

Pre University English, IELTS & TOEFL courses

SMARTÂ has extensive experience in English language tuition. In the past we have participated in the training of thousands of students studying English, and we know how important it is to find the right school, course content and accommodation. We will support you all the way until you achieve the qualification or standard you require.

Â There are thousands of language schools available, with a wide range of prices. Quality standards vary significantly. So how do you select a quality school and course?Â SMARTÂ has an extensive range of specialist schools and knowledge, and we can guide you to find the right place for you and your budget.Â

Types of schools vary, and courses fall in to the following categories: -

University Applicants:Â Students wishing to pursue a first degree or a post-graduate qualification need to satisfy the university they are applying for that they have an acceptable standard of English. This is done via an examination, which in the UK is known as an IELTS. For University entry this score is typically 6.0 or 6.5. In the US & Canada TOEFL is used. Both examinations work in the same way, and University acceptance without achieving the required IELTS/TOEFL level is very difficult in the UK and impossible in the US and Canada. SMARTÂ can either arrange courses for you in house in your country of origin, or using one of our associate colleges.Â We will arrange courses in the UK/US to allow you to attain this standard and gain the required IELTS/TOEFL certificate. SMARTÂ knows which schools have a high success rate.

Â General English: Some students wish to attend short courses in English to improve their language and communication skills. These can be adult learners or executives who wish to brush up general or business English. Again we will use our extensive range of associate colleges to provide this tuition from beginner level to Cambridge Proficiency examination. The following English qualifications areÂ also available.

KET (Key English Test)

An elementary level exam, testing your ability to deal with basic written and spoken communications.

PET (Preliminary English Test)

An intermediate level exam, testing your ability to cope with everyday written and spoken communications.

FCE (First Certificate in English)

An upper intermediate level exam - ideal if you can deal confidently with a range of written and spoken communications. CAE (Certificate in Advanced English)

An advanced exam - if you can communicate with confidence in English for work or study purposes, this is the exam for you. CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English)

A very advanced level exam - perfect if you have achieved a high level of language skills and are able to function effectively in almost any English-speaking context.

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Skills-based assessment CELS (Certificates in English Language Skills)

These certificates provide modular assessment of English language skills and are ideal if you don't need to achieve the same level across all four skills (listening, reading, writing, speaking).

Â Certificates in ESOL Skills for Life

These certificates provide flexible assessment of ESOL learners in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and are fully based on the Adult ESOL Core Curriculum.Â

Business English

Â BEC (Business English Certificates)

A suite of three exams designed to test English language ability used in the context of business. They are ideal if you are preparing for a career in business. BULATS (Business Language Testing Service)

A multilingual assessment service for companies that require a rapid, accurate means of assessing language skills in English, French, German and Spanish.

Professional English ILEC (International Legal English Certificate)

For lawyers and law students requiring English language skills to work effectively in the international legal environment.

Developed with TransLegal. ICFE (International Certificate in Financial English)

For accountants and finance professionals requiring English language skills to communicate effectively in international business communities. Developed with the

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Academic English

Â IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

The ideal test if you need to study or work where English is the language of communication. IELTS scores are recognised by universities and colleges, employers, immigration authorities and professional bodies.

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Young Learners English

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YLE (Cambridge Young Learners English Tests)

An enjoyable and non-threatening way of assessing the English of children between the ages of 7 and 12.

Technical English: SMARTÂ can source technical English courses in any subject or specialisation, however we have significant experience in Medical English, English for Lawyers, Business & Financial, and English for Engineers.

We will provide all the support you need to attend these courses â€” arranging visas where necessary, family or rented accommodation and providing ongoing pastoral support.

Accommodation with a family is available for all courses.