



SISM

English Proficiency Guide

Application Period:

8 - 26 September 2025

SISM English Language Requirement

| Programme/Year | Minimum *CEFR | Duolingo English Test Score |
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| YEAR 7 | B1 | 60 – 95 |
| YEAR 8 | B1+ | 96 – 99 |
| YEAR 9 | B2 | 100 – 125 |

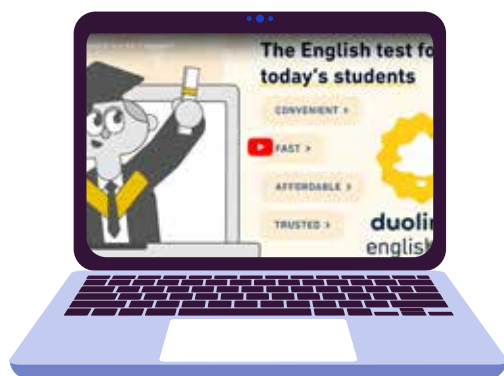
Note:

- All applicants are required to submit a **Duolingo English Test (DET)** score as part of the selection process.
- Higher English proficiency scores enhance readiness for our English-medium environment.

Applicants must arrange their registration and completion of the test online.

What is the Duolingo English Test?

The Duolingo English Test is an online proficiency test assessing reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. It provides an efficient alternative to traditional exams and is recognised by institutions globally, including Soka International School Malaysia.



The Duolingo English Test (DET) explained!

<https://youtu.be/TosTLRakr8U?si=ZyB7GdLKNTuqoW90>

Key Features of the Duolingo English Test (DET):

Accessible

Can be taken from home with a computer and a smartphone for secure recording.

Affordable

Fast Results

Available within 48 hours.

Secure

AI technology ensures a reliable testing environment.

Duolingo English Test Overview

The test consists of two main sections:

| Adaptive Test | Writing & Speaking Samples |
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| 45 minutes | 10 minutes |
| Dynamically adjusts question difficulty based on answers. | Assesses fluency and expressive ability through selected prompts. |

Test Components:

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| Reading Comprehension | Answer questions about short texts. |
| Listening Comprehension | Respond to audio clips. |
| Speaking | Describe images and answer prompts. |
| Writing | Write responses on various topics. |

How to Register for the Duolingo English Test?

- 1 Sign up at the Duolingo English Test website.
- 2 Purchase the Test



Additional Practice Resources

Practice Tests:

Available on [Duolingo's website](#). Taking these under real test conditions can improve confidence and readiness.

Language Learning Apps:

Platforms like [Duolingo](#), [Memrise](#), and [Quizlet](#) offer exercises for vocabulary, grammar, and listening skills.

Test overview with all question types
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zm29HOKVcYY>

Duolingo English Test Day Requirements

To take the test, You **MUST** have:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A valid passport, driver's license, or government-issued ID. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A reliable internet connection. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A computer with a front-facing camera, microphone, and speakers. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A quiet, private, and well-lit room. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A fully charged phone as a secondary camera. (a tablet is also acceptable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes of uninterrupted time. |

Which IDs are accepted for the Duolingo English Test?

- ☒ All IDs must be government-issued and meet the following criteria:
 - (i) Full legal name
 - (ii) Photo of your face
 - (iii) Country of Issuance
 - (iv) Full date of birth
 - (v) Valid expiration date
- ☒ You must present your physical ID. Photocopies and digital images are not accepted.
- ☒ Check what IDs are acceptable for your country and region at: <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/ids>.
- ☒ For Malaysian test takers, **MyKid cards are NOT acceptable** as it does not contain a photo of your face. In that case, please use a passport.



Sample of MyKid card.

Important Reminders for Test Day



If you break any of the rules of the Duolingo English Test, Duolingo reserves the right to **not certify your test results**, or to **invalidate any previously certified results, without providing a refund**. Depending on the extent of the violation, you may also be **permanently banned** from taking the Duolingo English Test again.

Test Security Policy:

Maintaining the integrity of the Duolingo English Test is essential to ensuring a fair admissions process. **Any breach of test security**—such as misconduct, use of unauthorised aids, or impersonation—**will result in immediate disqualification**.

Applicants permanently banned by the test provider will not be considered for admission.

Important Test Rules:

Read **all of the rules** for test-taking carefully so that your test will be secure and valid. The test will also remind you of the rules right before you start.

Selection of Primary Test Rules:



Take the test alone in a quiet room.
Do not let anyone be in the room with you.



Remove writing materials, paper, and books from your test area.



Place non-required devices (phones, tablets, smartwatches, etc.) in another room.



Set your phone (secondary camera) to "Do Not Disturb" mode.



Close all other browsers (Chrome, Microsoft Edge, etc), programmes and applications, including those running in the background.



Keep your face (ears, eyes, and mouth) visible and uncovered.



Do not take notes.



Do not wear headphones or earbuds.



Do not interact with anyone or leave the test area.



Keep your eyes on the screen while speaking.

These selected test rules represent the primary test rules. **For complete test rules**, visit <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/prepare/rules>

Helpful Links for the Duolingo English Test (DET):

- [What programs should I close before taking the Duolingo English Test?](#)
- [Using your phone to record your computer](#)
- [My computer screen was blank in my phone camera video. What happened?](#)
- [My test was cancelled because I left full screen. What happened?](#)
- [How can I make sure my test environment is secure?](#)
- [How can I maintain eye contact with the screen if I have to look down to type?](#)
- [Can I take notes during the test?](#)
- [Can I wear headphones or earbuds during the test?](#)

How to Setup Your Phone (Secondary Camera) for Test Day:



How to setup a secondary camera using your phone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUoD3HtkZco>

1.Set up phone with camera



2.Check the phone camera



Make sure your keyboard and computer screen are visible.

Submission of Scores to SISM

Results are available within 48 hours. Please send your scores directly to Soka International School, Malaysia through the Duolingo platform by selecting SISM from the list of institutions.

Here is a guide on: **"How do I send my Duolingo English Test results to institutions?"**

<https://testcenter.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010869252-How-do-I-send-my-Duolingo-English-Test-results-to-institutions>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Can my child retake the Duolingo English Test?

Yes. A three-day waiting period is required between attempts. Each attempt requires a separate payment unless a test bundle is used.

2. How long are Duolingo English Test results valid?

Results are valid for **two years**.

3. What if technical issues arise during the test?

Contact Duolingo's support team via the orange HELP button on your test account. Live chat support is available from Monday 00:00 a.m. UTC to Saturday 00:00 a.m. UTC.

- Email: englishtest@duolingo.com
- Support is available 24/7 for email queries.

4. What happens if a student does not meet the required score?

Applicants who score below the minimum may still be considered for admission. Retake the test and submit updated results by **10 June 2025**.

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For more details, visit the [SISM Admissions Process](#).



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