Information about the Kent English Language Test

Please read and make sure you understand the information below before you book your test.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact us at englishtest@kent.ac.uk

How to book your place on a test

- Make sure you have the following information:
  - your Kent application number – this will be an 8 digit number e.g. 21987654
  - the level of course you are applying for
  - your course start date
  - a scan of your passport photo page
  - a scan of your English language qualification (if available)
- Send an email to englishtest@kent.ac.uk with the above information
- Tell us what day (Monday – Friday) and time (9am – 2pm UK time) you would like to take the test
- If no-one is available to hold the test for the day or time you have requested we will be in touch to offer you an alternative
- We will confirm the date and time and send a Zoom link
- We will send you a code. This gives you access to a practice test which we would recommend you take in order to familiarise yourself with the test. There are also plenty of resources to help you prepare https://www.englishlanguagetesting.co.uk/test-takers/for-students/password-skills/
- Please make sure Zoom is available in your country and familiarise yourself with how it works as we will be using this on the day of the test
- You will need a laptop or desktop computer (NOT a Mac) which you will take the test on and which also has Zoom installed
- You will need good internet speed of at least 1Mbps. You can check your internet speed here: https://www.speedtest.net/
- If it’s less than 1Mbps you must find an alternative location to take the test with better bandwidth.

On the day of your test

- Make sure you have a desktop computer or laptop with good internet access
- No other PCs, laptops or phones in your home should be connected to the internet whilst you are taking the test as this will use up bandwidth which you will need.
- Close all browsers, programmes and software except Internet Explorer
- We will contact you 5 minutes before your test by Zoom
- We will check your identity and some other personal details
- We will be monitoring you throughout the test via Zoom. You should have Zoom running on your PC or laptop and we will ask you to share your screen with us whilst you are taking the test
- For the test please make sure you are sitting at a desk or table in a room on your own and that you will not be interrupted for the duration of the test
• You are not permitted to have headphones, phone, tablet, smart watch, fitbit or other device with you whilst taking the test
• Make sure your ears are visible during the test
• You will have a break between the 1st part of the test (Reading and Writing) and the 2nd part (Listening and Speaking). No other breaks are allowed and it is not possible to pause the test

After the test

• We will obtain the results of your test within 48 hours of you taking it
• We will send the results to our admissions team who will decide if you have met the English Language conditions of your offer
• This decision will appear on your student portal so please make sure you check your portal for updates

This is a test of your current level of English to help us advise you on the best options for you. It is very important that the test scores accurately reflect your level of English.

If we have any reason to believe you are cheating we will immediately stop the test and you will not be allowed to retake the test. This may result in you not being able to study at the university.