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GOOD NEWS ON PRICES

In keeping with our objective to provide you with six months notice of price changes in TOEIC products and services, we are pleased to advise that there are no price increases forecast. In fact some clients, testing in larger numbers, will receive the benefit of increased discounts and consequent lower unit pricing. This will mean better pricing for students and/or increased profitability for clients conducting testing for their students.

From 1 January 2007, discounts will increase for test groups larger than 25, and larger groups particularly will see the unit prices for testing fall significantly.

We have taken this step because of the relative stability in exchange rates, some economies of scale which have led to lower base Cou-

rier costs, and to recognise and reward those larger schools who have increased their testing either by promoting TOEIC or by integrating TOEIC into training as a regular part of ongoing assessment. This model seems increasingly popular, especially with Japanese students who appreciate regular quantitative assessment and feedback, to the extent that many students are looking for schools and Colleges which offer regular assessment, or assessment on demand.

On the negative side, Courier costs remain unpredictable because of fluctuating fuel and security surcharges. We will continue to negotiate the best possible rates without compromising delivery standards, but we do pass on all courier and delivery costs as incurred.

WWW.PRO-MATCH.COM/TOEIC

Our website was launched in Mid April, and since then it has been improving on a daily basis.

We now have a new page called "Latest News" which will contain all the latest articles on NEW TOEIC, TOEFL iBT, Criterion and much more. Please check out this section of our website on a regular basis for up to date articles and information.

We have also been adding links from our website to our Authorised TOEIC Test Centre's websites. A new school is added almost daily. You can see the schools that have linked from our website at www.pro-match.com/toEIC/att-centres.html We would like to say a very big

thank you to all the sites that are linked from our site. We appreciate the reciprocal links you have set up from your website back to us.

Our Criterion and TOEFL pages have been updated, and our TOEIC page gets updated with any new information on the new test.

If there is something you feel missing from our website please let us know.

Please also encourage your students to go to the website if they have any TOEIC questions.

So far we have had over 1000 visitors to our website since mid April 2006.

NEW TOEIC AUTHORISED TEST CENTRE LOGO

As many of you will know, there is a new logo for all Authorised TOEIC Test Centres to Display. Please ensure you are using the new logo in all publications and on your website by 1st September 2006. We are awaiting stickers to come from ETS. As soon as they arrive a sticker will be mailed to you to replace the Blue Logo you currently have.

New TOEIC
Logo



TFI TEST - TEST DE FRANCAIS

While the volumes of TFI are much lower than for TOEIC, please remember that this test of FRENCH for International Communication is available to you and your students.

The format, administration and processing of the Test is similar to TOEIC so there is little extra to learn in

terms of Test administration, and may offer another service to students studying French at your School. In addition, TOEIC Open Centres are free to publish and advertise that they offer a TFI testing service.

Sarah can provide more details so please contact her at sarah@pro-match.com

1 MONTH WAITING POLICY

It is ETS policy that 1 month should elapse between TOEIC tests, even when candidates are keen to have assessments more often. Even though using a different equated form of TOEIC minimises practice effect, it is still desirable to allow a break between sessions to ensure absolute fairness and equality in the treatment and comparison of Candidates. In exceptional circumstances Schools may request closer assessment for special purposes

but this has to be pre-arranged and results are for coaching and internal use only and individual score reports would not normally be issued.

To assist us in the process of monitoring the prescribed waiting period we are asking schools and all Proctors to ask Candidates at the time of registration if they have been tested within the last month. If they have, the school is required to inform the

student that they must wait until 1 month has elapsed before testing again. It is also recommended that this information be repeated before the test session begins. You will know the history of your own students, of course, but you will need to query new students who request to be tested immediately.

We appreciate your cooperation with this policy and more information will be sent to you.

TOEFL IBT LEARNING MATERIALS - TEST PREP GUIDE

The new TOEFL iBT Test was launched in Australia and New Zealand in May 2006.

Australian Test Centres:

Brisbane
Melbourne
Kensington (Sydney)
Sydney

New Zealand Test Centres:

Auckland
Dunedin

More Test Sites will be added to the list over time. To find out more

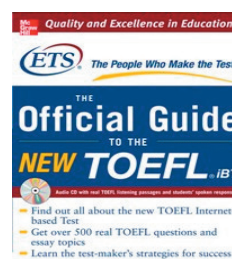
about TOEFL iBT Testing please go to the official TOEFL Website www.toefl.org

We are now stocking **"The Official Guide to the New TOEFL iBT"** which you can purchase from us. This book was designed by ETS, the makers of the TOEFL iBT Test, and published by McGraw-Hill.

You can purchase the book from us at the following price:

AUD \$49.95 plus postage
NZD \$58.95 plus postage

Please note that as an Authorised TOEIC Test Centre, we can provide discounting structures on the new TOEFL iBT books, as we do for all TOEIC Learning materials. Please refer to your price list, or contact Sarah for a copy - sarah@pro-match.com





TOEIC ANSWER SHEETS - PROTECTION



In our last newsletter we advised that it is extremely important to take care with the TOEIC Answer sheets. Especially when sending them back to us for scoring.

Often we receive Answer Sheets back in our office and they have bent edges, little tears, and some are in a rather poor condition. These problems can make scoring difficult as the scanner may not be able to run the Answer Sheet through which then requires manual scoring. Manual scoring is possible, but takes a lot of time which delays results.

To help reduce the amount of damage that occurs in transit, we will now be sending all answer sheets in a plastic sleeve to help protect them.

We ask that you please send all USED and UNUSED Answer Sheets back to us in the plastic sleeve we have provided.

As you know we also wrap all materials in bubble wrap. Please ensure you keep the bubble wrap when you receive your materials, and re-use it when sending everything

back to us.

By wrapping everything in bubble wrap, it keeps everything in one place so they don't float around inside the satchel or envelope used. It also gives even more protection to the Answer sheets to ensure they are in good condition to be put through our scanner for scoring.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation to try and protect the testing materials, particularly Answer Sheets, from damage. Thank you.



COLOURING IN THE ANSWER SHEET

Many students, in their haste to complete the TOEIC test and being under pressure, sometimes fail to colour in the circles on their answer sheet fully.

This can pose a problem with the scoring. At the top of the front page of the Answer sheet, it shows how to correctly colour in the circle. Students must colour in the circle 100% to ensure their answers are

scanned completely. If a student does not colour the circle completely, the scanner may not detect the mark in the answer sheet and the student will not receive a score for that answer.

While we correct all answer sheets which we notice are obviously completed improperly, we are unable to check individual sheets in detail, and students may be disadvan-

tagged accordingly.

It is also preferable that students use a 2B - 6B Pencil when colouring in their Answer sheet. 2B pencils are quite dark and this assists the scanner to recognise the circles that have an answer coloured in. Lighter pencils such as HB pencils are not recommended. Please advise your students before testing.

TOEIC SUPPLEMENT - TO BE USED DURING TEST

As you know, ETS supply a TOEIC Administration Procedures Booklet which outlines all the rules and regulations with running a testing session. This book includes instructions on how to set up the room, what to do if an incident occurs and much more.

ETS also supply a TOEIC Administration Supplement which has everything you need to run the testing session. The TOEIC Proctor/Administrator must use the Supplement when administering the test. The Supplement has all the information that needs to be read out to students, word for word, and also includes details on country codes and language codes.

It is very important that the TOEIC Proctor uses this Supplement in every testing session, removing any need for a Proctor to open a copy of the Test itself. We have supplied a copy of the new TOEIC Supplement for all orders received from April onwards.

If you require a copy of the TOEIC Supplement or would like an extra copy for your staff, please contact Sarah.

It is imperative that the Supplement be used during the test session, so please ask for a copy if you do not have one.



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IMPORTANT POINTS & INTERESTING FACTS

* The New TOEIC Test will not be available in Australia and New Zealand, or the rest of the world, until 2007. It will remain as paper and pencil for the Listening and Reading Sections. Speaking and Writing will be completed through the computer.

* Please remember that students are not allowed to write in the test booklet. This includes underlining, highlighting, circling as well as written notes. Cancellation of scores can occur if this rule is breached.

* We support TOEFL iBT as far as learning materials, however we are not able to take test bookings or advise test locations or dates. You must go to www.toefl.org or go to our website which links to the TOEFL website.

TOEIC Statistics - 1st April - 30th June 2006

- * 2022 people took the TOEIC Test in Australia and New Zealand.
- * There were 156 Test Sessions held in that time
- * 48 Test sessions in NZ, and 108 Test sessions in Australia
- * April 54 Test Sessions, May 52 Test Sessions, June 50 Test Sessions
- * 26th May was the most popular test date over the 3 month period
- * The highest number of people tested in one session was 294 for Australia & 127 for NZ.

Quote of the Quarter -

"Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; its when you had everything to do, and you've done it."

[Margaret Thatcher](#)

Fact -

"The average person falls asleep in seven minutes."

www.geocities.com

This Months Funny English - From a new ESL Student in Class:

"Last night, when I ate dinner I started joking. My friend hit my back very hard until I stopped. I was so lucky he was there!"

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