

From Monday there is no paper test. You also lose eight minutes.

从周一起没有纸笔考试了 —— 你还少了八分钟

What actually changes on the day, what does not change at all, and what to do before you sit

Everyone has posted the date. Almost nobody has posted the change that actually costs you marks: on paper you got **ten minutes** to transfer your Listening answers. On computer you get **two minutes** to check them. That is not a smaller version of the same thing — it is a different task.

日期大家都发了，但真正会让你丢分的那条变化几乎没人提：纸笔考试结束时，你有 10 分钟把听力答案誊写到答题卡上；机考只有 2 分钟检查。这不是同一件事的缩短版，而是另一件事。

1 Ten minutes to write. Two minutes to look. 十分钟用来写，两分钟只够看

ON PAPER · 纸笔考试

10 min

“ten minutes to transfer your answers from the question booklet to the answer sheet”

「考试结束时，您将有 10 分钟将答案誊写到答题卡上」

ON COMPUTER · 机考

2 min

“only **two minutes** to check your answers” — no transfer, because your answers are already entered.

只有 2 分钟检查答案。不需要誊写 —— 答案已经在系统里了。

Source. Both figures are stated by the British Council (IELTS on paper vs computer). The Chinese wording for the paper transfer time is on chinaielts.org — 学术类听力。

Why those ten minutes mattered

那十分钟的真正作用

On paper, most candidates were not really transferring. They were *repairing* — fixing spelling, deciding between two words they had scribbled, converting a rushed abbreviation into a real answer, filling three gaps they had left blank. The answer sheet was where the paper got finished.

纸笔考试里，多数人那十分钟是在修补：改拼写、在草草写下的两个词里做选择、把缩写还原、补上留空的题。答题卡才是这份卷子真正完成的地方。

On computer there is no repair stage

机考没有修补阶段

What you typed during the recording is what is marked. Two minutes is enough to scan for blanks and obvious slips. It is not enough to rethink a spelling in thirty answers.

录音播放时敲进去的就是最终答案。两分钟够扫一遍空题和明显错误，不够把三十道题的拼写重新想一遍。

The practical consequence

实际后果

Accuracy has moved earlier. It now has to happen **while you are listening**, not afterwards. If your Listening practice has always involved a tidy-up at the end, you have been practising a test that no longer exists.

准确性的时间点提前了：必须发生在你听的同时。如果你一直「听完再整理」，那你练的是一场已经不存在的考试。

2 Before you panic: the test did not change 先别慌：考试本身没变

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“You are taking the same test, with the same marking criteria, content, task types and test report.”

Same criteria. Same content. Same task types. Same Test Report Form. The delivery changed; the exam did not.

同一场考试，同样的评分标准、内容、题型与成绩单。变的是形式，不是考试。

UNCHANGED The four criteria for Writing and Speaking

写作与口语的四项评分标准

Identical. Nothing about how you are marked has moved.

UNCHANGED The Speaking test

口语考试

Still with a certified examiner — face to face, or on a secure video platform. The official Chinese page states the timings of every part of the video-call Speaking test are exactly identical to the face-to-face test.

UNCHANGED The raw-score conversion

原始分对照

Listening and Reading are still 40 questions, one mark each, converted the same way.

UNCHANGED What the Test Report Form is worth

成绩单的效力

The same report, accepted the same way. A computer-delivered result is not a lesser result.

3 Four more things that are genuinely different 另外四件确实不一样的事

FASTER Results in 3-5 days instead of 13

出分 3-5 天，不再是 13 天

chinaielts.org states 机考成绩通常在考后 3-5 天内公布。The British Council gives 13 days for paper. If you are working to an application deadline, that is nine days back in your pocket — and it changes whether a retake is even possible before the deadline.

MORE DATES Several sessions a week, several a day

一周多天，一天多场

The official wording is 提供更多日期选择，一周多天，一天多场 — against paper tests that were Saturdays only. More chances to sit, and less reason to panic-book the first available seat.

WATCH THIS Registration closes 3 days before the test

考前 3 日截止报名

机考为考前 3 日截止报名。Shorter than you may be used to. It cuts both ways: you can decide late, but you cannot decide very late. Put the cut-off in your calendar, not the test date.

TYPING Writing has an automatic word counter

写作自动计算字数

No more counting lines and estimating. The number is on screen. That removes an old anxiety — and removes an old excuse.

Already gone, if you are taking UKVI. IELTS for UKVI in mainland China stopped paper on **1 July 2026** — two months before the general test. Official wording: 用于英国签证及移民的雅思考试（IELTS for UKVI）将于7月1日起停止纸笔考试。

4 If you are sitting in September 如果你九月要考

1 Practise Listening with no tidy-up 练听力时，不留整理时间	Do a full Listening section and stop at two minutes. No ten-minute repair. You will find out immediately which of your answers were actually finished and which were relying on a stage that no longer exists. 完整做一套听力，结束后只给自己两分钟。你会立刻发现哪些答案是真的写完了。
2 Type your practice Writing 写作用键盘练	If you have been handwriting practice essays, your speed, your paragraphing and your error pattern are all about to change. Type at least two full Task 2s before test day. 一直手写练习的话，速度、分段与常犯错误都会变。考前至少用键盘完整写两篇大作文。
3 Diary the registration cut-off, not the test date 记截止日，不是考试日	Three days before. Put that date in your phone. Confirm the current arrangements on the official site before you rely on any of it. 考前三日截止。把这个日期存进手机，并以官网当时的说明为准。
4 Try the official familiarisation material 先熟悉界面	Sit down in front of the actual interface once before you sit in front of it for real. The unfamiliarity is worth twenty minutes now rather than four minutes of the test itself. 这份陌生感，现在花二十分钟解决，好过在考场上花掉四分钟。

5 Method note 编制方法说明

Quoted	The two-minute and ten-minute figures, the results turnaround, the availability comparison and the equivalence sentence are quoted from the British Council. The 1 September and 1 July dates, the 3-5 day result window, the session availability and the three-day registration cut-off are quoted from chinaielts.org. The Chinese wording for the paper transfer time is from the official Chinese Listening page.
Arrangements change	Dates, cut-offs and availability are exactly the kind of thing that gets revised. Everything here was checked against the official pages on the date of writing. Confirm at source before you book or plan around any of it — if a source page has changed, the source wins.
Opinion	That the ten minutes were a repair stage rather than a transfer stage, and that practising with a tidy-up trains a test that no longer exists, are my views from teaching in Beijing. Neither is a measured finding.
Not covered	I have not detailed what may be taken into the test room, because arrangements vary by centre and I could not verify a single national statement. Ask your centre.
No promises	No band score is promised anywhere in this briefing.
Credentials	Certified by IDP Education in Understanding the Assessment Criteria for both Speaking and Writing (2026). IDP is one of the three organisations that jointly own IELTS. This is a teacher-training certificate — IELTS has not endorsed this briefing, the books, or the classes.

Sources. chinaielts.org — 雅思考试纸笔退市 · 2026 年 7-9 月考场公布; British Council — IELTS on paper vs computer: which is best for me?; chinaielts.org — 学术类听力; chinaielts.org — 考试当日流程. The full briefing with live links is at deencoxielts.com/september-1.html.
完整简报与所有来源链接见 deencoxielts.com/september-1.html。安排可能调整，报名前请以官网为准。