#### **IELTS VIDEO CALL SPEAKING EXAMINERS**

**Location: Canada** 

#### The opportunity

We are looking for IELTS speaking examiners to join the Video Call Speaking (VCS) Hub conducting interviews from home in certain select countries for test takers in various locations around the world.

Before completing the online application form, please be aware of the following:

- Only active speaking examiners will be considered
- You must attend a VCS technical screening session
- If your initial application is successful, you will attend a training session, which will be delivered remotely.
- You will be required to deliver a practice VCS speaking test after your training and practice and you
  will be assessed on your delivery. Passing the assessment is required before you can start
  examining on VCS.
- All speaking examiners will be required to abide by the PSN Code of Practice
- All speaking examiners will be subject to a security and reference check (if not currently engaged through Comensura)
- All speaking examiners must meet the legal and contractual requirements for this location as set out below

### The organisation

The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We create friendly knowledge and understanding between the people of the UK and other countries. We do this by making a positive contribution to the UK and the countries we work with – changing lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust.

We work with over 100 countries across the world in the fields of arts and culture, English language, education and civil society. Each year we reach over 20 million people face-to-face and more than 500 million people online, via broadcasts and publications. Founded in 1934, we are a UK charity governed by Royal Charter and a UK public body.

#### **English and Examinations**

Through our English and Exams work we aim to achieve more widespread and better-quality teaching and learning of English worldwide and offer access to professional qualifications. Working with policymakers, government ministers, teachers and learners across the world we help millions of people to access English by supporting the teaching and learning of English in public education systems, and through self-access materials and courses. We teach learners and teachers of English face-to-face in dedicated teaching centres and online through a range of courses. Every year three million people take international exams with help from the British Council, gaining qualifications that can open doors at leading academic institutions and improve employment prospects.

IELTS Video Call Speaking (VCS) is strategically important to the Exams business plan and will transform the way the British Council delivers and manages IELTS. We are offering existing IELTS Speaking Examiners the chance to deliver Speaking exams remotely from home through an online video call system. This is a significant opportunity to become involved in an exciting and innovative approach to the delivery of IELTS Speaking tests.

# The British Council and Comensura

The British Council works in partnership with Comensura, who manage all our non-permanent workforce (NPW) requirements. As well as providing recruitment services in the UK, Comensura also provide a

payment service to NPWs globally either directly or through third-party suppliers such as Carbon60 or Guidant Global.

#### **Conditions of work**

As an IELTS VCS Speaking Examiner you should expect the following conditions of work.

- Work location: working from home
- Availability: we are looking for a core team that can conduct a minimum of 20 Speaking tests per week. Tests will be delivered on weekdays and at weekends
- Payment: £10.00 per test payments will be made in GBP
- Requirement: 0-20 tests per day
- Online support: support will be provided during the hours of testing
- System familiarisation and guidance in the delivery of speaking tests online will be provided by the British Council Global Marking team
- Support will be provided to VCS Examiners in line with British Council standards so we can help you to assess and manage your home-working space, including best practice in Health and Safety

## Required conditions for homeworking are listed below

- A dedicated office-style working space that allows secure and uninterrupted working a private space where your work cannot be accessed or observed by others while you are delivering tests
- A desktop computer with two screens or one large screen (minimum 26").
- A clear, uncluttered background when on camera delivering tests
- A broadband internet connection with average speed 10mbps
- Adequate heating, ventilation and light to ensure a safe and comfortable working environment
- An appropriate Internet security/anti-virus package
- Access to communication channels including email and telephone
- All VCS Speaking Examiners are required to adhere to the IELTS Code of Practice, Confidentiality Undertaking and PSN procedures for VCS Speaking Examiners.

## Skills and experience

The British Council is looking for suitably **qualified and experienced IELTS Speaking Examiners** based in Canada.

#### You will need:

- To be a **current and active Speaking Examiner** ie. to have carried out Speaking tests within the past 3 months. Applications will also be accepted from Examiners who have not examined for more than 3 months and these will be considered at a later stage
- Suitable IELTS Speaking Examining experience
- Suitable IELTS Speaking certification and monitoring history
- The required qualifications and professional attributes for the role, including the necessary technical and online skills to deliver successful Speaking tests remotely

## Legal and contractual requirements: Canada

Within Canada, successful applicants will be hired and paid through Carbon60. Further details can be found in the *British Council workers and Carbon60* document.

Applicants must be permanent residents or dependent visa holders and have the right to work for anyone without restriction. Applicants with employment visas will not be accepted.

Examiners will be required to report their earnings to the Canada IRD whilst working for Carbon60 – this will be reflected in the Terms of Engagement.

# **Application details**

To take advantage of this opportunity please follow this link.

Please note the following before applying:

- The vetting process can take between 4-12 weeks
- You will not be able to start marking until you have completed vetting
- System familiarisation and guidance activities are carried out remotely and must be completed before commencing work
- You must fully meet the requirements set out by Carbon60 in the *British Council workers and Carbon60* document
- You much fully meet the legal and contractual requirements set out above

The British Council is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and is keen to reflect the diversity of UK society at every level within the organisation. We welcome applications from all sections of the community. In line with the British Council's Child Protection policy, any appointment is contingent on thorough checks. In the UK, and in other countries where appropriate systems exist, these include criminal records checks.