

Oxford Test of English and Oxford Test of English Advanced FAQs

Below are some frequently asked questions. Please also see the FAQ pages in the test takers' guides for the OTE and the Oxford Test of English Advanced.

Choosing the Right Test

What is the difference between the Oxford Test of English and the Oxford Test of English Advanced?

The Oxford Test of English is designed for learners from A2 to B2 on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), while the Oxford Test of English Advanced assesses higher levels of English proficiency, covering B2 to C1.

Choose the Oxford Test of English if your English is currently around A2–B2 or you need certification up to B2.

Choose the Oxford Test of English Advanced if you're applying to universities that require advanced proficiency in English, or if you're applying for a job that requires certification of a high level of linguistic proficiency.

Who can take these tests?

Both tests are available to candidates aged 18 and over.

How do I book a test?

You can book a test online at: <https://lifelong-learning.ox.ac.uk/oxford-test-of-english/>

How much does the test cost?

- Oxford Test of English - £150 (Full test)
- Oxford Test of English Advanced - £160 (Full test)
- Oxford Test of English and Oxford Test of English Advanced - £60 per module

Can I choose which skills to take?

Yes. You may take individual modules in reading, listening, speaking and writing.

What skills are assessed?

Both tests assess the four key language skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing.

How are the tests delivered?

Both tests are computer-based and can be taken at the University of Oxford OTE Test Centre which is located at Ewert House, Ewert Place, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7SG.

How long do the tests take?

The full OTE test takes approximately 2 hours.

The full Oxford Test of English Advanced takes approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Getting to the OTE Test Centre

The OTE Test Centre is located on the first floor of Ewert House, Ewert Place, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7SG.

How do I get to the OTE Test Centre?

Bus

From Oxford Rail Station, take the no. 14 bus and get off at the Summertown Shops stop. The OTE Test Centre is a 3-minute walk from the bus stop. The journey takes about 10 minutes.

Taxi

A taxi from Oxford Rail Station to the OTE Test Centre takes around 6 minutes in normal traffic.

On Test Day

What should I bring to the test centre?

Bring the identification document specified in the confirmation email you received when you booked your test. Arrive early to allow time for registration.

What happens if I arrive late?

Once the test has started, test takers arriving late cannot join the test.

Can I use dictionaries or other resources during the test?

No. Candidates are not permitted to use dictionaries, mobile phones or other unauthorised materials during the test.

Results and Scores

When will I receive my results?

For each module, test takers receive a Module Report Card which includes a standardised score and a Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) level for the module.

Test results for the Listening and Reading modules are available on the same day. Results for the Speaking and Writing modules are generally available after 5 days.

If a test-taker takes all four modules, they also receive:

- A certificate of proficiency
- An overall standardized score and CEFR level for the test which is derived from an average of all four standardised module scores.

Can I check my test results online?

Yes. You will receive an email notification with a link to view your test scores.

Can I retake the test?

Yes. If you wish to improve your results, you can book another full test or one or more individual skills modules. Please note that the minimum time between taking and retaking a test is four weeks.

Preparing for Success

Are there practice tests available?

Yes. [Official sample tests, preparation resources and practice materials are available on the OUP website](#) to help candidates understand the test format and question types.

How long are my results valid?

The Oxford Test of English does not set an expiry date for results. However, universities, employers and professional organisations may require results obtained within a specified period.

Can I use my results for university admissions?

Many universities recognise Oxford Test of English qualifications, but recognition policies differ. Always check with the institution you are applying to.

Can I use my results for employment?

Many employers accept Oxford Test of English results as evidence of English proficiency. Check with your prospective employer to confirm their requirements.

General Questions

Can I change or cancel my booking?

You can cancel your test registration at any time before taking your test by notifying the test centre. Please consult our Cancellation and Refunds Policy for full details.

Where can I get more information?

Please contact the University of Oxford OTE Test centre at ote@conted.ox.ac.uk