

## **PTE test components:**

Pearson Test of English (PTE) is a computer-based test that evaluates a candidate's proficiency in the English language. There are two formats of the PTE: PTE Academic Test and PTE General Test.

PTE is designed for non-native English speakers who want to study abroad. PTE Academic score is accepted for admission to thousands of institutions across the world, including countries like – Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the USA. Prominent universities accepting PTE Academic include Harvard, Yale and INSEAD. The Australian government even accepts PTE Academic for the visa application process.

Meanwhile, PTE General seeks to reward those with improved skills of English language. Apart from being recognized by a number of universities around the world, even ministries of education and employers accept it as proof of English language proficiency.

## **All about PTE**

**Exam Name:** Pearson Test of English Academic/General

**Commonly known as:** PTE Academic/General

**Exam level:** International level test

**Conducting body:** PTE Academic is accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) and is organized in association with Edexcel Limited, the largest UK awarding body for academic and vocational qualifications. As for PTE General, it is globally recognized and is conducted in partnership with Edexcel Limited.

## **PTE Eligibility**

Candidates need to be at least 16 years before they can sit for the PTE. Students who are between 16-17 years of age need to produce certificates of parental consent to appear in the exam.

## **PTE Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Applicants should be minimum 16 years of age
2. Applicants below 18 years must submit proof of parental consent
3. As such there is no specific PTE eligibility criteria. It is required as a proof of English proficiency.

## **PTE Application Form**

Students who are keen to appear for the PTE Academic exam have to first register for the PTE Academic Exam. Students can start applying through the Pearson website, where at first aspirants have to register with a login id and password and complete the procedure.

**Step 1:** The first step towards registering for the PTE is to create your Pearson account. Within 24 hours of it you will receive an email with the login details

**Step 2:** With the login details, sign in to schedule your test.

## PTE Important Dates

There are no set dates for the PTE Academic and willing candidates need to register on the PTE website first to check when a test date is available. In the case of PTE General, candidates can follow the [official link](#) to get updates on entry deadlines, oral testing period and written test dates. It may also be noted that the availability of PTE dates depends on factors like the presence of a local test center.

## PTE Exam Pattern

The patterns for PTE Academic and General are different. Below are the patterns for both.

**PTE Academic:** The three-hour long exam tests a candidate's listening, reading, speaking and writing skills. With the aid of a computer and a headset, candidates will be required to listen to, read and respond to the questions. The test is made up of three main parts: speaking and writing (together), listening and reading. Meanwhile, questions will be asked across 20 formats, including multiple-choice, essay writing and interpreting information.

## PTE General Pattern

### Sections

### Duration

### Task

#### **PART 1: PTE SPEAKING & WRITING** 77 – 93 minutes

1. Personal Introduction
2. Read aloud
3. Repeat sentence
4. Describe image
5. Paragraph
6. Answer short question
7. One sentence
8. Re-tell lecture
9. Essay (20mins)

#### **PART 2: PTE READING**

32 – 41 minutes

1. Multiple choice questions (x2)
2. Re-order paragraphs
3. Fill in the blanks (x2)
4. A ten minute break is optional

#### **PART 3: PTE LISTENING**

45 – 57 minutes

1. Summarize spoken text
2. Fill the blanks
3. Multiple choice x2
4. Highlight the correct summary
5. Highlight incorrect words
6. Select missing word
7. Write from dictation

## **PTE General:**

This particular PTE is divided into two parts: A written paper and a spoken test. The written test is used to judge a candidate's listening, reading comprehension and writing skills –the marking is done by external examiners in the UK. The spoken test is examined by trained local examiners who then send it to the UK for moderation. The overall test comprises six levels which are linked to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEF).

## **PTE Test Centre**

PTE does not have any fixed test centres, as Pearson allows candidates from all over the world to sit for the test. It is one of the major reasons why test takers can pick PTE test centres depending on their convenience. PTE is available 363 days at over 200 locations across the globe. Candidates can find PTE test centres in almost every city; all they have to do is to select the PTE test centre.

## **PTE Result**

PTE Academic scores are valid for up to two years from the date of the exam. Once the two-year period expires, the PTE score is automatically removed from the site and no longer be visible. Typically, PTE test (Academic) results are declared within five business days. There is no fixed minimum PTE score for admission to institutions as they follow individual selection procedures.

As for PTE General Certificates, they don't have any expiry dates.

## **Steps to check PTE Result**

1. Go to your Pearson account
2. Enter login details
3. Click 'My Account'
4. Click 'View Score Report'
5. Save/ download your PTE score