

The 69th TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean) Notice

Korean Education Center in Washington DC

□ What is the TOPIK test?

The TOPIK test, Test of Proficiency in Korean, is a written test designed to measure the ability of non-native speakers for expression and comprehension in the Korean language.

The TOPIK test measures proficiency in reading, writing, and listening comprehension in the Korean language. According to their level of Korean language proficiency, test takers can take one of the two types of TOPIK, TOPIK I for beginners and TOPIK II for intermediate and advanced level learners.

□ Who administers the TOPIK Test?

The Korean Ministry of Education is responsible for the general management of the test, such as supervising institutions administering the test in domestic and overseas locations.

The National Institute for International Education handles the scheduling & issuance of testing management guidance, development of the test, printing and distribution of test sheets, and the scoring of test results.

The Korean Education Center in Washington DC (KECDC afterwards) administers the annual test at the request of the above institutions for test takers in the 4 states, Washington DC, Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia.

※ Information in detail is on TOPIK website (www.topik.go.kr).

□ For whom is the TOPIK intended?

This comprehensive test is intended for non-native speakers of Korean, such as Korean language learners, international students who want to study in Korea as well as individuals who would like to work in Korean companies and public institutions. The test also serves as an excellent opportunity to receive formal certification for those who expect to use Korean in their careers.

□ How can I register for the TOPIK Test?

In the Washington DC metropolitan area, KECDC will host the annual TOPIK. **The 69th TOPIK test will be administered on Saturday, April 11th, 2020.** Residents in Washington DC, Maryland, Virginia, or West Virginia can apply for the TOPIK by submitting an application form along with a check of **\$25 for TOPIK I, \$30 for TOPIK II** (issued payable to **Korean Education Center**) to KECDC by mail or in person.

※ Applicants can download the application form at KECDC website (www.kecdc.org).

Application must be submitted by January 27th, 2020. The identification slip will be delivered to the applicant before the test date. The above mentioned processing fee will not be refunded.

□ **Where is the 69th TOPIK offered?**

The test will be offered at the following five locations in the DC metropolitan region. Applicants can choose one of them. Applicants should take the test at the test center which they have chosen unless they are relocated to other test center by KECDC.

■ **Testing Places**

The 1st Test Center: American University

(4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington DC 20016) (Tel. 703.629.7964)

The 2nd Test Center: George Mason University

(West Building Room 1007, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030) (Tel. 301.300.0215)

The 3rd Test Center: Fairfax High School

(3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030) (Tel. 571.212.0235)

The 4th Test Center: Open Doors Korean School

(3001 Centreville Road, Herndon, VA 20171) (Tel.703.653.4265)

The 5th Test Center: Bethel Korean School

(3165 St. Jones Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042) (Tel.410.707.3409)

※ A test center with less than 10 applicants will not be open, and applicants will be relocated to the nearest test center.

■ **Time Schedule**

TOPIK I: 9:40 am ~ 11:20 (100 minutes) – Listening & Reading

TOPIK II: (1st period) 12:50 pm ~ 14:40 pm (110 minutes) Listening & Writing

(2nd period) 15:10 pm ~ 16:20 pm (70 minutes) Reading

※ All applicants should enter the test site 30 minutes before the test starting time on the test day.

□ **Notice for the applicants**

Applicants are requested to bring the identification slip and valid photo identification such as a passport or driver's license to the test site. The name and birthday on your application must match those on the identification. Only the pen distributed at the test site can be used when you mark or write your answers on the answer sheet. Lightly or partly marked answers might not be read by the scoring machine. Both the test papers and answer sheets must be returned after the test. Books, dictionaries, papers, notes, electronic watches, mobile phones, listening devices, recording or photographic equipment, or aids of any kind are not allowed in the testing room, so they should be submitted to the test supervisor before the test starts if, by any chance, you have any of them with you on the test day. Test supervisors have the authority to dismiss test takers from a test session, or scores may be canceled, due to the violations of any regulations for the test. For example, attempting to take the test for someone else, using any aids in connection with the test, or failing to follow any of the test regulations given by the test supervisors.

□ **Where can I find more information on the TOPIK test?**

For further information, please visit TOPIK website, <http://www.topik.go.kr>. If you want to get in touch with the Korean Education Center in Washington DC, please call at 202-939-5681.