

GEPT & BESTEP

Reliable English Proficiency Tests Perfect for University Admissions

Enhance your admissions process with the GEPT and BESTEP now! The majority of students in Taiwan rely on the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) and the BEST Test of English Proficiency (BESTEP) for academic admissions. Both tests were developed and are administered by the Language Training and Testing Center (LTTC) in Taiwan and are accepted by top universities all over the world. Both the GEPT and BESTEP received government support and funding throughout their development and offer reliable evaluations to meet the needs of admissions offices everywhere.

Why Choose the GEPT and BESTEP for University Admissions?

Both provide highly accurate measures of English proficiency

- ✦ Offer a clear assessment of students' English language ability.
- ✦ Have been validated by extensive research. View related papers and studies via the QR code on the right.



Both are comprehensive

- ✦ Cover all essential language skills.
- ✦ Align with CEFR standards, ensuring international compatibility.

Both are widely accepted

- ✦ Among the most popular English language proficiency tests in Taiwan.
- ✦ Recognized by schools, universities, private companies, and professional bodies worldwide.



GEPT General English Proficiency Test

- ◆ Launched by the LTTC in 2000.
- ◆ Taken by more than 9 million people to date.
- ◆ Corresponds to Taiwan's English education framework.
- ◆ Accepted by more than 80 universities worldwide.



BESTEP BEST Test of English Proficiency

- ◆ Launched by the LTTC in 2023.
- ◆ Enhances English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and communication skills.
- ◆ Encourages the positive interactions of assessment, teaching, and learning.
- ◆ Gaining increased recognition locally and globally.



The LTTC has always been highly regarded for its cutting-edge innovation in advancing English education and elevating the standard of English in Taiwan. It does so through its high-quality assessment services including the GEPT and BESTEP, and facilitation of exchanges with global partners and educational institutions. In this way, the LTTC has not only greatly benefited learners in Taiwan, but also played a pivotal role in fostering the internationalization of higher education.

–Professor Wen-Chang Chen, Chairperson of the LTTC Board of Directors



Comparison of the GEPT & BESTEP

	GEPT	BESTEP
Skills Covered	Listening, speaking, reading, and writing in everyday situations	Listening, speaking, reading, and writing in academic settings
CEFR Alignment	CEFR A to C	CEFR A to C
Target Test-takers	For English learners of all ages at all levels	Designed specifically for tertiary-level students
Purposes & Uses of Scores	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University admissions 2. Study abroad programs 3. Class placement 4. Eligibility for civil service and bilingual teacher recruitment 5. Private company employment 	In addition to the five uses listed for the GEPT, BESTEP also supports the Ministry of Education's BEST Program and serves as a performance indicator for universities participating in the program.

*The BEST Program aims to enhance the global competitiveness of Taiwan's higher education.



In support of Taiwan's bilingual education initiative, the Ministry of Education (MOE) supports the Language Training and Testing Center (LTTC) to develop BESTEP, an assessment centered on English for Academic Purposes (EAP) assessment and designed to support university students' academic success and long-term professional development. Aligned with the CEFR, BESTEP assesses students' comprehension and communicative competence in authentic academic contexts. Increasingly recognized by higher education institutions both in Taiwan and internationally, BESTEP has become a key credential for student exchange programs, advanced studies, and the demonstration of academic and professional English proficiency.

–Po-Chiao LIN, Chief Secretary of the Ministry of Education



Empower your admissions process with

GEPT & BESTEP

The GEPT and BESTEP provide a highly accurate understanding of Taiwanese applicants' English proficiency. Both are ideal additions to your institution's enrollment requirements. GEPT and BESTEP scores can integrate seamlessly into your admissions criteria. Please see the table below for score equivalence.

CEFR and Language Test Score Equivalence Table

CEFR	A2/A2+	B1/B1+	B2/B2+	C1
BESTEP	LR 80-139 SW 300-455	LR 140-199 SW 460-555	LR 200-259 SW 560-655	LR 260-280 SW 660-720
GEPT	Elementary	Intermediate	High-Intermediate	Advanced
IELTS	-----	4-5	5.5-6.5	7-8
TOEFL iBT	-----	42-71	72-94	95-113

*This table is based on rigorous GEPT- and BESTEP-CEFR linking studies. Please visit www.lttc.ntu.edu.tw/en/Cooperative_Research_Reports for more details.

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