

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EQUIVALENCIES



Academic English and Vocational Education Training Courses

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) ^{1,2,3}		TOEFL iBT* (internet based) ^{1,3,4}		PTE* Academic (Pearson Test of English) ^{1,3}		Cambridge English: C1 Advanced ^{1,3,5}	Occupational English Test (OET) ¹	TAFE Queensland English Language Program ⁸	IB English A ^{6,8}		Study in Australia	Study in UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, the Republic of Ireland
Overall	Individual	Overall	R/L/S/W	Overall	R/L/W/S	Overall	Score	Level	Higher level	Standard level		
5.0	n/a	35	n/a	36	n/a	154	n/a	Upper Intermediate General Level				
5.5	n/a	46	n/a	42	n/a	162	n/a	Upper Intermediate Academic Level (EAP or IELTS)		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 two years from the start of study	
6.0	5.5	64	13/12/18/21	50	50	169	A minimum score of B in each of the four components	Pre-Advanced Level (IELTS)	3	4	Successful Completion of Senior secondary 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 two years from the start of study or Successful Completion of AQF Certificate IV in Australia within two years from the start of study	Completed at least 5 years' study in English in one or more of the following countries: UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland within two years from the start of study ⁹ or Citizen and hold a passport from Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, or United States of America, Attended and satisfactorily completed senior secondary or equivalent.
6.0	6.0	64	18/17/20/23	50	50	169	A minimum score of B in each of the four components	Pre-Advanced Level (IELTS)	3	4	Successful Completion of Senior secondary 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 two years from the start of study or Successful Completion of AQF Certificate IV in Australia within two years from the start of study	Completed at least 5 years' study in English in one or more of the following countries: UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland within two years from the start of study ⁹ or Citizen and hold a passport from Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, or United States of America, Attended and satisfactorily completed senior secondary or equivalent.

Qualification, subject and grade requirements guide for accepted secondary qualifications not undertaken in English^{7,8}

Country	Qualification/subject	IELTS 6.0
Denmark	Studentereksamen	English -Grade 7/ ECTS: C
Finland	Upper Secondary School Certificate or Ylioppilastutkinto / Lukionpäästötodishis Or Vocational Upper Secondary	Grade 8 in English or English A in final year of secondary school. Or Pass in the Matriculation examination (Ylioppilastutkinto) in English (Advanced)

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Country	Qualification/subject	IELTS 6.0
Germany	Fachhochschulereife, Arbitur, DAAD	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.
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	English Language - Grade 4
Iceland	Menntaskóli/fjölbrotaskóli. Stúdentspróf - Upper Secondary or Sveinspróf - Technical Secondary	Grade 6-7, Scale D-C Equivalent
Netherlands	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs(HAVO)	VWO: English - Grade 7-8. Or HAVO (Senior General Secondary Education – 5 years) with a minimum grade of 8.
Norway	Vitnemal	English - Grade 4
Singapore	Singapore - Cambridge GCE A Levels or Completion of a Technician Diploma from a Polytechnic.	D grade or better in H2 English Language and Linguistics or Literature in English
Sweden	Avgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg	VG or Grade 4 in Final Year English or C Grade in English 6.
Switzerland	Eidgenössisch Anerkanntes Maturitätszeugnisse and Maturitätszeugnis ausgestellt von eidgenössisch anerkannten Schulen	5½

Notes

- Test results are valid for 2 years from date of taking the test and must be valid at time of intended course commencement date. TAFE Queensland must confirm authenticity of the English test through the online verification service of the issuing body.
 - IELTS: Academic test accepted only, including IELTS One Skill Retake.
 - TAFE Queensland does not accept English tests taken at home or online. Only Test listed above are accepted.
 - TOEFL iBT tests that were completed between 26 July 2023 and 4 May 2024 will not be accepted for Australian visa and migration purposes. During this period, the TOEFL iBT test being offered was not an approved test.
 - From 12 February 2024, results from the paper-based Cambridge C1 Advanced test (previously known as Cambridge English: Advanced CAE) will be accepted for Australian visa and migration purposes. Test scores for both C1 Advanced paper-based and computer-based tests taken before 12 February 2024, in the specified validity period.
 - Successful Completion of IB Diploma Programme with in the last two years.
 - To satisfy 'previous study' criteria, successful completion of secondary schooling must be completed within the last two years before course commencement.
 - The requirements set out above are not the requirements an applicant must meet for Student Visa application. Please refer to the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website on English requirements for Student Visa Application.
 - Attended and completed at least 5 years of education taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country, including at least senior secondary or equivalent within two years from the start of study.
- If you do not meet the English course requirements, you may enrol in one of [TAFE Queensland English courses](#) prior to commencing Vocational Education Training course at TAFE Queensland.
 - Students studying English Language with a TAFE Queensland ELICOS partner must seek advice direct from their English Language School to confirm the course, duration and English Language proficiency required to meet program entry. The Memorandums of Understanding between TAFE Queensland and partner providers clearly specify the courses, duration and proficiency required for TAFE Queensland program entry. TAFE Queensland reserves the right to conduct a test prior to course commencement.

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Higher Education Courses and Diploma of Nursing

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Overall	Individual	Overall	R/L/S/W	Overall	R/L/W/S	Overall	Score		
6.0	6.0 (writing) other 5.5	64	13/12/18/23	50	50	169	A minimum score of B in each of the four components	Successful Completion of Senior secondary 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 two years from the start of study or Successful Completion of AQF Certificate IV in Australia within two years from the start of study	Completed at least 5 years' study in English in one or more of the following countries: UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland within two years from the start of study ⁶ or Citizen and hold a passport from Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, or United States of America, Attended and satisfactorily completed senior secondary or equivalent.
6.5	6.0	79	19/20/20/24	58	58	176	A minimum score of B in each of the four components.	Successful Completion of Senior secondary 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 two years from the start of study	Citizen and hold a passport from Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, or United States of America, Attended and satisfactorily completed senior secondary or equivalent.
7.0	7.0	94	24/24/23/27	65	65	n/a	A minimum score of B in each of the four components	Attended and satisfactorily completed at least six years of primary, secondary (including at least two years between years 7 and 12) education taught and assessed in English in one of the recognised countries. Recognised Countries are Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America.	

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