

IELTS™ at inlingua® Washington DC

Inclement Weather Policy

When scheduling an IELTS exam, candidates should make necessary arrangements to arrive at the test center on time, regardless of traffic and weather conditions that can be reasonably expected for a busy urban and metropolitan area in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

During the winter months, snow, ice, blizzards, extremely low temperatures and wind chill, as well as other factors can be reasonably expected from time to time and can make travel difficult. Some candidates choose to arrive the night before and book a hotel room near the test location when traveling from out of town.

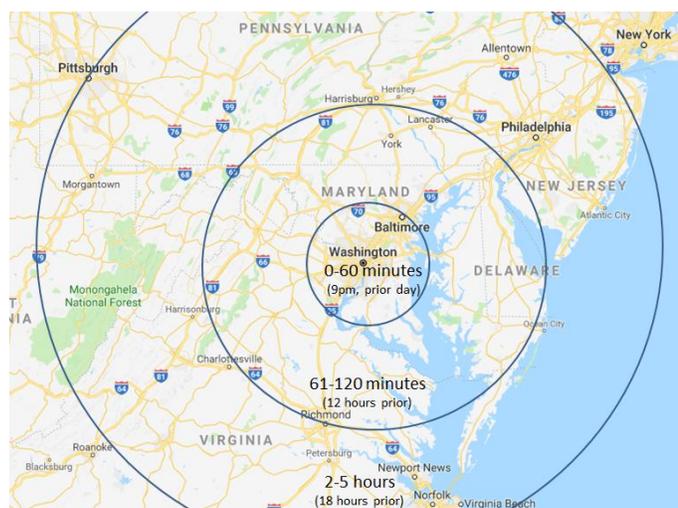
In the event of severe weather, such as blizzards or ice storms, please check the National Weather Service (NWS) advisories at weather.gov. In the event that an **Advisory or Warning** affects your **direct travel path** from your home address to the test center location in the hours immediately preceding the door opening times, you may contact us at ielts@inlinguaenglish.edu to inquire as to your refund or rescheduling options. We will consult NWS to see if an Advisory affects your direct travel path **during the hours immediately preceding the door opening times** when considering any requests for transfer of the test date or refund of the test fee. We will consider NWS advisory statements such as “travel is dangerous or impossible” or “Do not travel.” We will not typically consider statements such as “travel with caution.”

In the event that a refund or test date transfer is approved, a 25% fee will be assessed, to be charged to the candidate or deducted from any approved refund. To be considered for transfer or refund, the candidate **MUST** send a **SCREENSHOT** of the National Weather Service Advisory that clearly shows the **time** of the advisory, the **expiration** time, as well as the **relevant language** (such as “Do not travel”).

The following time frames apply:

Travel time to the test location from home address	Winter travel advisory timeframe
0-60 minutes (Google maps, to arrive by 7:45am on test day)	9pm on the day before the exam
61-120 minutes	12 hours before the exam
2 to 5 hours	18 hours before the exam
5 hours+	24 hours before the exam (for ground travel) or documentation of a cancelled flight

The following map represents the approximate travel radius for the above table:



Sample city locations:

Washington DC Metro Area = Less than 60 minutes travel time

Northern Richmond suburbs = 2 hours travel time

Virginia Beach, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia = less than 5 hours travel time

New York, Boston, Ohio, North Carolina = Greater than 5 hours travel time