

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST (ELPT)

The English Language Proficiency Test is used to assess whether applicants to the undergraduate degree programmes at the UWI Mona campus possess a satisfactory level of writing and reading proficiency in English for university academic purposes. Test results will be taken into consideration by individual faculties before offers of entry are made. Applicants who select a Mona faculty as a second choice are also required to sit this test. The results of applicants who pass the test will remain valid for a period of five years.

Exemptions

Applicants with the following qualifications are **NOT** required to sit the test:

1. Holders of any ONE of the following English Language qualifications:
 - ❖ Grade 1- Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) English 'A' examination
 - ❖ Grade 'A' in:
 - General Certificate of Examinations (GCE) O Level English Language Examination;
 - GCE A/O Level General Paper examination
 - ❖ Grades 1 or 2 - Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) Communication Studies.
 - ❖ Grade B+ or above in any of the following:
 - College English Skills I or II- College of Bahamas
 - Advanced Communication or Business Communication - University of Technology (UTECH)
 - Freshman Composition I or II- Northern Caribbean University (NCU).
 - English Composition - University College of the Caribbean (UCC)
 - College English II – The Mico University College
 - ❖ International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (academic test only). An overall score of at least 7 with scores of at least 6.5 in reading and listening and scores of at least 7 in writing and speaking is required.
 - ❖ Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). An overall score of 103 with scores of at least 23 in listening, 24 in reading, 28 in writing and 28 in speaking.

- ❖ The Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT). An overall score of 500 and above.
 - ❖ Advanced Placement English Language grade 3 and above.
2. Persons who are already holders of an undergraduate degree from the UWI or from a UWI approved university, and persons with a Grade A in a college English course from an approved university.
 3. Persons holding a UWI Certificate in Advanced Nursing Education and Administration OR a UWI Licentiate of Theology.
 4. Persons who have passed the UWI Mass Communications course 'Media & Language' (MC52A)
 5. Persons who successfully completed any ONE of the following UWI English Language courses within the last five years (i.e. 2005 onwards): UC010; UC10A; UC10B; UC10C; UC10D; UC10L; UC10H; UC120; FD10A; CM10A; CM10B; FD10C; FD10H.

Test Registration Procedure

1. Pay **\$2,000.00** at any National Commercial Bank. (Ask for the **PROFICIENCY TEST VOUCHER** at the bank.)
2. Register online at the website listed below by following the instructions. www.mona.uwi.edu/dllp/language/elptu/

IMPORTANT

Letters of confirmation, along with photographic identification, **MUST** be taken to the test centre on the day of the test.

The ONLINE REGISTRATION NUMBER on the Test Registration Form represents the Candidate's official Test Registration Number and should be written on the test script. Candidates will need this Number (which will be recorded on the receipt issued to them on completion of the test) in order to access their test results. (Should candidates lose their test receipt, they will be required to pay the administrative cost attached to verifying their test registration number.)

Test Format

- **Writing:**

Task One- Candidates will write a 300 word essay in which they will provide information and

ideas on a topic of general interest.

Task Two- Candidates will write 250-300 words describing numerical data contained in a table or in some form of graphical illustration.

- **Reading:**

Candidates will read one or more passages and answer alternative/multiple choice questions concerning any or all of the following: main idea/ secondary ideas; writer's attitude , tone, primary intention; literal and figurative meaning; explicit and implied meaning; organisational structure.

Test information pamphlets with more details on the test are available from:

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Faculty of Humanities and Education
The University of the West Indies, Mona
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Cost: J\$250.00- to be paid at the: National Commercial Bank
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