



IELTS INFORMATION 2008
CENTRE CR001
San José, Costa Rica

ABOUT IELTS

IELTS, the **Internacional English Language System**, is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who need to study or work where English is the language of communication.

IELTS is jointly managed by the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL), British Council and IDP: IELTS Australia. IELTS conforms to the highest international standards of language assessment. It covers the four language skills – listening, reading, writing and speaking.

IELTS is recognized by universities and employers in many countries, including Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. It is also recognized by professional bodies, immigration authorities and other government agencies. Please refer to the IELTS website for a full list of recognising organizations and more exam information at www.ielts.org

IELTS is available in two modules: Academic and General Training. The **Academic Module** assesses whether a candidate is ready to study or train in the medium of English at an undergraduate or postgraduate level. The **General Training Module** emphasises basic survival skills in a broad social and educational context. It is suitable for candidates who are going to English speaking countries to complete their secondary education, to undertake work experience or training programmes not at degree level, or for immigration purposes to Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

IELTS IN COSTA RICA

The Instituto Británico is the only IELTS centre in Central America. In 2008 we are offering IELTS on fourteen dates, although the General Training Modules is not offered on all dates.

Registration: Candidates can register in person in Costa Rica or via email if coming from other countries in the region. To register, candidates must complete the IELTS Candidate Application and submit it with two recent passport sized photos, a photocopy of ID or passport and the exam fee. The fee can be paid in cash, by credit or debt card, or by bank deposit.

Candidate submitting their applications by the registration closing date (please see **2008 Exam Dates** section below) are guaranteed a place for the exam on that date. Otherwise, places are offered on a space availability basis only.



Our Reception is open for registration at the office in Los Yoses, Monday to Saturday on these timetables:

Monday to Friday	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Exam fee: US \$ 190

Results: Exam results are ready for candidates thirteen days after the exam date. Results are available in the Reception for candidates in Costa Rica, or are sent by certified post or courier to candidate residing outside of Costa Rica. All candidates are given one copy of their results and can request up to five additional copies to be sent to government agencies, universities or other institutions. No results are given by phone, fax or email. The exam result is valid for two years.

Postponements and cancellations: Candidates requesting a postponement or cancellation of their exam within five weeks of the test date are charged the full exam fee, unless their request is for medical reasons and they can provide appropriate medical evidence to support their request within five days of the test date. Then the full fee minus an administrative fee is refunded.

2008 EXAM DATES
 (* A = Academic Module GT = General Training Module)

Exam date	Module	Registration closing date	Results ready
12 January	A & GT	1 December 2007	25 January
26 January	A	17 December 2007	08 February
14 February	A & GT	03 January	27 February
01 March	A	19 January	14 March
29 March	A & GT	16 February	11 April
12 April	A & GT	01 March	25 April
03 May	A	22 March	16 May
22 May	A & GT	10 April	04 June
14 June	A & GT	03 May	27 June
12 July	A & GT	31 May	25 July
26 July	A & GT	14 June	08 August
09 August	A	28 June	22 August
30 August	A & GT	19 July	12 September
13 September	A	02 August	26 September
27 September	A & GT	16 August	10 October
11 October	A & GT	30 August	24 October
25 October	A & GT	13 September	07 November
08 November	A & GT	27 September	21 November
20 November	A & GT	09 October	03 December
04 December	A	23 October	17 December

MORE INFORMATION

Please see our website at www.institutobritanico.co.cr for more information about IELTS and to download these documents:

- **IELTS Information for Candidates**
- **IELTS Application Form**
- **IELTS Test Registration and Administration in Costa Rica**
- **IELTS Completing the Application Form**
- **IELTS Preparing for IELTS**
- **IELTS Frequently Asked Questions**
- **IELTS Handbook**