

Comparing *TOEFL*[®] *Essentials*[™] Scores to *TOEFL iBT*[®] Scores and CEFR Levels

The *TOEFL*[®] *Essentials*[™] test and the *TOEFL iBT*[®] test can be used to meet English-language requirements for university admission decisions or other program requirements. Together, the two tests provide high-quality options for a wide range of applicants, potentially expanding your applicant pool.

The information in these tables is based on analysis of responses to test tasks by approximately 5,500 test takers who took the *TOEFL* Essentials field test in 2021. Details are provided in the [Design Framework for the *TOEFL*[®] *Essentials*[™] Test 2021](#).

Information in the tables is provided for guidance only. Institutions should consider factors relevant to their context and set requirements for *TOEFL* Essentials overall band scores and section band scores accordingly.

TOTAL SCORE COMPARISONS

CEFR level	<i>TOEFL</i> [®] <i>Essentials</i> [™] overall band score (1–12)	<i>TOEFL iBT</i> [®] total score (0–120)
C2	12	114–120
C1	10–11.5	95–113
B2	8–9.5	72–94
B1	5–7.5	42–71
A2	3–4.5	n/a
A1	2–2.5	n/a
Below A1	1–1.5	n/a

Note: The *TOEFL* Essentials overall band score is calculated as the average of the four section band scores. The overall band score ranges from 1 to 12 in increments of 0.5, rounded to the nearest whole or half band. The *TOEFL iBT* total score is calculated as the sum of the four section scores and it ranges from 0 to 120 in increments of 1.

SECTION SCORE COMPARISONS

LISTENING		
CEFR level	TOEFL® Essentials™ (1–12)	TOEFL iBT® (0–30)
C2	12	28–30
C1	10–11	22–27
B2	8–9	17–21
B1	5–7	9–16
A2	3–4	n/a
A1	2	n/a
Below A1	1	n/a

READING		
CEFR level	TOEFL® Essentials™ (1–12)	TOEFL iBT® (0–30)
C2	12	29–30
C1	10–11	24–28
B2	8–9	18–23
B1	5–7	4–17
A2	3–4	n/a
A1	2	n/a
Below A1	1	n/a

WRITING		
CEFR level	TOEFL® Essentials™ (1–12)	TOEFL iBT® (0–30)
C2	12	29–30
C1	10–11	24–28
B2	8–9	17–23
B1	5–7	13–16
A2	3–4	7–12
A1	2	n/a
Below A1	1	n/a

SPEAKING		
CEFR level	TOEFL® Essentials™ (1–12)	TOEFL iBT® (0–30)
C2	12	28–30
C1	10–11	25–27
B2	8–9	20–24
B1	5–7	16–19
A2	3–4	10–15
A1	2	n/a
Below A1	1	n/a

Section band scores range from 1 to 12, in increments of 1 (no half bands are reported).