

Test Taker FAQs

IELTS One Skill Retake

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General Questions

What is IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR)?

IELTS One Skill Retake is a new way to give you confidence that you can reach your potential. With IELTS One Skill Retake, you have the option to re-take any one section of the test (Listening, Reading, Writing, or Speaking) if you need to improve in just one area. We know most test takers get the scores they need first time, but if you feel you haven't performed to your best in all areas, IELTS One Skill Retake can help you get back on track.

It is available for both Academic and General Training IELTS tests.

How much does IELTS One Skill Retake cost?

Please log into your IDP IELTS account results page or contact your local IELTS testing centre for information on availability and pricing.

What is the maximum length of time you can take between your original four skill IELTS test and IELTS One Skill Retake?

You can take up to 60 days between your original test and your IELTS One Skill Retake.

Can I take One Skill Retake at a different test centre location as to my original test, or does it have to be the same one?

If you wish to retake just one skill of the IELTS test (One Skill Retake), you have the option to do so at a different test center. However, it is essential to ensure that the test center you choose is the same company through which you initially took the test. For instance,

if you took your original IELTS test with IDP, you are eligible to book your One Skill Retake only at any of the eligible IDP IELTS test centers.

To check if this option is available to you, please log into your IDP IELTS account to view your IELTS result.

Is it available globally to all test takers?

IELTS One Skill Retake is currently available at selected IELTS on computer centres in Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. It will continue to roll out globally. To be able to book an IELTS One Skill Retake, you must have taken your original IELTS four skill test on computer, in an eligible test centre within the last 60 days. Please refer to our [website](#) for information of further availability now and in the future.

Is IELTS One Skill Retake available for UKVI test?

UKVI is accepting IELTS One Skill Retake for IELTS Academic and General Training tests on computer in selected locations.

When will the option for IELTS One Skill Retake for the paper-based tests be available?

At present, IELTS One Skill Retake is only available on computer in selected test centres, in selected countries. We are continuing to roll IELTS One Skill Retake out to test centres in more countries. In future, we expect to make IELTS One Skill Retake available to those who have taken the paper-based test, and we will let test takers know when this option is made available.

Contact/Support details

Please contact our IELTS One Skill Retake Test-Centres for any customer service enquiries.

Can I apply for Enquiry on Results and IELTS One Skill Retake at the same time?

If you want to submit an Enquiry On Results against your original full IELTS test, you must do so within two weeks of the date of the original full IELTS test date for Listening, Reading and Writing, and wait until you receive your remark status before registering for a One Skills Retake against the same full IELTS test.

Length and Format of OSR

What is the length and format of IELTS One Skill Retake?

You can retake any one section of the IELTS test, whether it's Listening, Reading, Writing, or Speaking. The format and timing of that One Skill Retake test is the same as a normal IELTS test, only you can save time by not needing to complete the other three skills.

Can I complete a One Skill Retake multiple times?

No. You can only complete One Skill Retake once per full IELTS test.

Book a test

When can I book my One Skill Retake?

You are eligible to book IELTS One Skill Retake after you have received your IELTS test score, from an eligible test centre. You must book your IELTS One Skill Retake within 60 days of your original test date. IELTS One Skill Retake is only available at selected test centres.

Can I book two (2) One Skill Retakes for the same test?

No. A maximum of one section of the test can be retested for each full IELTS test. You cannot request a second One Skill Retake on the same test. If you wish to improve your IELTS score in more than one skill, you will need to book a complete IELTS test (all four skills).

Can I rebook IELTS One Skill Retake if I don't get the desired band score for that skill on my first One Skill Retake?

No, you cannot rebook IELTS One Skill Retake for a second time if you don't get the result you wanted. You may request an Enquiry on Result if you would like your test remarked.

Remember to stop and take a look at your results and the feedback provided by IDP before rebooking your test. You may like to take some time to revisit your preparation program. Improving your language ability is hard, but our team is here to support you with free material and advice.

Prepare for the test

Should I prepare differently for IELTS One Skill Retake and if so, how?

No, IELTS One Skill Retake is the same format test as your IELTS test. This means that you can use the same practice materials available for IELTS. Click [here](#) for more information.

Results, scores, and report forms

When will I receive my results?

You will receive your results within 3-5 days.

How will I receive my results?

You will receive a new IELTS test report form, that includes your new One Skill Retake result. This Test Report Form will be dated the same as your original IELTS academic test. Your new One Skill Retake will be valid for 2 years from your original IELTS test.

Who accepts IELTS One Skill Retake?

IELTS One Skill Retake is currently accepted UK Visas and Immigration, the Australian Department of Home Affairs, Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency, and an increasing number of Australian and Canadian universities and institutions each month. You can find out who accepts IELTS One Skill Retake [here](#).

Remember to always check the website of an organisation you intend to apply to for more information about eligibility requirements.

Using your original IELTS test and IELTS One Skill Retake results

You may use either your Test Report Form and scores from your original four skill IELTS test or you can use your updated Test Report Form which includes your One Skill Retake

score. The original Test Report Form will continue to exist alongside your new One Skill Retake score, and both are valid.

Cancellation, refunds, and re-sits

What is the IELTS One Skill Retake Cancellation policy?

Please read the IELTS One Skill Retake Terms and Conditions and the Cancellation policy [here](#).