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IELTS ONE SKILL RETAKE – NEW OPTION AVAILABLE TO SOME IELTS TEST TAKERS

Introduction — Information for immigration staff advising of the One Skill Retake to allow test takers to retake one section of their IELTS test.

In 2015 Immigration New Zealand (INZ) expanded the number of English language tests recognised to include the International English Language Test System (IELTS) provider. This year, IELTS have introduced a *One Skill Retake* option for both their Academic and General Training tests.

The One Skill Retake allows test takers to retake one of the four sections (Listening, Reading, Writing, or Speaking) of their IELTS test within 60 days of the original test date. Only one section can be resat per test and is only available to test takers who sat the English language tests on a computer at one of the eligible IELTS test centres offshore or at one of New Zealand sites listed below:

- IDP IELTS Auckland
- Massey University – Auckland
- Massey University – Wellington

You can use this website to confirm eligible IELTS test centres offshore by entering the Country/Territory and City details: [IELTS | Test centres](#)

The format, timing, marking, and scoring procedures will remain unchanged. INZ is aligning with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), Australian Department of Home Affairs and United Kingdom Visa and Immigration to accept the One Skill Retake option as meeting the English language proficiency requirements for visa applicants.

The IELTS test report will clearly indicate the applicant has completed a One Skill Retake.

Original test date versus retake date

In cases where immigration instructions require an acceptable English language test result to have been taken within a certain period, the date of the *original test* (not the date of the One Skill Retake) is to be used for calculating the age of the IELTS document. It is noted that the date section located at the top of an IELTS report (which includes the score of a retake), will be the date of the original test.



The date that the retake was taken will be detailed in the Administrator comments box located at the bottom of the report.

Verification of retakes

A test report indicating that a One Skill Retake has occurred can also be verified using the IELTS results service. This report will clearly indicate the applicant has completed the One Skill Retake option under the relevant module section, along with the results and administrator comments.