

# IELTS takes you places

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**IELTS™**

IELTS from the British Council

# IELTS – the test that opens doors throughout the world



Live, work and study in the UK with IELTS. IELTS is the most widely-accepted English language test by UK universities and government offices.

## The UK



With IELTS you can be confident that you are taking a test that is accepted by all universities, colleges and every professional association in both Australia and New Zealand.

## Australasia



Many programmes taught in English in European universities and colleges accept and trust IELTS.

## Other countries

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is the world's most popular English language proficiency test for higher education and global migration, with millions of IELTS tests taken each year.

The IELTS test is trusted by over **12,000** organisations, including **universities, professional bodies, employers and migration authorities.**



Over 3,400 institutions in the US accept IELTS, among the top 201 universities, 95% undergraduate programmes and 99% postgraduate programmes accept IELTS.

## The US



Whether you are going to Canada for study, applying for a work visa, a professional registration or permanent residency, you can prove your English proficiency with IELTS.

## Canada



Many universities and companies in Malaysia accept IELTS as evidence of English language proficiency.

## Malaysia

# Why IELTS?

## Recognition & Acceptance



Widely recognised by over **12,000** organisations worldwide.



One test to gain access to English-speaking countries including **the UK, the US, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.**

## Relevance & Authenticity



**Video-call speaking test** which offers greater flexibility in delivering IELTS Speaking tests, along with increased availability.



Emphasis **on real world application of English** rather than an academic focus.



Fast results available online  
• IELTS on computer : 3 to 5 days after the test



Test results can be sent directly to organisations or institutions.



Quiet test environments enable test takers to sit the test without distraction.



Over 1,200 test venues in more than 140 countries.

## Efficiency & Convenience



Global administrator of IELTS in 140 countries.



Reputable expert in teaching and testing English for over 85 years.



Excellent quality of test venues, provisions and materials.



Assortment of free preparation resources such as Road to IELTS.



Team of customer service experts to assist and support you.



## Why IELTS with the British Council?

# About IELTS

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is a test that measures the language proficiency of those who want to study or work in environments where English is used as a language of communication.

**There are two modules to choose from:  
IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training.**

## IELTS Academic



To study at the undergraduate or postgraduate level.



To join a professional organisation or registration in an English-speaking country.

## IELTS General Training



To work or undertake work-related training in an English-speaking country.



To immigrate to an English-speaking country.



To study or train at below degree level.

Each organisation sets its own entry requirements. In some cases, both the Academic and General Training module may be accepted. If you are in doubt as to which module to take, you should contact the organisation to which you are applying to confirm their requirements.

## IELTS for UKVI

**'IELTS for UKVI' is a UK government-approved Secure English Language Test (SELT). This means that IELTS can be used to prove your English language abilities in support of a UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) application.**

To find out whether you need to take an approved SELT test, what level you need to achieve and which test you can use, please visit <http://www.ieltsasia.org/my/study-in-uk/ukvi>.

# The IELTS test format

The actual test taken is the same for both IELTS and IELTS for UKVI, with the same content, examiners, format, level of difficulty, scoring and so on. The only difference between the two is that IELTS for UKVI is administered in a test venue with video recording and CCTV facilities.



## **Listening** (Time: 30 minutes, plus 10 minute extra to transfer your answer to the sheet in paper-based IELTS)

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There are four sections, which include both monologues and conversations. A variety of voices and accents are used and each section is played only once.



## **Reading** (Time: 60 minutes)

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### Academic

There are three long reading passages with tasks. Texts range from descriptive and factual to the discursive and analytical and may include non-verbal material such as diagrams, graphs or illustrations. Texts are authentic and taken from books, journals, newspapers, magazines and other sources.

### General Training

There are three reading passages with tasks. Section 1 contains two or three short factual texts. Section 2 contains two short, work-related, factual texts. Section 3 contains one longer text on a topic of general interest. Texts are authentic and are taken from company handbooks, official documents, books, newspapers and other sources.



## **Writing** (Time: 60 minutes)

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### Academic

There are two tasks in total. In Task 1, you are presented with a table, graph, chart or diagram and are asked to describe, summarise or explain the information in no less than 150 words. In Task 2, you are asked to write an essay of no less than 250 words in response to a point of view, argument or problem.

### General Training

There are two tasks. In Task 1, you are presented with a situation and are asked to write a letter of at least 150 words to request information or explain the situation. In Task 2, you are asked to write an essay of no less than 250 words in response to a point of view, argument or problem.



## **Speaking** (Time: 11-14 minutes)

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Video-call Speaking test – it will be held at an official IELTS test centre with the same high standards of identity verification. You will be examined by an IELTS Examiner in another location, conducted via laptop or desktop with headphones which shall be provided by the centre. The Speaking test comprises of three sections: short questions, speaking at length about a familiar topic and a structured discussion.

# IELTS Life Skills

IELTS Life Skills is for people bound for the UK who need to show that they have speaking and listening skills at Level **A1**, **A2** or **B1** of the Common European Framework (CEFR) of Reference for Languages.

## A1

This test is for those who need to prove their English speaking and listening skills as part of their application to UK Visas and Immigration for the 'family of a settled person' visa.

## A2

This test is for those who need to prove their English speaking and listening skills as part of their application to UK Visas and Immigration for an extension to a Family, Spouse or Partner visa.

## B1

This test is for those who need to prove their English speaking and listening skills as part of their application to UK Visas and Immigration for indefinite leave to remain or citizenship.





# The IELTS Life Skills test format

IELTS Life Skills is a speaking and listening test. You will take the test face-to-face with an examiner, along with one other candidate. You will participate in a structured conversation listening and responding to a selection of tasks.

The tasks in IELTS Life Skills are designed to reflect the everyday experience of communicating in an English-speaking country. You will be expected to take part in short discussions on everyday subjects.

## You will be expected to:

Listen and respond to spoken language, including simple narratives, statements, questions and single-step instructions



Communicate basic information, feelings and opinions on familiar topics.

Talk with another person in a familiar situation about familiar topics.

## You will be expected to:

Listen and respond to spoken language, including straightforward information, short narratives, explanations and instructions.



Communicate information, feelings and opinions on familiar topics.

Talk with one or more people in a familiar situation to establish a shared understanding about familiar topics.

## You will be expected to:

Listen and respond to spoken language, including straightforward information and narratives, and follow straightforward explanations and instructions.



Communicate information, feelings and opinions on familiar topics using appropriate formality.

Talk with one or more people in a familiar situation, making relevant points and responding to what others say to reach a shared understanding about familiar topics.

# Taking IELTS on a computer

## What is IELTS on computer?

If you choose IELTS on computer, you will take the Listening, Reading and Writing sections on a computer. The Speaking test will be done via a video-call on a laptop or desktop at an official IELTS test centre, which will be delivered by a certified IELTS Speaking Examiner in another location.

All other aspects of the test are exactly the same, whether it is taken on paper or on computer, including:



**Price**



**Scoring**



**Content**



**Speaking test delivery**



**Timings**



**Test Report Form**



**Question types**



**Results verification**

## What are the benefits of taking IELTS on computer?

- **Faster results** Your IELTS results will be available 3-5 days after the test.
- **More test sessions** Test sessions available throughout the week.
- **More Speaking test timeslots** Speaking timeslots available on the same day.
- **Marking** Reading and Listening sections will be auto-marked by computers while the Speaking test will remain to be graded by a certified IELTS examiner.
- **Listening test** Headphones will be provided.

**Learn more:** <https://www.britishcouncil.my/exam/ielts/dates-fees-locations/paper-computer>

# The IELTS 9-band scale

You will be given a score from 1 to 9 for each part of the test: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. The average of these four represents your overall band score. You can score whole (e.g. 5.0, 6.0, 7.0) or half (e.g. 5.5, 6.5, 7.5) bands in each part of the test.

Band score	Skill level	Description	Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)	
9	<b>Expert user</b>	You have a fully operational command of the language. Your use of English is appropriate, accurate and fluent, and you show complete understanding.	<b>C2</b>	<b>Proficient user</b>
8.5				
8	<b>Very Good user</b>	You have a fully operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies and inappropriate usage. You may misunderstand some things in unfamiliar situations. You handle complex detailed argumentation well.	<b>C1</b>	
7.5	<b>Good user</b>	You have an operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings in some situations. Generally, you handle complex language well and understand detailed reasoning.		
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6.5	<b>Competent user</b>	Generally, you have an effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings. You can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.	<b>B2</b>	
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5.5				
5	<b>Modest user</b>	You have a partial command of the language, and cope with overall meaning in most situations, although you are likely to make many mistakes. You should be able to handle basic communication in your own field.	<b>B1</b>	<b>Independent user</b>
4.5				
4				
3	<b>Limited user</b>	Your basic competence is limited to familiar situations. You frequently show problems in understanding and expression. You are not able to use complex language.	<b>N/A</b>	
	2	<b>Extremely Limited user</b>		
1		<b>Intermittent user</b>		
1	<b>Non-user</b>	You have no ability to use the language except for a few isolated words.		

# Prepare for IELTS

We offer IELTS test takers a wealth of resources, including **free practice tests, free online practice materials, IELTS practice materials and preparation courses** to help you succeed in the IELTS test.

## IELTS Ready Premium







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Personalised IELTS resources with 40 practise tests, model answers, feedback from IELTS experts, skills masterclasses and more that get you better prepared for IELTS. Powered by GEL IELTS Prep, **IELTS Ready Premium** will help you succeed - now free and available exclusively to British Council IELTS test takers.

Log in to the Test Taker portal after you have booked your test to gain access:  
<https://ieltsregistration.britishcouncil.org/>.



## Here's what you can expect from IELTS Ready: Premium

-  40 practice tests—speaking, writing, reading and listening.
-  Writing practice with model answers to show you what examiners are looking for.
-  Feedback on every reading and listening question.
-  Skills masterclasses to prepare you for test day.
-  Exercises to help practice Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking skills.
-  Practice test feedback on Writing and Speaking from a British Council IELTS expert.

# More free preparation materials



## **MOOC** (Free IELTS online course)

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The course runs four times per year. As the course takes you through each section of IELTS, you will become familiar with what to expect in the test, have a chance to practise your English and receive expert tips on how to reach your goals. For details, please visit <http://www.ieltsasia.org/my/prepare/online-course>.



## **Preparation videos**

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Prepare for the IELTS test with our videos. Get tips, strategies and advice and learn more about the different criteria used during assessment. Watch videos here: [www.ieltsasia.org/my/prepare/videos](http://www.ieltsasia.org/my/prepare/videos).



## **IELTS Ready: Member**

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Familiarise yourself with the test format and scoring with tips videos and practice exercises for all question types for free. To register, sign up here: <https://ieltsregistration.britishcouncil.org/ielts-ready-registration>



## **Computer-delivered IELTS familiarisation test**

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Experience the computer-delivered IELTS test system before you sit for the real test, and know what to expect on the test day. Access the familiarisation test here: [www.ieltsasia.org/my/prepare/familiarisation-test](http://www.ieltsasia.org/my/prepare/familiarisation-test).



## **Free webinars**

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Opportunity to ask your IELTS-related burning questions! Free IELTS workshops are available delivered by the British Council IELTS experts. For details, please visit: <https://www.ieltsasia.org/my/events/monthly-webinars>

# IELTS Registration Process



## Online

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IELTS on paper, IELTS on computer, IELTS for UKVI:

<https://www.britishcouncil.my/exam/ielts/dates-fees-locations>.



## Registration kiosk (at the British Council)

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1. You may register for IELTS at the British Council Kuala Lumpur or Penang centre via our registration kiosk's computers.
2. Registration will be done online.
3. Test fee can be paid by credit or debit card or Alipay.



## Confirmation

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1. Upon registration and successful payment, you will receive an e-mail to confirm that your place has been reserved.
2. A confirmation e-mail with test details will be sent to you three working days before the test day. You can also view and print the information on our online registration system.

## Special Requirements:

We make our best effort to assist test takers with special needs. We try our best to enable test takers to understand examination questions and the methods of giving answers. All test takers, regardless of disability, will be assessed fairly and objectively.

Please inform us before you pay the examination fees of any test takers who require special arrangements. Relevant supporting documents (such as medical certificates) should be submitted six weeks prior to the test.

# Post-test services

## IELTS

### Test Results

Test results will be available 3-5 days (IELTS on computer) after the written test, excluding public holidays. You can view your results at <https://www.britishcouncil.my/exam/ielts/test-taker-portal> from the day that the results are released.

Your IELTS result is valid for two years. Official results are given on a Test Report Form (TRF). Your TRF will be either mailed to you or made available for self-collection at our Kuala Lumpur and Penang centres upon release of results. Please check your TRF delivery method at the point of registration. If you wish to change the default delivery method, please write to us at [info@britishcouncil.org.my](mailto:info@britishcouncil.org.my) before the speaking test date.

For TRF sent by mail, it may take up to 5 working days to deliver. Please ensure that you provide a valid correspondence address on the application form.

Please take note that we are not permitted to give results over the phone or by email.

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## Extra Test

### Report Form (TRF)

From the point of registration up to 2 years following the test date, you can ask us to send your results electronically or by post to up to five recognising organisations of your choice, free of charge; however, courier fees apply for physical copies. For each additional hard-copy physical TRF requested over and above the free allocation, we will charge an administration fee of MYR 35 per copy and a courier fee per address.

If you took IELTS on Computer and would like to request this service, please include the relevant addresses and submit it on the Test Taker Portal. If you submit this application after the test date, please email to notify us your submission at [info@britishcouncil.org.my](mailto:info@britishcouncil.org.my).

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## Enquiry on

### Result (EOR) Service

If you did not receive the expected score in your IELTS test, you can apply for an Enquiry on Results (EOR); apply for your test to be re-marked. You can choose which test sections you want to be re-marked by applying through Test Taker Portal by six weeks after the test date.

The fee for this service is MYR 430, which will be refunded if your score is increased for any test section. If your IELTS band score/s change because of an EOR, your EOR fee shall be refunded. Please wait for an email with instructions if your IELTS score changes. You will retain the original TRF regardless of change or no change in band score/s after EOR. A new TRF shall be issued in score change scenario and the latest TRF will invalidate the previously issued.

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## Search for IELTS

### Recognising Organisations

For a full list of organisations that accept IELTS, please go to the IELTS global recognition search engine available at <https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/ielts-recognising-organisations/recognise-ielts>.

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# IELTS One Skill Retake



## What is IELTS One Skill Retake?

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- IELTS One Skill Retake is a new way to give test takers confidence that they can reach their potential and showcase their full English language ability.
- With IELTS One Skill Retake, test takers now have the option to re-take any one section of the test (Listening, Reading, Writing, or Speaking) if they need to improve on one area (instead of retaking all four sections).
- The retake must be taken within 60 days of the original test date.
- It will be available for both IELTS Academic and General Training tests.
- It is currently available for **IELTS on computer only**.



## How does IELTS One Skill Retake help test takers?

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### Save money

- Test takers save money by completing one skill only.
- Tests will be approximately 2/3 of a full IELTS test.



### Save time

- Test takers save time by not having to complete all four skills again.
- Allows for a more efficient application process.



### Better experience

- Test takers are less negatively impacted if they have a bad moment during their original test day and they have the peace of mind knowing that they don't have to retake the whole test.



### More choice

- Test takers can choose to use either their original Test Report Form (TRF) or the new TRF.
- Test takers also have the choice to request a remark for the original or the updated score.



# Our test locations in Malaysia

## West Malaysia



### Kuala Lumpur

**British Council Examination Hall**  
Level 2, South Block,  
Wisma Golden Eagle Realty,  
Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur

**Iverson Guidance View**  
Level 5-5 & 5-7 The Boulevard Office,  
Mid Valley City, Lingkaran Syed Putra,  
59200 Kuala Lumpur

### Penang

#### George Town

**Sentral College Penang**  
Menara Sentral, No.3 Penang Street,  
Georgetown, 10200 Penang

**Iverson Penang**  
52-1, Bayan Bay, 52-1, Bayan Bay,  
Persiaran Bayan Indah, 11900 Bayan  
Lepas, Pulau Pinang

### Selangor

#### Petaling Jaya

**Vision College**  
127, Jalan SS 6/12, SS 6, 47301 Petaling  
Jaya, Selangor

#### Subang Jaya

**iMetro Lab**  
A1.03.06, Level 3, Sunway Geo Avenue,  
Jalan Lagoon Selatan, Bandar Sunway,

### Johor

#### Johor Bahru

**PEOPLElogy**  
13-9, Level 13, Johor Bahru City Square,  
106-108, Jalan Wong Ah Fook, 80000  
Johor Bahru, Johor

#### Ulu Tiram

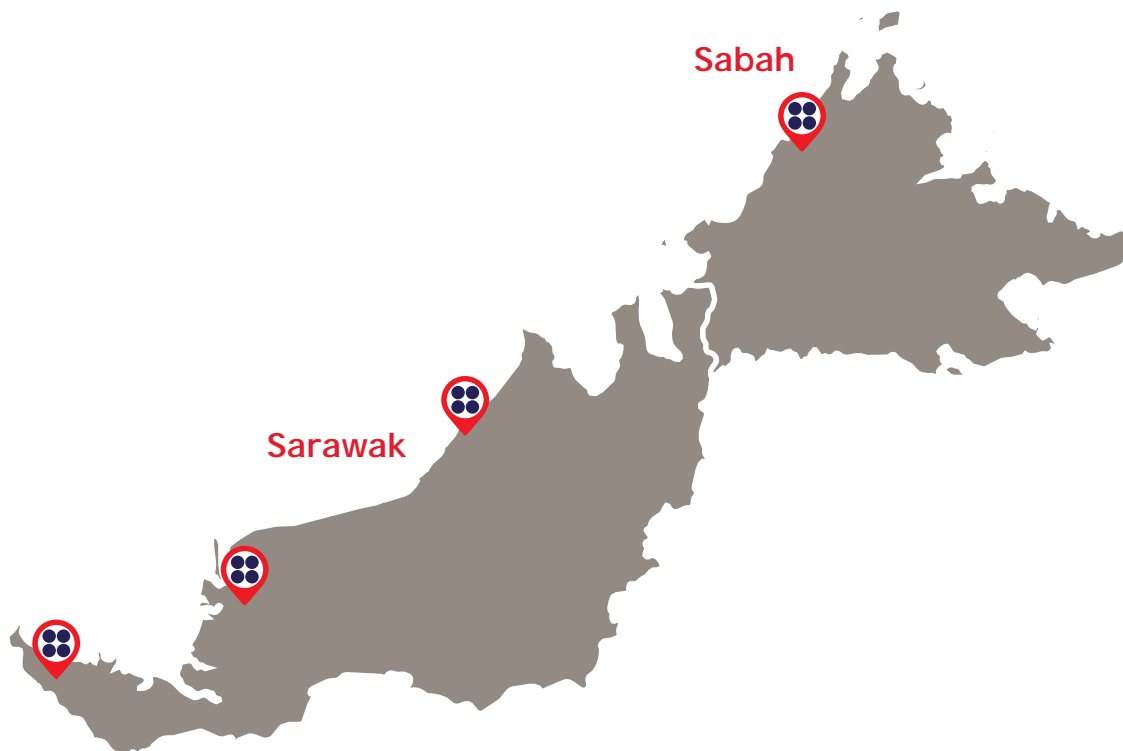
**SIMH Solution**  
No 43B, Jalan Sasa 6, Taman Gaya,  
81800 Ulu Tiram, Johor

#### Skudai

**Language Academy UTM**  
UTM Language Academy, Lab D, Ground  
Floor, Block D05, Universiti Teknologi  
Malaysia, 81310 UTM Johor Bahru, Johor

# Our test locations in Malaysia

## East Malaysia



### Sarawak

#### Kuching

**The Meeting Place**  
Sublot 6, Lot 10969, Jalan Song,  
93350 Kuching, Sarawak

#### Miri

**Rian Technology Institute Miri**  
Lot 1305, 3.5 Mile Riam Road,  
98000 Miri, Sarawak

#### Sibu

**Methodist Pilley Institute**  
P.O.Box 760, 96000 Sibu,  
Sarawak

### Sabah

#### Kota Kinabalu

**Tunku Abdul Rahman University of  
Management and Technology**  
No.1, Jalan Alamesra, Alamesra,  
88450 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Above test locations subject to change.

# Make your mark with British Council East Asia IELTS Prize

Every year, through British Council East Asia IELTS Prize, we award high-calibre individuals who demonstrate the potential to contribute to society what they have gained from their undergraduate or postgraduate study experience.

The IELTS Prize enables students to study any chosen course in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme of a higher institution that accepts IELTS as part of its admission requirements.

Take IELTS with the British Council and be the next IELTS Prize winners and win up to £5,000.

Learn more: <https://www.ieltsasia.org/my/ielts-prize>



**Cason Yong Kwan Xhen**  
**First Prize**  
Bachelor of Civil Law  
University of Oxford (UK)

“The British Council, who launched the IELTS Prize, has been an important source of inspiration for me. Its continued efforts in championing human rights via initiatives, such as ‘New Narratives’, aligned with my aspirations in becoming a family and human rights law barrister. Thus, I hope to use the IELTS Prize as a springboard for me to empower other youths from underrepresented backgrounds too.”



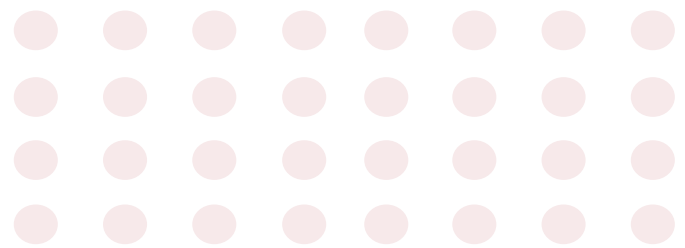
**Melody Chong Ai Ching**  
**Second Prize**  
Master in Psychology of Education  
University of Bristol (UK)

“IELTS Prize has demonstrated strong support to students who are eager to bring about change in their respective communities. As a special needs educator, my beliefs in inclusive education and creating opportunities for neurodiverse children are much aligned with IELTS Prize’s mission.”

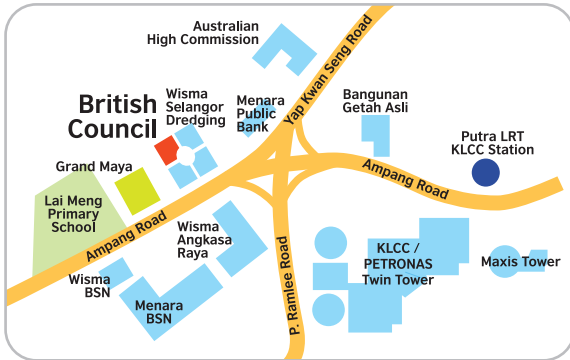


**Veena Logenthiran**  
**Third Prize**  
Medicine  
University of Dundee (UK)

“I like the concept that the IELTS prize is a genuine effort to inspire students like me from all around the world, rather than an overly commercialized scholarship with endless conditions.”



# Contact Us



## Kuala Lumpur British Council

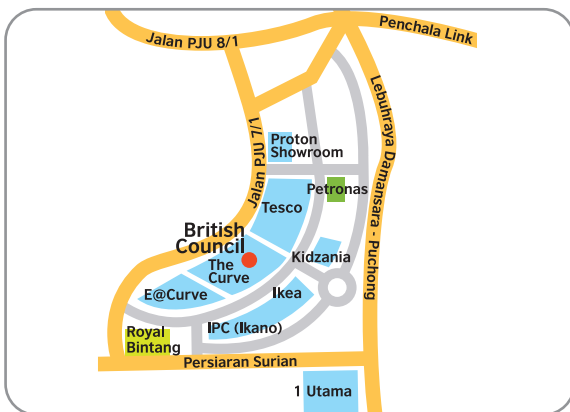
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cashless transactions preferred)  
10.00 am – 6.00 pm (enquiries &  
results collection)

Sundays:  
10.00 am – 4.30 pm (payments –  
cashless transactions preferred)  
10.00 am – 5.00 pm (enquiries &  
results collection)

Closed on Mondays and  
public holidays



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10.00 am – 6.00 pm (enquiries)

Closed on Mondays and  
public holidays



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Tuesdays to Saturdays:  
9.00 am – 5.00 pm  
(payments and enquiries)

Closed on Sundays, Mondays  
and public holidays

You can also register for the IELTS test at any of our British Council approved registration centres listed on our website. Please go to <https://www.britishcouncil.my/exam/ielts> for more information.

*All information is correct at the time of printing (May 2024) and subject to change without prior notice.*



**Scan here for IELTS test dates, fee and locations**