

Summary of what is the same and what is different

About the online versions of Trinity's GESE and ISE
English language speaking and listening exams

What is the same?	What is different?
Before the exam:	
New	Technology - appropriate computer hardware, Zoom video conferencing software and defined internet speed required
New	Booking the exam – select 'online version' when entering candidates into booking system
New	Signed consent forms – these need to be secured in advance from parent/guardian for candidates aged under 16. These must be attached to candidate bookings in advance. Required because exams are videoed for quality assurance, monitoring and standardisation processes (normally exams are audio recorded)
New	Timetabling – difference in timings (3.5hr half day sessions; examiner breaks and gaps between candidates). Multiple timetables/ examiners are available should candidature exceed 3.5hrs. This is subject to a second room being available or running timetables consecutively
New	No minimum fee
Exam fees	No change
GESE exams	No change – GESE Grades 1-12 available via online delivery
ISE speaking and listening exams	ISE Foundation to ISE III available via online delivery
Exam day:	
Registered exam centre venue	No change
Content of exams and skills assessed	No change
Authentic discussion with a Trinity examiner	No change
Length of exams	No change
New	Exam room set up and procedure – although still in a registered centre, the assessment takes place via video conferencing software
New	Method of sharing discussion Topic points with examiner – entered into Zoom chat box (unless centre pre-supplies examiner with candidates' topics in timetable order)

New	Method of showing ID: Candidate's name is entered onscreen spelt as per booking form. An onscreen notice says the session will be recorded and states that candidates must be the same named person taking the exam
New	GESE Grades 1-3 – Examiner shares pictures onscreen (instead of on paper) with candidates and can enlarge if needed. Examiner points out details in picture with cursor and asks a question
New	ISE Foundation – Listening task 1 uses an onscreen image matching method (instead of using paper)
New	ISE I-III - Listening tasks are played through Zoom instead of a tablet or audio device
After the exam:	
New	No examiner feedback session is given – this is due to the different logistical and scheduling requirements necessary for online exam delivery
Results can lead to a full qualification	No change
Results and certificates	No change