IMPORTANT: CHANGE OF IELTS TEST DAY REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Beginning in April 2012, Mayflower College IELTS Test Centre will be implementing a new registration system at <u>all</u> IELTS tests. The new registration system is called **IAM** (Identification Authentication Manager) and is already being used in China, India and some parts of the UK. By the end of 2012, all IELTS Test Centers in the UK will be using IAM at IELTS tests.

The IAM process is made up of two distinct activities:

1) **Candidate Registration** – capture of the candidate's photograph and finger scan done at morning registration.

2) **Candidate Verification** – using the candidate's finger scan to access the candidate's personal information and photograph captured during registration.

On the test day candidates will register as normal with their passport and signature check. Candidates will then be ushered in to a secure area where they will have their picture taken and finger scanned. This process takes a matter of seconds and will not increase the waiting time from when registration starts to when the test begins.

Stored Data Concerns

Upon signing the IELTS application form candidates are consenting to having their picture taken and finger scanned. This information is outlined in the *IELTS Application Form - Notice to Candidates – IELTS Test Terms and Conditions*, page 1.

The finger scan is for internal purposes only. It is used as an individual reference number to access candidate information on the test day and allow entry to a secure area for taking the IELTS test.

The finger scan cannot be transferred or shared with any organization, including Receiving Organisations. IELTS centres operate under privacy legislation and must also follow internal standards to securely store this information.

All IELTS test centers are required under privacy legislation to take all reasonable measures to manage information captured by IAM responsibly.