



The Increasing Interest in Learning English Among Uzbek Youth in the Last Five Years and the Opportunities Created by International Certificates (IELTS, TOEFL)

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Abstract: In the past five years, there has been a significant increase in the interest of Uzbek youth in learning English. Specifically, English has become an essential tool not only for studying abroad but also for succeeding in the global job market. This shift has been further amplified through international certifications such as IELTS and TOEFL. This article analyzes the growing interest in learning English, the opportunities provided by international certificates for young people, and the role of this process in Uzbekistan's educational system.

Key words: The Importance of International Certifications IELTS and TOEFL, Achievements of Uzbek Youth, International Education Programs and Scholarships.

Introduction

The interest in English among Uzbekistan's youth has sharply increased in recent years. Several factors have contributed to this, including globalization, expanded opportunities for studying abroad, and the global recognition of English as a vital language. Moreover, the rise of online learning platforms has also intensified young people's interest in learning English. International certifications like IELTS and TOEFL have enhanced young people's opportunities to study abroad and succeed in the global job market. This



article explores the growing interest in learning English among Uzbekistan's youth, the continuity of this process, and the importance of international certifications.

The Growing Interest in Learning English Among Uzbek Youth:

The increasing demand among Uzbek youth to learn English is closely linked to global economic changes, the internationalization of education, and the rise of English as the global language of communication. English language learning has become a widespread trend in Uzbekistan, especially among the younger generation. Furthermore, the rise of online education platforms and globalization has fueled young people's interest in learning English.

The Importance of International Certifications like IELTS and TOEFL

Today, the significance of international certifications, particularly IELTS (the International English Language Testing System) and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), has been growing steadily. Through these certificates, Uzbek youth not only gain the opportunity to study abroad but also open doors to success in the global job market, building bridges to a brighter future. These certifications also enable youth to develop scientific, cultural, and professional connections in English-speaking environments. IELTS and TOEFL exams are crucial documents for students seeking to study abroad, apply for internships, and even advance professionally.

Achievements of Uzbek Youth Through IELTS and TOEFL Certifications

In recent years, the number of Uzbek youth taking the IELTS and TOEFL exams has increased. These certifications provide valuable opportunities not only for educational purposes but also for securing jobs in various parts of the world. By mastering English, young people are positioning themselves for success in the modern global workforce. Specifically, Alisher Sa'dullayev, the director of the Youth Affairs Agency, mentioned in an interview with Gazeta.uz that in the past four years, nearly 30,000 young people from



Uzbekistan have scored above 7 in IELTS, with 3,000 of them achieving scores of 8, and around 30 achieving a perfect score of 9. [Link to the article.](#)

International Education Programs and Scholarships

IELTS and TOEFL certificates have expanded the educational opportunities for Uzbek youth in the best universities worldwide. Educational programs like Erasmus Mundus, Fulbright, and Chevening offer substantial scholarships to young people. The success of Uzbek youth in these programs is closely tied to their proficiency in English. Over the past five years, 127 Uzbek students have secured Erasmus Mundus grants. Between 2015-2020, 84 students received grants, and in the 2021-2024 period, 43 more students have benefited from these opportunities. They have had the chance to study fields such as sustainable agriculture, cyber security, and software engineering at leading European universities. Additionally, in the Fulbright program, 88 Uzbek students have been awarded scholarships in the last five years. By 2024, over 160 Uzbek students will have been granted the Chevening scholarship, allowing them to pursue master's degrees in the United Kingdom.

Conclusion

The growing interest in learning English among Uzbekistan's youth in the past five years has significantly increased. International certifications like IELTS and TOEFL have provided young people with enhanced opportunities to study abroad and succeed in the global job market. This process has also played a key role in strengthening the position of English in Uzbekistan's educational system. These opportunities are crucial not only for education but also for professional development.



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