APTIS
An iTEP Business Comparison Chart

The APTIS test by the British Council is a test of English language proficiency for professional environments. iTEP Business was developed using American English and APTIS uses British English. iTEP Business provides the added benefit to company partners of being promoted online, on printed marketing materials, and though the network of certified iTEP test centers around the world.

	iTEP Business-Plus	APTIS
Total Exam Time	▪ 90 minutes (all five sections)	▪ Approximately 180 minutes
Skills Assessed	▪ *Plus:* 90 minutes ▪ *Core:* 60 minutes	▪ Reading, listening, writing, speaking, grammar, and vocabulary
Target Age	▪ Professionals (young adults and older)	▪ Professionals (young adults and older)
Difficulty Level Tested	▪ Beginner to advanced	▪ Beginner to advanced
Purpose	▪ Workplace English language assessment	▪ Workplace English language assessment
Delivery Format	▪ Internet, optional paper-based	▪ Available online or paper-based
Security	Full security measures in place: ▪ Tests can only be administered at secured iTEP Certified Test Centers ▪ Certified administrators on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-takers ▪ Item bank feature ensures that no test is replicated, and that test items are secure by streaming the content live during the exam	No standard security measures in place: ▪ Test security is determined by purchaser of exam
Grading	▪ Multiple-choice sections (Grammar, listening, reading) are evaluated by iTEP Grader Software ▪ Writing and speaking sections evaluated by iTEP graders- native English speaking ESL trained professionals	▪ Multiple-choice sections (reading, listening, grammar/vocabulary) are evaluated by software ▪ Writing and speaking sections are evaluated by APTIS "markers"
Scoring	▪ Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric	▪ Overall scores, as well as individual section scores are aligned with CEFR
Results Delivery Time	▪ Results returned within 5 business days	▪ Approximately 48 hours before results are available
Additional iTEP Benefits	▪ iTEP partners can get immediate online access to results of the grammar, listening, and reading sections, as well as access to the writing and speaking submissions ▪ iTEP available in customized and modularized versions ▪ iTEP partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP test centers and administer the exam on-site	