

# Relating PTE Academic Scores to other English Language Tests

Pearson has launched a comprehensive research program to further knowledge in the field of language assessment. The results of these and other initiatives are also being used to inform the development of Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic). In 2009, a concordance study will be available empirically relating PTE Academic scores with other major English language tests. This will be an additional measure by which score users can better understand what PTE Academic scores mean in terms of language ability and assist them with setting their minimum entry requirements.

It is accepted practice in the measurement community to create concordance tables that depict how a given score on a given test (for example PTE Academic) corresponds to a range of scores on comparable tests (for example TOEFL iBT and/or IELTS). Such tables would normally be based on concurrent administrations of the tests in the comparison to a substantial sample of test takers. However, from comprehensive field testing with over 10,000 test takers who reported their recent (<2 months) IELTS or TOEFL iBT scores, we are able to estimate an approximate concordance.

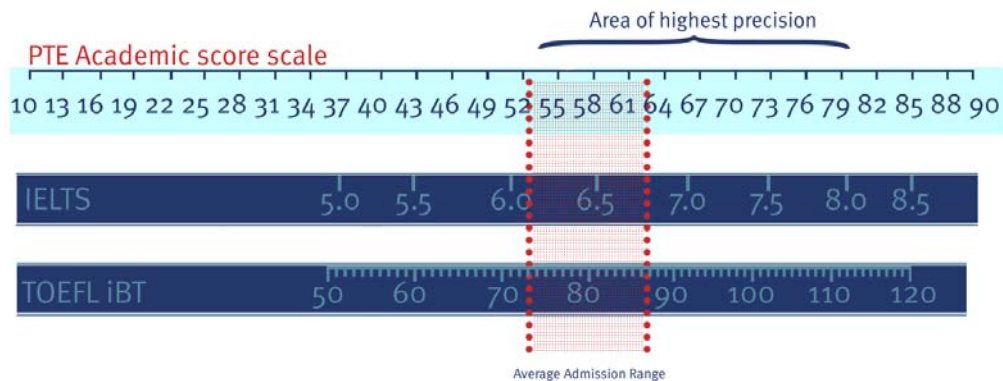


Figure 1: Preliminary estimate of concordance between PTE Academic, TOEFL iBT and IELTS

Figure 1 shows the relationship between the PTE Academic score scale and the TOEFL iBT and IELTS scales as estimated with currently available field test data. The typical admission range of scores accepted by academic institutions has been taken from the published requirements for university entry.

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