

## THE MAIN FACTORS FOR CHOOSING AN IELTS CERTIFICATE

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**Annotation:** This article is about various aspects related to young individuals taking the IELTS exam and obtaining international certificates to enhance their language skills.

**Key words:** international language, IELTS system, foreign language, reliable resources, educational institutions, American English.

**Annotasiya:** Ushbu maqolada yoshlarning IELTS imtihonini topshirishi va til bilimlarini oshirish uchun xalqaro sertifikatlarga ega bo'lishi bilan bog'liq turli jihatlari haqida so'z yutirilgan.

**Kalit so'zlar:** xalqaro til, IELTS tizimi, xorijiy til, ishonchli manbalar, ta'lim muassasalari, Amerika ingliz tilisi.

**Аннотация:** Эта статья посвящена различным аспектам, связанным со сдачей молодежи экзамена IELTS и получением международных сертификатов для улучшения своих языковых навыков.

**Ключевые слова:** международный язык, система IELTS, иностранный язык, надежные источники, учебные заведения, Американский английский.

Are young individuals interested in taking the IELTS exam? What motivates young people to pursue international certificates that validate their language skills? How does IELTS differ from TOEFL and other systems, and why is there such high demand for IELTS? Let's begin by discussing the distinctions between the most popular language proficiency assessment systems. Young students often pursue an IELTS certificate to meet language proficiency requirements for studying abroad, especially in English-speaking countries. This is crucial for admission to universities or academic programs where English is the medium of instruction. It serves as a standardized measure of their English language skills.

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is a system that addresses the learning, teaching, and evaluation of foreign languages in Europe. Following a decree in 2012 by the First President of Uzbekistan, which emphasized the importance of English language learning, a new national foreign language education system based on CEFR was established.

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The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is widely recognized as the most reliable English language test and is accepted by over 10,000 organizations and educational institutions in more than 140 countries. There are numerous online resources available for IELTS preparation, including study materials, free lessons, and various services. The British Council and IDP are responsible for conducting these tests in Uzbekistan.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is an international exam designed for non-English speaking countries and is administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in the United States. This exam focuses on American English, requiring a deep understanding of the language to pass successfully.

### **Why do people choose IELTS?**

"In recent years, many higher education institutions worldwide have stopped accepting the TOEFL certificate. On the other hand, institutions specializing in English-speaking countries and other countries that require English proficiency now demand an IELTS certificate. Additionally, individuals seeking professional opportunities in countries like Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are required to take this test. Consequently, many young Uzbeks now prefer IELTS over CEFR and TOEFL," the article explains.

### **Is it possible to prepare for IELTS independently?**

Among the mentioned international exams, IELTS is not only widely recognized in Uzbekistan but also globally acknowledged as a reliable system for assessing English language proficiency. The exam consists of four sections: listening, reading, writing, and speaking. While achieving a perfect score of 9 in each section is rare, individuals with a high level of knowledge can strive for it.

"There are numerous online resources available for IELTS, providing necessary information, audio and video lessons. Through these materials, anyone can independently learn English. We recommend test takers to utilize official and free resources during their preparation process," says Umida Nurjanova, Head of the Marketing Department at the British Council in Uzbekistan.

Taking the IELTS exam offers advantages not only abroad but also in Uzbekistan. The Uzbekistan government passed a resolution on May 13, 2019, regarding the implementation of national and international evaluation systems for admission to higher education institutions. According to this resolution, starting from the 2019-2020 academic year, there were certain advantages given to applicants during the entrance exams for higher education institutions. This year, for bachelor's degree programs where English is the main subject, a minimum requirement of CEFR B2 or higher (IELTS 5.5 or TOEFL IBT 72) was set. For bachelor's degree programs that don't have English as the main subject, a minimum requirement of CEFR B1 or higher (IELTS

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4.5 or TOEFL IBT 42) was set. The entrance exams awarded the highest scores based on these requirements.

Young students may be trying to get an IELTS certificate for a variety of reasons. Some common motivations include:

**1. Academic purposes:** Many young students need an IELTS certificate to apply for admission to universities or colleges in English-speaking countries. A high IELTS score is often a requirement for international students seeking to study abroad.

**2. Career opportunities:** Some young students may be pursuing an IELTS certificate to enhance their career prospects. Many employers in English-speaking countries require job applicants to demonstrate proficiency in the English language, and a good IELTS score can help young students stand out in the job market.

**3. Immigration requirements:** Young students who are planning to immigrate to an English-speaking country may need to take the IELTS exam as part of their visa application process. A high IELTS score can be crucial for obtaining a visa and settling in a new country.

**4. Personal development:** For some young students, obtaining an IELTS certificate is a personal goal that reflects their commitment to improving their English language skills and broadening their horizons. Overall, the desire to obtain an IELTS certificate is often driven by a combination of academic, professional, and personal aspirations.

The demand for IELTS certificates is driven by globalization and the increasing number of international students seeking quality education. To address this, educational institutions could provide more English language support programs, and students can focus on improving language skills through immersive experiences, online resources, and language exchange programs. Additionally, promoting diverse language learning methods in schools could enhance overall proficiency.

As a result of this resolution, the significance of IELTS and TOEFL certificates in the entrance exams for higher education institutions has increased.

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