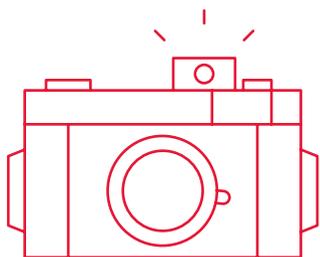


# Information about your photo and finger scan.



## Why we take your photo and may take your finger scan

As a security measure you may be asked to have your photo taken and a scan of one finger.

The IELTS test occurs over two test sessions:

- » listening, reading and writing in one session
- » speaking in a separate session.

Your identification document is checked at both test sessions and compared with your IELTS photo and scan if provided. This is a security measure to protect genuine candidates.

All IELTS registration data is securely stored for a period of three years. This allows an investigation if requested by the organisation which received your IELTS results.

The IELTS Test Partners store data in respect of privacy legislation in Australia, the UK and respective legislation in the countries where IELTS is offered.

## What we do with your registration data

If a finger scan has been taken the scan will be used to verify your registration details at the start of each test session.

We securely store finger scans as a binary code (a series of numbers). No image of your finger scan is stored and the data is kept securely in accordance with privacy legislation. Finger scan data will only be used by the IELTS Test Partners and will not be shared without your agreement unless this is specifically required by law.

The photo taken by the test centre will appear on your Test Report Form to show these results are genuine and belong to you.

This photo will be provided upon request to any organisation to allow them to verify the test results provided to them.

If you would like a copy of your finger scan it can only be provided as a Binary Large Object (BLOB) which appears as a series of numbers.

Request can be made to [ielts@idp.com](mailto:ielts@idp.com) or [ielts@britishcouncil.org](mailto:ielts@britishcouncil.org). An administrative fee may be charged for access to this information.

Your privacy is important to us:  
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