

Testing Information for EATO July 2008

If you are a student, professional, or institutional representative in need of testing services, The Educational Advising and Testing Office (EATO) can help you. EATO serves as representative of the [Educational Testing Service](#) (ETS) in Syria, and administers tests on behalf of other organizations as well.

Some of the tests that we administer include the following:

- **TOEFL** : English language proficiency for academic study
- **TSE**: The Test of Spoken English.
- **GRE**: General and Subject tests for graduate study
- **SAT**: Reasoning and Subject tests for undergraduate study
- **ITP**: (Institutional TOEFL) English language; ideal for institutions interested in academic proficiency
- **TOEIC**: English language; ideal for institutions interested in workplace proficiency

Other Tests Offered Outside of Syria

The USMLE, GED, GMAT, and CMA tests are not currently administered within Syria. They are available at centers where computer-based testing facilities are operating.

For information on the USMLE, visit the [ECFMG Web site](#).

For information on the GED, visit the [GED Testing Service](#).

For information on the GMAT, visit the [Graduate Management Admission Council](#)

For information on the CMA, visit the [Institute of Management Accountants](#).

DAMASCUS TESTING SCHEDULE for July-December 2008

TEST	TEST DATE
ITP	Friday, July 11, 2008
ITP	Friday, July 25, 2008
TOEIC	Saturday, July 26, 2008
ITP	Friday, August 8, 2008
TOEFL/TSE	Saturday August 16, 2008
ITP	Friday, August 22, 2008
TOEIC	Saturday August 23, 2008
ITP	Friday, September 12, 2008
ITP	Friday, September 26, 2008
TOEIC	Saturday, September 27, 2008
SAT	Saturday, October 4, 2008
ITP	Friday, October 10, 2008
TOEFL/TSE	Saturday, October 11, 2008
GRE SUBJECT	Saturday, October 18, 2008
ITP	Friday, October 24, 2008
GRE GENRAL	Saturday October 25, 2008
SAT	Saturday, November 1, 2008
ITP	Friday, November 7, 2008
TOEFL	Saturday, November 8, 2008
GRE SUBJECT	Saturday, November 8, 2008
ITP	Friday, November 21, 2008
TOEIC	Saturday, November 22, 2008
ITP	Friday, December 5, 2008
SAT	Saturday, December 6, 2008
ITP	Friday, December 19, 2008
TOEIC	Saturday, December 20, 2008

*ITP = Institutional TOEFL

Where to get a TOEFL bulletin?

The EATO office in Damascus maintains a supply of test bulletins with all pertinent information about the TOEFL, including the registration form. Information on the exam content and registration procedures is available at the [TOEFL Web site](#).

Where and when can I take the TOEFL?

The TOEFL exam is administered in a paper-based format in Syria at both the American Language Center in Damascus and the ICARDA International School in Aleppo.

If the below PBT test dates are not convenient for you , or you need to take the test sooner than the available PBT test dates, you can take the Internet Based Test (IBT) in neighboring countries (Jordan or Lebanon).

How do I register to take the TOEFL in Syria?

You can register online for the test. Test-takers need to have access to the internet and an international credit card to register for the paper-based test online at the [TOEFL Web site](#). The registration fee is \$150. Note that when you register at the web site, it is necessary to provide a postal address to which scores can be mailed from the United States.

Actual TOEFL Test Dates in Damascus and Aleppo	Online Registration Deadline Via Credit Card Only
Saturday August 16, 2008	Monday July 14, 2008
Saturday October 11, 2008	Monday September 8, 2008
Saturday November 8, 2008	Monday October 6, 2008
Saturday January 17, 2009	Monday December 8, 2008
Friday March 6, 2009	Monday February 2, 2009
Saturday May 9, 2009	Monday April 6, 2009

How do I prepare for the TOEFL?

It is important for you to be familiar with the kinds of questions asked on the TOEFL. There are several ways to prepare.

- Visit the [TOEFL Web site](#) to see sample questions and tests
- Purchase TOEFL preparation materials.
- Take TOEFL prep courses.

Delayed or Missing TOEFL Score Reports

Questions about any missing score reports should be directed to Educational Testing Service (ETS), the nonprofit organization that develops TOEFL and issues score reports. An e-mail sent to the ETS customer service address toefl@ets.org usually will receive a response in five to seven days. Test takers should wait at least eight weeks before contacting ETS about score reports. Score report problems are best avoided by careful preparation of the registration form.

What is the TOEIC test?

The Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) is a two-hour English language proficiency examination for people whose native language is not English. It includes 200 multiple-choice questions divided into two sections:

- Listening Section: 100 questions with audiocassette. Statements, questions, short conversations, and short talks in English are followed by questions. This section lasts approximately 45 minutes.
- Reading Section: 100 questions. You will read a variety of materials and respond at your own pace to questions about their content. This section takes about 75 minutes.

The TOEIC is designed to indicate how well people can communicate in English with others in the workplace. It does not require specialized knowledge or vocabulary beyond that of a person who uses English in everyday work activities. The TOEIC examinee handbook has further details on test content.

Information on the exam content is also available at the [TOEIC Web site](#).

Registration for ITP and TOEIC

The [ITP](#) examination is based on past editions of paper-based TOEFL tests and designed as an assessment and learning tool for intermediate and advanced students of English, while the [TOEIC](#) test measures English proficiency for the international workplace. Please contact the Educational Advising and Testing Office ([EATO](#)) in Damascus to register for an upcoming test or to set up a special administration.