

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE EQUIVALENCIES



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Overall	Individual	Overall	R/L/S/W	Overall	R/L/W/S							Higher level	Standard level	
5.0	4.5	35	4/4/14/14	36	36	154		2 on all skills	n/a	2A				Successful Completion of Year 10 with Sound Achievement in English with in the last two years.
5.5	5.0	46	8/7/16/18	42	36	162		2+ on all skills	n/a	Pre-1	Upper Intermediate Academic Level (EAP or IELTS 1)		3	Successful Completion of secondary qualification with a minimum grade of C in Unit 3 and 4 in English (General or Applied) in Queensland, within the last two years. or Successful completion of the required English language program with a TAFE Qld ELICOS partner. There can be no more than 3 month study gap between completion of the English language studies and TAFE Queensland program commencement <sup>9</sup> or Successful Completion of AQF level 3 <sup>5</sup> or higher (min 18 weeks duration) in which medium of Instruction is English with in the last two years.
6.0	5.5	60	13/12/18/21	50	50	169		3 on all skills	Pass at "C" level in each of four components	1	Pre-Advanced Level (IELTS 2)	3	4	Successful Completion of secondary qualification with a minimum grade of C in Unit 3 and 4 in English, or English and Literature Extension, or English as an Additional Language, or Literature in Queensland, within the last two years. or Successful completion of the required English language program with a TAFE Qld ELICOS partner. There can be no more than 3 month study gap between completion of the English language studies and TAFE Queensland program commencement <sup>9</sup>
	6.0 (writing) other 5.5		13/12/18/23											Successful Completion of secondary qualification with a minimum grade of C in Unit 3 and 4 in English, or English and Literature Extension, or English as an Additional Language, or Literature in Queensland, within the last two years.
6.5	6.0	79	19/20/20/24	58	58	176		3+ on all skills	Pass at "C" level in each of four components	1	n/a	4	5	Successful Completion of secondary qualification with a minimum grade of C in Unit 3 and 4 in English, or English and Literature Extension, or English as an Additional Language, or Literature in Queensland, within the last two years.

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Overall	Individual	Overall	R/L/S/W	Overall	R/L/W/S									
7.0	7.0	94	24/24/23/27	65	65	n/a	n/a	Pass at "A" or "B" level in each of four components	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

## Qualification, subject and grade requirements guide for accepted secondary qualifications not undertaken in English<sup>6</sup>

Country	Qualification/subject	IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6.0	IELTS 6.5	IELTS 7.0
Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, or United States of America	Successful completion of senior secondary	Applicants are required to submit Senior Secondary (or Higher) qualification and the subject/s or transcripts.			
Denmark	Studentereksamen	English- Grade -2/ ECTS: E	English -Grade 7/ ECTS: C	English- Grade 9-10/ ECTS: B	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level
Fiji	Fiji Seventh Form Certificate (Form 7)	Showing at Least 4 subjects Minimum pass 64% or higher in Form 7 (English subject compulsory)	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	
Finland	Upper Secondary School Certificate or Ylioppilastutkintoto / Lukionpäästötodishis Or Vocational Upper Secondary	English - Grade 6 English – Former grade 2 English – Current grade 3	Grade 8 in English or English A in final year of secondary school. Or Pass in the Matriculation examination (Ylioppilastutkinto) in English (Advanced)	English - Grade 9 or better	
Germany	Fachhochschulereife, Arbitur, DAAD	English grades for Abitur Level 4-6 to pass Average of 4 across 4 semesters of English= entry into 5.5 programs only. must be minimum of 4 (Sufficient)	Abitur with at least 7-9 points in English. Fachhochschulereife with at least 3 in English, or DAAD language test with Minimum top two scores in all 4 sections.	Abitur with at least 10-12 points. or, minimum grade of 3 (or 2) in the final year, or DAAD language test with Minimum top two scores in all 4 sections.	
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	3	4	5	

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Iceland	Menntaskóli/fjölbrotaskóli. Stúdentspróf - Upper Secondary or Sveinspróf - Technical Secondary	Minimum Grade 5 International Scale E or Equivalent	Grade 6-7, Scale D-C Equivalent	Grade 8 or better, Scale B or better	
Malaysia	Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM)	C Grade in English Language - 1119 Grade B or higher in English	Grade A or higher in English	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	
Netherlands	Vorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs(HAVO)	English - Grade 6 in VWO or Grade 7- HAVO	VWO: English - Grade 7-8. Or HAVO (Senior General Secondary Education – 5 years) with a minimum grade of 8.	English - Grade 9-10 in VWO or Grade 9 or better in HAVO	
Norway	Vitnemal	English - Grade 3	English - Grade 4	English - Grade 5	
Papua New Guinea	PNG Higher School Certificate	Showing at Least 4 subjects C or higher in Year 12 (English subject compulsory)	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	
Singapore	Singapore - Cambridge GCE A Levels or Completion of a Technician Diploma from a Polytechnic.	E grade or better in H2 English Language and Linguistics or Literature in English	D grade or better in H2 English Language and Linguistics or Literature in English	C grade or better in H2 English Language and Linguistics or Literature in English	
Solomon Islands	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate	English: Grade 4, and at least 3 other subjects: Grade 5	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	
Sweden	Avgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg	G in English A or English B on your School Leaving Certificate (before 2012). E in English 5 or English 6 on you School Leaving Certificate (after 2012)	VG or Grade 4 in Final Year English or C Grade in English 6.	VG or Grade 4 in Final Year English or C Grade in English 6 or better	
Switzerland	Eidgenössisch Anerkanntes Maturitätszeugnisse and Maturitätszeugnis ausgestellt von eidgenössisch anerkannten Schulen	5	5½	6	

## Notes

- All Test Results are valid for two years from the start of study.
- IELTS: Academic test accepted only.
- Certificate III in Spoken and Written English is not comparable to other Certificates III's that TAFE Queensland accepts as an English Language Equivalency for a program that require an IELTS 5.5 (no less than 5.0) therefore, cannot be used to meet the English entry requirement.
- TAFE Queensland will accept a combination of two tests in the following circumstances:
  - When overall IELTS/PTE/TOEFL iBT results meet required English entry but one individual score is lower than required. In this case an ISLPR results in one skill can be combined with IELTS/PTE/TOEFL iBT Results.
  - Two IELTS/PTE/TOEFL iBT tests: When overall IELTS/PTE/TOEFL iBT results on both tests meet required English entry requirements but one individual score is lower than required on one test but meets requirement on second, in this case two valid IELTS/PTE/TOEFL iBT results can be combined.
- Previous Study or Work Experience not in Australia: Where previous study/work experience was conducted in English, the application must be accompanied by certified documentation with an official letter from the educational institution/employer certifying that the language of instruction/employment was English. In these cases Assessment and Acceptance is at TAFE Queensland's discretion. Study: Primary and Secondary Schooling not accepted. Work: minimum 2 years of full-time professional employment in an English speaking company.
- TAFE Queensland International maintains current information on countries where English is widely used in secondary schooling. To satisfy 'previous study' criteria, successful completion of secondary schooling must be completed within the last five\* years before program commencement.  
\* more than five years: applications are assessed case by case
- The requirements set out above may not necessarily be the requirements a student must meet to obtain a student visa. Please refer to the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website on English requirements for Student Visa Application.
- Application must be accompanied by certified documentation.
- Students studying English Language with a TAFE Queensland ELICOS partner must seek advice direct from their English Language School to confirm the programs, duration and English Language proficiency required to meet program entry. The Memorandums of Understanding between TAFE Queensland and partner providers clearly specify the programs, duration and proficiency required for TAFE Queensland program entry. TAFE Queensland reserves the right to conduct a placement test prior to program commencement.
- Recognised country means one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, or United States of America.
- Successful Completion of IB Diploma Programme with in the last two years.