will also be required to take the Leicester Pre-sessional Speaking Test. Depending on performance in the test, students will either qualify for Module C (20 week course), Module D (10 week course) or Module E (6 week course).

Can I use my HKDSE English exam result to gain admission to online pre-sessional courses?

Yes, a HKDSE exam result can be used for undergraduate admission. The following minimum scores are required for each module:

- Module D 3
- Module E 4

In both cases, students will also be required to take the Leicester Pre-sessional Speaking Test.

Who is the Leicester Pre-sessional Speaking Test available to?

The test is available to conditional offer holders for online pre-sessional courses who **still need to take a test** to meet the language conditions of their offer. Tests will not be given to students without an offer and students must also have the minimum exam scores listed above.

How much does the Leicester Pre-sessional Speaking Test cost?

The test costs £30, which is payable online.

How do I book the Leicester Pre-sessional Speaking Test?

Please email English.test@le.ac.uk with the student number on your offer letter and a copy of your exam certificate. ELTU administrators will check if you are eligible and will then send you a web link to book the test.

What happens after I book the test?

Within three working days you will be contacted by ELTU staff to arrange a suitable time for a video interview. You will then be sent a web link for the video interview which will take place by [Zoom](#).

Can you tell me more about the test?

Your speaking skills will be assessed by a video interview with one of our tutors lasting about 10 minutes. You don't need to prepare anything. The interviewer will ask you about yourself, your experiences and interests, and then ask you to consider a more academic topic.

At the start of the test, you will be asked to prove your identity, by showing a passport or identity card for example.

What IT equipment do I need to take the test?

You must have access to a device with a microphone, speaker and video function that can run [Zoom](#). You will be sent a web link which will open Zoom in your internet browser so there is no need to download any software.

What happens after I take the test?

Performance in the test will be graded by ELTU staff and you will be sent an unconditional offer for either Module C, Module D or Module E within five working days.

The results of the test will only be used for University of Leicester admissions purposes and neither detailed results nor feedback will be made available to the test taker.

If I choose to defer my offer, can I use the results of this test for admission to a pre-sessional course when delivery returns to being campus based?

Yes you can, although it is important to understand that you would have to enter the UK on a Short Term Study visa, rather than a Tier 4 visa, which has important differences. This means:

- After the pre-sessional course, you would need to leave the country to apply for a Tier 4 visa for your academic course.
- You are not able to work in the UK with a short term study visa.
- You cannot bring family members with you on a short term study visa.

How long is the test result valid for?

An offer for a pre-sessional course can be deferred for a maximum of one year.

How many times can I take the test?



The Leicester Pre-sessional Speaking Test can only be taken once in a twelve month period.

Useful email addresses

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