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PTE General is used by test takers who are looking for an internationally recognized English test that allows them to build a portfolio of their language ability for travel, further education or to improve their employment prospects.

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How is PTE General better?

It is an internationally recognized test that allows you to build a portfolio of your language ability for travel, further education or to improve employment prospects—ensure success over time!

Comparison	PTE General	Another test of General English
Exam type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressively graded General English assessment program <i>Ensure smooth progression</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A general English suite made up of individual exams (not graded)
Benchmarked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole suite is theoretically and empirically aligned to the CEFR* <i>Useful for comparison to the international standard</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The suite as a whole has not been subjected to CEFR* alignment
Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It tests candidates' ability to use English to communicate and be understood in natural English contexts, matching most general English courses <i>Ensure smooth transition</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It requires candidates to work on tasks that are not naturally used in general English lessons
Marking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written test paper is sent to the UK for central marking via an online marking system, e-Pen Written test paper is marked by professional markers in the UK Oral test paper is assessed by professional local examiners and is sent to the UK for moderation <i>Ensure quality and uniform standard of marking</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written and oral test papers are marked by local examiners

PTE General is accepted by the UK Border Agency (UKBA) for Tier 1 and Tier 2 visa applications.

PTE General score concordance with PTE Academic and CEFR*

Suggested candidates of PTE General	PTE General	PTE Academic	CEFR*
Senior Primary to Junior Secondary	1	30–42	A2
Junior Secondary	2	43–58	B1
Junior Secondary to Senior Secondary	3	59–75	B2
Senior Secondary to University Graduate	4	76–85	C1
Senior Secondary to University Graduate	5	>85	C2

*CEFR refers to the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*, published by the Council of Europe. It is an internationally recognized framework describing language ability in a scale of levels which range from A1 for beginners to C2 for those who have mastered a language.

Test Format and Structure

Level	1 Elementary	2 Intermediate	3 Upper Intermediate	4 Advanced	5 Proficient
Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A single paper-based test assessing listening, reading comprehension and writing skills An oral test assessing candidates' English communicative abilities 				
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicative contexts with realistic themes and authentic sources (e.g. books, magazines, newspapers, websites, radio broadcasts, recorded messages and podcasts) <i>Consistent with the education trend</i> 				
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour 30 minutes (Written) 10 minutes (Oral) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour 35 minutes (Written) 10 minutes (Oral) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hours (Written) 12 minutes (Oral) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hours 30 minutes (Written) 15 minutes (Oral) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hours 55 minutes (Written) 15 minutes (Oral)
Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School candidates can register via your school. Please contact your school for more information Private candidates can complete the registration form downloadable from the HKEAA's website (http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/IPE/pte). Then please send the completed form and test fee to the HKEAA's San Po Kong office at 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon, Hong Kong. For more information, please contact the HKEAA on (852) 3628 8731 / 3628 8787 				
Administration sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available twice a year in Hong Kong (around May and November) 				
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically available in 8 to 12 weeks after the test date 				
Fee	HKD 785	HKD 982	HKD 1,224	HKD 1,352	HKD 1,492

How to prepare for the test?

You will be able to prepare for the test confidently by using a variety of official test preparation materials for all PTE General tests at <http://www.pearsonpte.com/resources>, such as:

- Practice Tests** provide written and spoken practice tests, audio, answer keys and transcripts
 - Past Papers** offer spoken and written past papers, sound files, marking scheme and typescript
- Test Reports** provide a general view of how test takers performed on each task in the test paper and give guidance on test preparation
- Test Tutorial** (available in PowerPoint format) gives a detailed overview of the test at each level
- Skills Pod** suggests course books and related online content of final practice materials
- Test Tip of the Week Blog** at <http://ptegeneraltips.blogspot.com> with weekly updates for more information about the test