



## The TOEIC® Test

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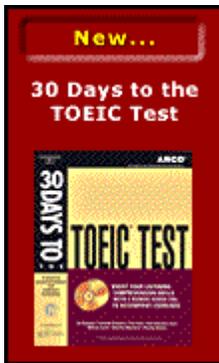
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## What is the TOEIC® test?

The Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC®) is a multiple-choice English language proficiency test for people whose native language is not English. It measures their English comprehension, speaking, writing and reading skills in an international environment. The scores indicate how well people can communicate in English with others in business, commerce and industry.

The TOEIC test was developed in the USA in 1979 by ETS (Educational Testing Service) following a request from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Trade and Industry (MITI). ETS is a psychometric centre, internationally acclaimed for the reliability and quality of its tests such as TOEFL® (Test of English as a Foreign Language), GMAT® (Graduate Management Administration Test), SAT® (Student Admission Test) and many other higher education admission tests including exams leading to professional qualifications.

The TOEIC test, a standardised test giving reliable results test after test, assesses proficiency at all levels (beginner to advanced) in all professional and social categories.

*"I have never before taken a test like TOEIC, so I have never known what my level is in English. Now that I know my score, I have all the more reason to work hard and do better in English."*

Johannes Tulung,  
Indonesia



## What is the format of the TOEIC test?

The TOEIC test is a two-hour multiple-choice test that consists of 200 questions divided into two sections:

- **Listening section:** There are 100 listening comprehension questions administered by audiocassette
- **Reading section:** There are 100 reading questions

The TOEIC test questions are based on real-life work settings in an international environment (meetings, travel, telephone etc). Each candidate is awarded a separate mark for written and oral comprehension on a scale from 5 to 495 points. The total score is between 10 and 990 points.

A **can-do levels table** included with the results enables an individual's level to be determined and the tasks they are able to accomplish in English to be identified. (*To print the levels table, download [Acrobat Reader](#) free of charge.*)

TOEIC test sessions can be organised on demand. Candidates can choose between sitting the test:

- in-house at their company premises, training or study centre
- in general public open sessions conducted in approved training centres in most European countries
- in the TOEIC offices

The papers are scored within:

- two weeks of receipt by post
- 3 days by express service

If you would like more information, please contact your **TOEIC Rep.**

## The TOEIC Certificate

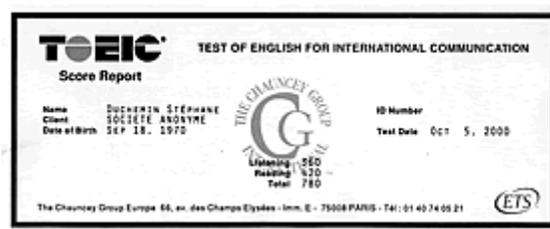
The TOEIC certificate is an internationally recognised document which highlights your level of English competence and displays:

- your first and last names
- your score for the listening comprehension section
- your score for the reading comprehension section
- your total test score
- the name of the establishment where you took the test
- the date you took the test
- the official TOEIC seal

The TOEIC certificate exists in five colours, corresponding to distinct levels of results: orange (010-215), brown (220-465), green (470-725), blue (730-855) and gold (860-990).



For sessions taken in companies or in further education establishments, the results may be given as a simple Score Report.



## Who uses the TOEIC test?

Twenty-one years after its development, the TOEIC test has more than **3 million candidates worldwide**. Most of the large international groups and approximately 2000 companies in Europe rely on TOEIC to assess the English language proficiency of their employees. The test is also used for language training audits and determining the level of English required for a certain position (bench marking).

**In Europe it is now becoming common-place to see a TOEIC score included in job descriptions or job offers in the large groups** such as Accenture, Airbus, Coca Cola, Renault, EADS, PSA Peugeot Citroen, , Unilever, NEC Computer International and many others.

A TOEIC score on a CV means more than the traditional "reading, writing, speaking" marks and therefore **students, graduates, job seekers and potential expatriates** can certify their English proficiency by taking the TOEIC test. To **facilitate the professional integration of their students**, the well-known business schools and institutions in France and Europe along with the university networks request a TOEIC score be obtained before awarding their degrees and diplomas.

## Companies

The TOEIC test - a common standard of measurement to assist in the harmonization of language policies throughout multinational firms.

- ▶ **Aeronautical - Aerospace and Defense Industry:** Air France, Airbus, Alcatel Group, Brit'Air Ecare, Dassault Aviation, EADS, Iberia, Korean Air, Messier Bugatti....
- ▶ **Automotive Industry:** Daewoo, Ford, Megamos, Nissan, Renault, PSA Peugeot Citroën, Scania, Siemens...
- ▶ **Banking - Finance - Insurance:** Allianz, AXA, Banco do Portugal, Banque Cantonale Vaudoise, Banque de France, Barclays Bank, BCEN Eurobank, BNP Paribas, Caisse des Dépôts, Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank, Europ Assistance, Natexis Banques Populaires, Norwich Union, Scor Reassurance, UBS AG...
- ▶ **Communications:** Landis & Gyr Communications...
- ▶ **Construction - Civil Engineering:** Lafarge Corporation, EkoStahlWerke...
- ▶ **Consultancy:** Accenture, Arthur Andersen, Ernst & Young...
- ▶ **Electronics - Telecommunications:** Bell, Bosch-Siemens, Cegelec, Communications & Systèmes, France Telecom Group, Global One/Transpac, Lucent Technologies, Matra Nortel Communication, Philips EGP, SGS Thomson...
- ▶ **Energy Production - Chemical Industry:** Atofina, Aventis, BP-Elf, Cogema, EDF-GDF, Esso-Exxon, Kodak, Lever, Procter & Gamble, Total Elf, VEAG...
- ▶ **Food Industry:** Barilla, Coca Cola, Kraft Jacob Suchard, Moët/Hennessy, Nestlé, Monsanto, Unilever...
- ▶ **Information Technology - Office Automation - Computers Integrating Manufacturing:** Compaq, Goldstar, Evidian-Groupe Bull, Fujitsu, Hewlett Packard, NEC Computer International, Rockwell Automation...
- ▶ **Mechanical Engineering:** Alstom, Cummins Wartsila...
- ▶ **Optics:** Essilor, Schott Glas...
- ▶ **Pharmaceuticals - Medical:** Aventis, Boehringer Ingelheim, CLI Pharma, Elida Gibbs, Fabergé, GlaxoSmithkline, Hoffman-la-Roche, Janssen Cilag, Mérieux, Sanofi, Schering, Zeneca Pharma...
- ▶ **Retail Sector:** Auchan, Manor...
- ▶ **Miscellaneous:** Ademe, Alko Nobel, Kaysersberg Packaging, Médecins sans Frontière, Nike, Saint Gobain-Vitrage, Stora Group, Tefal, Tetra Pak...

## Education

The TOEIC test is also used around the world by **business and engineering schools, universities, technical colleges, private language schools, government organisations,...**