

Test name	TOEFL PBT Writing	TOEFL CBT Writing	TOEFL PBT Reading	TOEFL CBT Reading	TOEFL PBT Listening	TOEFL CBT Listening	TOEFL PBT Structure	TOEFL CBT Structure	TOEFL PBT Sum	TOEFL CBT Sum
minimum score	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	0
maximum score	6	6	67	30	68	30	68	30	677	300
Research	CEF benchmarking study (R.Tannenbaum and E.C.Wylie, 2004)									
	Suggested CEF cut-off scores									
C1	5.5	5.5	56	22	56	22	56	23	560	220
B2									510	180
B1	4.5	4.5	46	13	46	12	45	14	460	140

Please bear in mind that any score should be interpreted with the following guidelines in mind:

1. Test scores should always be used along with other sources of information such as course grades, letters of recommendation, personal statements, samples of academic work, or professional experience.
2. A cut-off score should not be used as the sole criterion for denying admission.
3. Decisions about applicants should not be based on small score differences, due to inherent uncertainty in all forms of measurement.
4. Test scores should not simply be added together; the sub-scores should be treated as separate pieces of information.
5. Departments using a given score should conduct a validity study within their institution to determine the relationship of different score levels to success in their programme.

When interpreting scores, please also bear in mind the standard error of measurement (SEM) of the TOEFL score. This is the statistical chance that the measured score may vary from the true ability of the student. For TOEFL CBT, the SEM is 12.8 points.