

## **Certification of English Language Fluency**

Pennsylvania state law requires that an international teaching assistant (ITA) must be certified in spoken English prior to the beginning of the semester in which he/she will teach. At Temple University, certification requires 1) passing a standardized examination and then 2) appearing before a University Panel to confirm certification.

### **Standardized Examinations**

You must meet the formal examination requirement in one of the following ways:

1. Pass the Test of Spoken English (TSE) with a score of 45 or higher. The TSE is administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Details are described at <http://www.toefl.org/>. Please note that scores are not mailed until five weeks after the test is taken. The test may be taken in one of two locations:
  - a) In your home country in time to have original scores **received** by the Graduate School, Temple University, at least four weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which you plan to teach.
  - b) In Philadelphia in time to have original scores **received** by the Graduate School, Temple University at least four weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which you plan to teach. Please note that the TSE is offered in Philadelphia only one Saturday per month.
2. Pass the SPEAK Test administered by Temple University with a score of 45 or higher. To do this, you must arrive at least four weeks before the semester begins and reserve a time and test date with the Temple University International Teaching Assistants (ITA) Office. Details are available at <http://www.temple.edu/ita/>.

### **Internal Certification**

An ITA who has passed the TSE or SPEAK Test must register to appear before a Temple University panel for an interview. The Panel includes a representative of the school/college in which you will teach and a representative from the Office of the Provost. These officials will confirm that your tests are valid and that you are prepared to instruct undergraduates at Temple University.

Students who are not certified to teach are required to enroll in a course given by the International Teaching Assistant Program (ITAP) and required to pass Education 10.

**\*\*Current Testing and Reporting Schedule in the United States and Canada**

<b>Test Date<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Registration Deadline Date<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Score Report Mailing Date<sup>(3)</sup></b>
July 14, 2001	June 11, 2001	August 15, 2001
August 25, 2001	July 23, 2001	September 26, 2001
September 15, 2001	August 13, 2001	October 17, 2001
October 20, 2001	September 17, 2001	November 21, 2001
November 17, 2001	October 15, 2001	December 19, 2001
December 14, 2001	November 19, 2001	January 16, 2002
January 19, 2002	December 17, 2001	February 20, 2002
February 16, 2002	January 14, 2002	March 20, 2002
March 15, 2002	February 11, 2002	April 17, 2002
April 20, 2002	March 18, 2002	May 22, 2002
May 11, 2002	April 8, 2002	June 12, 2002
June 7, 2002	May 6, 2002	July 10, 2002

The registration fee for the Test of Spoken English through June 2002 is US\$125.

- (1) Not all test centers are open on all dates. Check the **2001-02 Information Bulletin for the Test of Spoken English** for the center of your choice.
- (2) This is the date when your registration form must be received by the TSE registration office in Princeton, NJ, USA. Many test centers fill up quickly. To ensure the center of your choice has space for you, register early. To register for one of the above test dates, you **must** use the registration form in the 2001-02 Information Bulletin.
- (3) [Score reports](#) will be mailed approximately four weeks after the day of the test. Under no circumstances can score reports be **mailed** any earlier.

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**Testing and Reporting Schedule Outside the United States and Canada**

Test Date <sup>(1)</sup>	Registration Deadline Date <sup>(2)</sup>	Score Report Mailing Date <sup>(3)</sup>
July 14, 2001	May 28, 2001	August 22, 2001
August 25, 2001	July 9, 2001	October 3, 2001
September 15, 2001	July 30, 2001	October 24, 2001
October 20, 2001	September 3, 2001	November 28, 2001
November 17, 2001	October 1, 2001	December 21, 2001
December 14, 2001	November 5, 2001	January 23, 2002
January 19, 2002	December 3, 2001	February 27, 2002
February 16, 2002	December 31, 2001	March 27, 2002
March 15, 2002	January 28, 2002	April 24, 2002
April 20, 2002	March 4, 2002	May 29, 2002
May 11, 2002	March 25, 2002	June 19, 2002
June 7, 2002	April 22, 2001	July 17, 2002

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- (1) Not all test centers are open on all dates. Check the **Information Bulletin for the Test of Spoken English** for the center of your choice.
- (2) This is the date when your registration form must be received by the TSE office for your country or area. Many test centers fill up quickly. To ensure the center of your choice has space for you, register early. To register for one of the above test dates, you **must** use the registration form in the 2001-02 Information Bulletin.
- (3) [Score reports](#) will be mailed approximately five weeks after the day of the test. Under no circumstances can score reports be **mailed** any earlier.

(Offered in Philadelphia in January, February, April, May, July, August, September, October, and November.)

\*\*From TOEFL/TSE website (<http://www.toefl.org/>)

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