

Test time

Take TOEIC if applying for jobs in BPOs and multinationals worldwide

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Developed by Educational Testing Services (ETS), Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) has been set as a standard for evaluating reading, writing and speaking skills in English. While ETS also authorises and conducts TOEIC, it is also known for administering tests like the TOEFL, GRE and SAT. However, unlike TOEFL, which is required to get into foreign universities, TOEIC adds to your credibility while applying for jobs in BPOs and multinational companies worldwide.

In an attempt to introduce the



test in India, so that a standard could be set for English in the rapidly growing outsourcing sector, ETS has tied up with NIIT for conducting the test exclusively. The test will be conducted once a month and results will be available within a week after the test date. The total cost of the test is estimated at around Rs. 2495. "Results will be accompanied with a certificate that will be accepted in more than 9,000 companies across the globe including the United States, Europe, China, Korea and Japan," says Ashish Basu, President, New Business Incubation, NIIT.

The test, divided into two categories, includes listening, reading, writing and speaking. It is a 990 marks test and any score above 600 is considered good.