



Test Bulletin

Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL)

The Chinese language proficiency test held in the Midwest U.S.

1. Target Test Taker: Non-native Chinese speakers
2. Purpose:

The Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (“TOCFL”) was developed by the Steering Committee for the Test of Proficiency-Huayu (SC-TOP). Since the TOCFL was launched in December 2003 in Taiwan, it has been administered in the U.S. A., Canada, U.K., France, Japan, Korea, Russia, Australia, etc. To meet the demand of numerous international Chinese learners, the SC-TOP provides overseas test services in more than 30 countries. Those who wish to know their level of Chinese proficiency, or those who want to study, work or do business in Chinese speaking countries are encouraged to take the TOCFL for national/governmental verification.

3. Level and Format of Test:

The TOCFL has been standardized and developed under the strict scrutiny of researchers and scholars in the fields of linguistics, language teaching and testing.

The authentic materials used in the TOCFL are extracted from materials in daily life, such as advertisements, public announcements, notices, letters, time schedules, and weather broadcasts. These diverse texts are derived from different fields, including literature, science, art, astronomy and history.

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| (1) Level 1: | Candidates who have taken 180-480 hours of Chinese courses in non-Chinese speaking countries or have acquired a vocabulary base of 500 words. 40 questions / 50 minutes |
| (2) Level 2: | Candidates who have taken 480-720 hours of Chinese courses in non-Chinese speaking countries or have acquired a vocabulary base of 800 words. 80 questions / 80 minutes |
| (3) Level 3 | Candidates who have taken 720-960 hours of Chinese courses in non-Chinese speaking countries or have acquired a vocabulary base of 1,500 words. 100 questions / 110 minutes |
| (4) Level 4: | Candidates who have taken 960-1,920 hours of Chinese courses in non-Chinese speaking countries or have acquired a vocabulary base of 5,000 words. 100 questions / 110 minutes |



- (5) Level 5: Candidates who have taken 1,920 hours of Chinese courses in non-Chinese speaking countries or have acquired a vocabulary base of 8,000 words. 100 question / 110 minutes
4. Time and Venue of Test:
Time: To be announced
Place: To be announced
5. Registration:
- (1) **Registration Form**,
(please download from <http://www.edutw.org/english/TOP/index.html>)
 - (2) **A copy of photo ID and**
 - (3) **Level 1 is free, the other four levels are all USD\$30 (Traditional Characters Version) / USD\$ 40 (Simplified Characters Version) nonrefundable test fee** by check (Payable to: Cultural Division TECO in Chicago).
 - (4) For those who take the **Traditional Characters Version** test or register by **Group (5 people and above), a 40% discount** will be applied to the registration fee.

For further information, please contact

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More information at Steering Committee for the Test Of Proficiency – Huayu:
<http://www.sc-top.org.tw/english/LR2/test1.php>

Reference:

The TOCFL certificate has been recognized by the Ministry of Education, universities and foreign institutes and organizations in Taiwan. Employees from more than 130 foreign organizations in Taiwan have participated in this test, including the American Institute in Taiwan (US government representative office in Taiwan), the German Trade Office, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of Trade and Investment, the Japan Interchange Association Taipei Office, the Japan Tourist Association Taiwan Office, the Korean Mission in Taipei, the Thailand Trade and Economic Office, the New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office, and the Hungarian Trade Office. Private enterprises include Samsung, Hitachi, Mitsubishi, INFINITT, Panasonic, Pioneer and others.