# **Mapping TOEFL ITP scores** to the CEFR

This mapping study identified the minimum scores on the TOEFL ITP tests that correspond to the A2, B1, B2 and C1 levels of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). Minimum scores were identified separately for the Listening Comprehension, Structure and Written Expression, and Reading Comprehension sections.

Certificates are available in three levels as proof of achievement of English-language proficiency. Each level corresponds to a CEFR level: C1 (Gold certificate); B2 (Silver certificate); and B1 (Bronze certificate).

The table below presents the scaled cut scores for the TOEFL ITP Level 1 test:



| CEFR Levels   | TOTAL Minimum<br>TOEFL ITP Scores<br>Level 1<br>(310 to 677 pts.) | Listening<br>Comprehension | Structure<br>and Written<br>Expression | Reading<br>Comprehension |
|---|---|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>C1</b> Proficient User — Effective Operational Proficiency | 627   | 64                         | 64                                     | 63                       |
| <b>B2</b><br>Independent User —<br>Vantage                    | 543   | 54                         | 53                                     | 56                       |
| <b>B1</b><br>Independent User —<br>Threshold                  | 460   | 47                         | 43                                     | 48                       |
| <b>A2</b><br>Basic User — Waystage                            | 337   | 38                         | 32                                     | 31                       |

he cut scores represent the minimum scores needed to enter the CEFR levels. These recommendations are based on the results of mapping studies with ert panels and data analyses of test-taker scores

Can understand essential ideas and some difficult and abstract vocabulary in Can understand clearly reinforced implications and common language

Can connect information across utterances from different speakers in short vocabulary, can connect details and ideas to understand information that is In simple contexts, can sometimes select the appropriate verb tense and explicitly stated or implied. Can recognize appropriate ways to vary written sentences using appositives, participles and subordinate clauses, and can demonstrate awareness of acceptable variations on basic grammatical rules.

short academic lectures/conversations that require integration and synthesis. functions in short dialogues containing high-frequency vocabulary and Can understand ideas and detailed information in academic written texts, even common idiomatic expressions. Can understand simple process descriptions texts on abstract topics containing low-frequency vocabulary. Can monitor and narration in written texts containing high-frequency vocabulary. Can grammatical interactions among elements in complex written sentences. Can recognize appropriate uses of verbs in common tenses — including passive recognize less common grammatical forms, such as subjunctive mood and forms — as well as common linking verbs and expletives, such as "there is." Car reduced clauses, as well as necessary word choices not specified by general recognize the correct structure of a sentence or clause and the appropriate use of infinitives, gerunds and "that" clauses.

Can sometimes understand explicitly stated information in written texts and dialogues and can identify main ideas and details when reinforced in lectures short dialogues containing simple vocabulary. Can sometimes understand and longer conversations. In written texts containing high-frequency academic main ideas when they are strongly reinforced in texts and short oral exchanges correctly choose between singular and plural nouns.

Score descriptors by section are also made available to provide a better understanding of students' English-language proficiency. Visit www.ets.org/toeflitp/scoredescriptors

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The tests evaluate skills in three areas:

- Listening Comprehension: measures the ability to understand English, including short and long conversations and short talks or lectures.
- Structure and Written Expression: measures the ability to recognize standard written English.
- Reading Comprehension: measures the ability to read and understand short passages written in English at the university level.

Level 1— intermediate to advanced: 2 hours

| Section                          | Number of Questions | Admin. Time | Score Scale |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Listening Comprehension          | 50                  | 35 minutes  | 31–68       |
| Structure and Written Expression | 40                  | 25 minutes  | 31–68       |
| Reading Comprehension            | 50                  | 55 minutes  | 31–67       |
| Total                            | 140                 | 115 minutes | 310-677     |

### Level 2 — high beginning to intermediate: 1 hour and 10 minutes

| Section                          | Number of Questions | Admin. Time | Score Scale |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Listening Comprehension          | 30                  | 22 minutes  | 20-50       |
| Structure and Written Expression | 25                  | 17 minutes  | 20-50       |
| Reading and Vocabulary           | 40                  | 31 minutes  | 20–50       |
| Total                            | 95                  | 70 minutes  | 200-500     |

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