

An English Test Specifically for Screening Interns

Internships are learning opportunities, and naturally, many interns are in the process of learning English. It can be difficult for agencies and companies to know if prospective interns have the basic English language skills necessary to succeed in the internship role they are seeking.

The iTEP Intern Test is used by agencies that process J-1 Visa applicants to streamline and quantify their process. It is also used by private companies and recruiters as a preliminary filter to determine which applicants are worth pursuing further.

Assessing the English Skills Needed to Get Started in Business

iTEP Intern assesses speaking and listening skills using content specific to a workplace environment. The test challenges prospective interns to demonstrate that they are capable of communicating verbally in English. iTEP Intern helps determine if an applicant can effectively receive instructions and perform communication-related tasks such as answering phones, delivering messages, and participating in meetings.

Thousands of interns enter the US on J-1 Visas each year, and they are placed in positions by a wide variety of organizations. Agencies that use iTEP Intern to qualify applicants can assure their clients that the interns they place have the necessary level of English ability.

In order to make assessing large numbers of candidates feasible, iTEP Intern can be administered on almost any office computer in 30 minutes and scores are available within 5 business days (sooner in most cases). The test can also be administered at hundreds of Certified iTEP Test Centers around the world. iTEP Intern is the only English test created specifically to qualify interns, and our primary goal is to serve J-1 Visa agencies and companies conveniently and effectively.

iTEP Intern test has two sections – listening and speaking – presented in the order listed below. Please note that in both sections, examinees will encounter content and questions targeted at varying levels of proficiency.

In what form are test results provided?

The <u>Official iTEP Intern Score Report</u> shows the test-taker's overall level (from 0-Beginner to 6-Mastery), as well as levels attained on both of iTEP Intern's two sections (listening and speaking), and subskills for the listening section. Results are presented in both tabular and graphical formats.

How are iTEP's Intern's levels interpreted?

iTEP Intern levels range from 0 (beginner) to 6 (mastery) and are expressed in .1 increments (e.g. 2.1, 2.1, 2.3, etc.). To get a rough idea of how well an individual can use English to communicate in the "real world" at each of iTEP Intern's six levels (and how they compare to CEFR levels), please refer to the <u>iTEP Business Ability Guide</u>. While this test contains additional sections that iTEP Intern does not, and includes different content within the questions, the logic for determining levels is the same.

iTEP SLATE is administered in M7 Test Center - Certified iTEP Test Centers in Macedonia. It can always be scheduled **on-demand**. Test-takers must contact us to <u>schedule a test</u>.

