



**Announcement**  
**Institute of International Education (IIE)**

**Replacement of TOEFL PBT by TOEFL ITP® Standardized Tests**  
**Score Mapping of TOEFL ITP® on CEFR**

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The Institute of International Education's Southeast Asia office (IIE/SEA), on behalf of Educational Testing Service (ETS), the official *TOEFL ITP*® Assessment Series provider, would like to announce that the *TOEFL ITP* (Institutional Testing Program) is now replacing the TOEFL PBT (Paper-Based Test) since TOEFL PBT it is no longer administered in Thailand.

The *TOEFL ITP* assessments share the same rich heritage as the TOEFL test — the world's most widely accepted and respected English-language assessment. This makes the test appropriate for:

- 1) **Admissions** to undergraduate and graduate degree programs in non-English speaking countries where English is not the dominant form of instruction.
- 2) **Admissions** and placement in collaborative international degree programs where English-language training will be a feature of the program.
- 3) **Admissions** to short-term, non-degree programs in English-speaking countries where the sending and receiving institutions agree to use *TOEFL ITP* scores.
- 4) **Exiting** English-language programs by demonstrating proficiency in English listening and reading.
- 5) **Placement** in intensive English-language programs requiring academic English proficiency at a college or graduate level.
- 6) **Progress** monitoring in English-language programs stressing academic English proficiency.
- 7) **Scholarship** programs, as contributing documentation for academic English proficiency.

Decisions made using TOEFL scores have life-impacting consequences for test takers. It is for this reason that ETS places great importance on ensuring its tests are fair, valid and reliable.

Accordingly, the score of *TOEFL ITP* is valid for two years after the test date issued in accordance with ETS Standards for Quality and Fairness.

A mapping of *TOEFL ITP* scores on the Common European Framework of Reference has been conducted and published by ETS. The purpose of this mapping study was to identify the minimum *TOEFL ITP* Level 1 test scores corresponding to four levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

The table below present the scaled cut scores for each section:



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CEFR Levels	Total Cut Score	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension
C1	627	64	64	63
B2	543	54	53	56
B1	460	47	43	48
A2	337	38	32	31

The full Research report is available on:

[https://www.ets.org/s/toefl\\_itp/pdf/mapping\\_toefl\\_itp\\_scores\\_onto\\_the\\_common\\_european\\_framework\\_of\\_reference.pdf](https://www.ets.org/s/toefl_itp/pdf/mapping_toefl_itp_scores_onto_the_common_european_framework_of_reference.pdf)

ETS fully appreciate your interest for the TOEFL Family of Assessments and the *TOEFL ITP* test. Since ETS does not recommend a rigid use of CEFR cut scores, ETS will be available, if needed, to provide guidance on setting up relevant and appropriate cut scores for *TOEFL ITP* based on intended uses.

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Best Regards,

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