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English Language Proficiency Test

***PLEASE NOTE**

Due to the safety protocols regarding the COVID-19 global pandemic, the English Proficiency test offered by the Language Centre at Stellenbosch University will be conducted online.

What is the English Language Proficiency Test?

The Language proficiency test assesses the applicant's current English language ability across the skills of reading, writing, speaking, listening and grammar. This does not replace a TOEFL or IELTS score, however, is an indication of the applicant's English language ability that can be used by academic departments or prospective employers during the application process.

Who takes an English Language Proficiency Test?

Applicants who require proof of English language Proficiency for work, usually in English environments or in English-speaking countries, as well as applicants wanting to study in English who need to provide proof of their academic English proficiency. Although this test provides an indication of your English language proficiency, the final decision of acceptance to an academic department or for employment purposes will be at the discretion of the academic department and/or company.

What does the test include?

The test takes approximately 2 hours to complete and is administered online.

The test comprises of the following sections:

- A speaking section: a 5 minute 'question and answer' interview
- A listening section: a short listening clip is played twice with questions to be answered
- A grammar section: to be completed in 30 minutes
- A reading comprehension section: to be completed in 30 minutes
- A writing section: to be completed in 20 minutes

When can I write the test?

It can take at least a week to arrange a suitable test time, so please notify Shannon Bishop sbishop@sun.ac.za as soon as possible to make arrangements.

When will I receive my results?

Your assessments will be scored in line with the Common European Framework (CEFR) and you will receive a formal letter stating your English language proficiency within 48 hours.

What is the fee?

The cost of the language proficiency test is R500 and must be paid in advance of the test date. Proof of payment should be emailed to sbishop@sun.ac.za before the date of the test.

The bank details are below:

Account name: Stellenbosch University
Bank: Standard Bank
Account number: 073006955
Reference: (FULL NAME); CC R1577
Cost: R500