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Pearson PTE launches Secure English Language Testing in Johannesburg, South Africa

Johannesburg, August, 20th, 2021: In August, Pearson-the world's learning company, announced the launch of its PTE Secure English Language Test (SELT) at Language Testing Centre, 59 Linksfield Road, Dowerglen, Gauteng. These tests have been approved by the UK Home Office and are used for UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) purposes.

Christopher Bothma, Director at Pearson Africa said: "Taking PTE is a seamless online experience. From booking a test up to 24 hours in advance to sitting the exam in 3 hours and getting your results back on average within 2 days. Most importantly it is a true reflection of one's language ability and we are excited that people in South Africa can now take PTE to help them come to the UK to live, work or study."

Tests are delivered through the Pearson VUE test center network. Pearson VUE's network of test centers have implemented proactive health and safety measures including, but not limited to, readily available hand sanitiser, increased sanitisation in high touch areas, and disinfected testing workstations (completed between each test-taker) to support the safety of testing candidates and staff. Face masks are required at all Pearson VUE test centers.

This new location brings Pearson's worldwide total of UKVI approved locations to over 190. Pearson's SELT tests are focused on immigration and study requirements and the details are as follows:

- PTE Academic (UKVI) – a four-skills language test accepted for work and study visas. It tests Speaking, Writing, Reading and Listening skills.
- PTE Home – a two-skills language test accepted for family, settlement, citizenship applications as well as Sports person and Representative of an Overseas Business applications. It tests Speaking and Listening skills.

PTE Academic is one of the fastest-growing products in Pearson and is a strategic growth priority for the company, posting 17% growth in test volumes in 2019, before the pandemic. The test is already accepted by the UK, Australian, and New Zealand Governments for all visa applications. It is also accepted by 100% of Australian, New Zealand, and Irish universities and 99% of UK universities.

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2. More information on PTE can be found at <https://pearsonpte.com/>
3. PTE Home is a new, computer-based English test that supports individuals, families, and communities wishing to live, work or stay in the UK on their journey from arrival to settlement. Results are typically available within 48 hours, reducing the stress that can be associated with a long wait for results.
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5. Pearson VUE continues to monitor the situation and make decisions about test center operations in accordance with government and local authorities. Please check this page for frequent updates: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update>
6. Under the UK Home Office commercial agreements Pearson will deliver a) SELT tests for those already in the UK, b) SELT tests for those in the rest of the world.
7. For more information on the UK Home Office Visa and Immigration process as well as the other test providers, click [here](#).