

All you need to know about UKVI IELTS



UKVI stands for United Kingdom Visa and Immigration, and the UKVI IELTS is backed by this department. This English proficiency test is apt for candidates who are applying for the following:

1. Tier 2 general work visa - innovator, start-up, or skilled worker
2. Tier 4 general student visa - any student
3. Tier 2 visa - Minister of Religion

UKVI IELTS tests are specifically designed to meet administrative requirements and criteria set by the UK home office, and have to be taken at a test centre approved by the UKVI. The main test is similar to a general IELTS examination, and has the same format, scoring, and difficulty level. Only difference is that the report showcases that the test has been taken at a test centre approved by UKVI.

Difference between General IELTS and UKVI IELTS:

Parameter	General IELTS	UKVI IELTS
Test report	Regular	Contains UKVI approved centre name
Mode of examination	Computer based	Computer based with extra security features
Examination fee	14,700 INR	16,250 INR
Band score	6.5 or more	6.0 or more
Eligibility	All non-English speaking countries	For study, work or migration