

Announcement About Online English Proficiency Exam

As YÖK announced on 11.05.2020 that universities are to end their semester online; meaning that exams will also have to be administered online.

<https://www.yok.gov.tr/Sayfalar/Haberler/2020/yok-ten-sinavlara-iliskin-karar.aspx>).

Following this announcement, the METU Rectorate has confirmed that the English Proficiency Exam (EPE) will be administered online.

Date of the online EPE:

June 2020 EPE (originally scheduled for June, 2nd) will be administered online in mid-July. This is because we would like to give our students the opportunity to do more EPE related practice. Thus, we have designed a “three-week intensive online program” (hybrid-synchronous & asynchronous sessions) and are planning to administer the EPE after this program is completed (2nd or 3rd week of July). You will be further informed about the details regarding this “intensive three-week online program”. Please make sure to follow institutional announcements and emails.

Sections and Duration of the online EPE:

SECTION 1: Listening (approximately 30 mins)

SECTION 2: Reading (approximately 45 mins)

SECTION 3: Vocabulary (approximately 5 mins)

SECTION 4: Writing (approximately 25 mins)

The Performance Task and Search Reading have been omitted in order to avoid possible disruptions and minimize technology related risks during the test.

Minimum technical requirements for the Online EPE

The following is an initial/ tentative list of the requirements:

- i) A computer connected to the internet* with a running operating system of Windows 7 and above. (You won't be able to take the test on a cell-phone)
- ii) A Webcam (if not available on the computer/laptop)
- ii) Safe Exam Browser (this is available for free of charge at https://safeexambrowser.org/download_en.html#Windows) (Make sure you have this installed and working before the exam day.)
- iv) A cell phone with internet connection and a working camera

*It is advisable to have a reliable broadband connection.

Please bear in mind that we are still discussing how to improve the safety of our exam, and thus, the information above is shared at this point only to give you a general idea of the exam. These requirements may be updated. The exact list will be announced soon. The School of Foreign Languages

will reach out to our students and make a list of those who are unable to fulfill the technical requirements and inform the rectorate accordingly to consider possible options.

Details presented herein are subject to change for reasons that are beyond our control. You will be informed of any change in due time.