

CES Dublin coronavirus statement – January 2021

Context

Ireland is currently at level 5 in the Government's Plan for Living with COVID-19.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/resilience-recovery-2020-2021-plan-for-living-with-covid-19/>

Due to the seriousness of this situation, CES IELTS test centre will remain open solely for essential purposes. These include examinations for healthcare workers, those who require the examination for visa purposes, or who are unable to carry out their employment without an IELTS test.

Changes

To ensure the health and safety of our test takers we have implemented the following changes for the month of January to ensure safe testing:

- All paper tests in January are suspended.
- Only computer-delivered IELTS tests will be delivered as computer-delivered IELTS is more secure.
- The number of test takers will be strictly limited to ensure social distancing.

This is in addition to our existing protocols:

- All test stations are thoroughly cleaned before and after testing sessions.
- A strict face covering policy is in place.
- Hand sanitisation is required at multiple points through the test day journey.
- Screens are in place during the speaking component of the test.
- Test takers will be required to complete a health screening form prior to entering the testing venue.
- The test room will be ventilated at all times to minimise transmission risk.
- Candidate registration will be done individually.