

Leicester Preessional English Test Frequently Asked Questions

The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) will be delivering all of its summer 2020 preessional courses online only. This gives more flexibility in entry requirements so that a wider range of test results can be accepted for admission purposes. The list of acceptable tests and scores can be viewed [here](#). The test or exam must have been taken within the last two years.

In addition, the ELTU offers an internal Leicester Preessional English Test to allow students to demonstrate their English level. This document is intended to provide more information and some guidance about this internal test.

Who is this test available to?

The test is only available to conditional offer holders for summer preessional 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 or with an offer for a pre-session course taking place at a later term than summer.

How much does the test cost?

The test costs £60, which is payable online.

How do I book a test?

Please email English.test@le.ac.uk with the student number on your offer letter and further instructions will be provided.

What happens after I book the test?

Within three working days you will be sent a code to access the online test and be contacted by a tutor to arrange a time for a video interview.

Can you tell me more about the test?

The reading, writing and listening parts are taken online and take about 165 minutes in total. The reading test takes 75 minutes, the writing 30 minutes and the listening 60 minutes. The online test can be taken in any location with suitable internet access.

Speaking skills are assessed by a video interview with one of our tutors lasting about 15 minutes. At the start of the speaking test, you will be asked to prove your identity, by showing a passport or identity card for example.

For more information on the Leicester Preessional English Test, including a useful PowerPoint presentation, and to view sample questions, please click [here](#).

What are the minimum IT systems requirements to take the online test?

You must have access to a computer with Windows 2000/XP/Vista and Internet Explorer 6 or above (ideally Internet Explorer 7). You should also have access to headphones.

What happens after I take the test?

The test will be marked by ELTU staff and if you meet the appropriate level for your pre-session course, you will be sent an unconditional offer 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 preessional course when delivery returns to being campus based?

Yes you can, although it is important to understand that is likely 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 preessional course can be deferred for a maximum of one year.

How many times can I take the test?

The Leicester Preessional English Test can only be taken once in a twelve month period.

Useful email addresses

Admissions Office pspadmissions@le.ac.uk

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