

English language proficiency

Do I have to demonstrate proficiency in English?

If you DO NOT have an assessable qualification that was undertaken in English from one of the following countries, you must provide proof of English proficiency:

- American Samoa
- Australia
- Canada
- Fiji
- Ireland
- Kenya
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland)
- United States of America
- Zambia.

Being born in Australia or one of the countries listed **does not** automatically pass you for English proficiency. You must also have at least one assessable qualification from one of the countries listed.

What is an assessable qualification?

Assessable qualifications from the countries listed above that may be accepted by institutions as satisfying English proficiency include:

- senior secondary studies, comparable with the NSW HSC
- one full year of Australian or comparable tertiary studies, including RATE associate diploma and diploma, associate degree, bachelor degree and postgraduate studies
- completed AQF diploma and advanced diploma
- Australian or comparable non-award studies and tertiary preparation courses, including NSW TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate (TPC), with a full-time equivalence of one year.

The following qualifications may also be accepted by institutions as satisfying English proficiency if you were born in **and** undertook the qualification in one of the countries listed above:

- other post-secondary studies, including certificate and advanced certificate
- Special Tertiary Admissions Tests (STAT)
- studies undertaken through professional organisations, including hospital-based training and armed forces training.

What do institutions accept as proof of proficiency in English?

In the table on the following pages, institutions have outlined the tests and qualifications they accept as proof of proficiency in English. Read these requirements carefully.

What if I don't have the required tests or qualifications?

If you don't have the required tests or qualifications, you can attempt an English proficiency test (see below for details on how to register). If you need to sit a test, submit your UAC application first and include details of your proposed test in the English language proficiency question. Provide UAC with a verified copy of your results as soon as you receive them.

What if I believe I can demonstrate my proficiency in English but cannot find the test or qualification in the following table?

If you believe that you can demonstrate your proficiency in English but your tests or qualifications aren't mentioned in the following table, contact the Admissions Office at each institution to which you are applying.

Don't send this information to UAC – UAC cannot make decisions about your English proficiency on behalf of institutions.

Write to the Admissions Office at each institution to which you are applying and include supporting documentation so that the institutions can determine whether the test or qualification is acceptable. The institutions will make a decision and will record that decision against your application.

How do I register for an English proficiency test?

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – Academic Version

The cost to sit IELTS is \$310, plus 10 per cent GST if applicable – check with the testing centre for further details.

Australian Capital Territory (ACT) IELTS test centres

Administered in Canberra by:

The University of Canberra English Language Institute (UCELI), University of Canberra, call (02) 6201 2669 or visit www.canberra.edu.au/uceli/ielts/.

New South Wales (NSW) IELTS test centres

Administered in Armidale by:

UNE English Language Centre, University of New England, call (02) 6773 3388 or visit www.une.edu.au/elc/ielts/.

Administered in Newcastle by:

The Language Centre, University of Newcastle,

call (02) 4921 7183 or visit www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/elfsc/lc/ielts.html.

Administered in Sydney by:

- ACL Sydney Test Centre, call (02) 8246 6844 or visit www.acl.edu.au/ielts/.
- Centre for English Teaching, University of Sydney, call (02) 9351 9966 or visit www.usyd.edu.au/cet/ielts/.
- International Office, University of Technology, Sydney, call (02) 9514 1536 or visit www.uts.edu.au/international/ielts/.
- Centre for Macquarie English (CME), Macquarie University, call (02) 9850 6337 or visit www.cme.mq.edu.au/ielts/.
- UNSW Institute of Languages, call (02) 9385 6729 or visit www.languages.unsw.edu.au/testing/IELTS.html.
- UWS IELTS Test Centre call (02) 9685 9709 or visit www.uwscollege.edu.au

Administered in Wollongong by:

Wollongong College Australia, University of Wollongong, call (02) 4252 8803 or visit www.wca.uow.edu.au.

Queensland IELTS test centres

Administered in Brisbane by:

- Griffith English Language Institute, Griffith University (Mount Gravatt Campus), call (07) 3735 3461 or visit www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-english-language-institute/ielts-testing.
- University of Queensland, call (07) 3346 6749 or visit www.ictc.uq.edu.au/ielts/.

Administered in the Gold Coast by:

Gold Coast Institute of TAFE, call (07) 5581 8340 or visit www.goldcoast.tafe.qld.gov.au.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Administered by Thomson Prometric, call (02) 9640 5899

UAC's TOEFL Designated Institution code is 8619. If you want your results to be sent directly to UAC, enter this code on your answer sheets when you sit for the TOEFL examination or on the Score Report Request Forms for tests previously taken.

How do I provide results of my test to UAC?

You must provide UAC with a **verified copy** of your results as soon as you receive them. Read pages 9–10 for information about how to verify copies and how to send them to UAC.

INSTITUTION		CULT Overall	TOEFL		IELTS (Academic version only)	International Baccalaureate ⁴	
			Paper-based score				Internet-based score
Australian Maritime College ²	All courses except where specified below	–	550 (min. 4.5 in TWE)	88 (min. 20 in each subtest)	6.0 overall (min. 5.5 in each subtest)	Min. English A2 at higher or standard level ⁵	
Australian National University ^{1, 2}		75	570 (min. 4.5 in TWE)	90 (min. 20 in each subtest)	6.5 overall (min. 6.0 in each subtest)	Min. English A2 at higher or standard level ⁵	
La Trobe University *(See note page 19)		–	*575 (min. 5.0 in TWE) some courses require a higher score	*88 (min. 22 in each subtest) some courses require higher scores	*6.5 overall (min. 6.0 in each subtest) some courses require higher score eg course 183030 requires 7.0 overall	English A1 at higher or standard level ⁵	
Macquarie University	All courses except where specified below	70	580 (min. 5.0 in TWE, 53 listening, 51 writing, 52 reading)	92 overall (min. 23 speaking, 18 listening, 22 writing, 17 reading)	6.5 overall (min. 6.0 in each subtest)	Min. English A2 at higher level	
	All Education courses	70	580 (min. 5.0 in TWE, 53 listening, 51 writing, 52 reading)	92 overall (min. 23 speaking, 18 listening, 22 writing, 17 reading)	7.0 overall (min. 7.0 in reading and writing)		
	MA in English Literature All Translating and Interpreting courses	70	600 (min. 5.0 in TWE, 53 listening, 51 writing, 52 reading)	100 overall (min. 23 speaking, 18 listening, 22 writing, 17 reading)	7.0 overall (min. 7.0 in writing and 6.5 in all other subtests).		
Southern Cross University	All courses except where specified below	65	550 (min. 4.5 in TWE)	79 (min. 22 writing)	6.0 overall (min. 5.5 in each subset)	Min. English A2 at higher or standard level ⁵	
	All Education courses	–	–	–	7.5 overall (min. 8.0 speaking and listening, min. 7.0 reading and writing)	–	
University of Canberra ²	All courses except where specified below	70	550 (min. 4.5 in TWE)	79 (min. 20 writing)	6.5	Min. English A2 at higher level	
	All education degrees	80	590 (min. 5.0 in TWE)	96 (min. 24 writing)	7.5		
	Pharmacy, Psychology, Physiotherapy and Nutrition and Dietetics	75	580 (min. 5.0 in TWE)	92 (min. 24 writing)	7.0 (min 6.0 in each subtest)		
University of New England ^{2 3}	All courses except where specified below	–	550 (min. 5.0 in TWE)	79 (min. 22 writing)	6.0 overall (min. 5.5 in each subtest)	Min. English A2 at higher or standard level ⁵	
	Law and Nursing	–	580 (min. 5.0 in TWE)	91 (min. 22 writing, min 20 listening, speaking and reading)	6.5 overall (min. 6.0 in each subtest)		
	Teaching	–	–	–	7.5 overall (min. 6.0 speaking and listening, min. 7.0 reading and writing)		
University of New South Wales ²		70 min 17.0 each subtest	577 (min. 5.0 in TWE)	90 (min. 24 writing)	6.5 overall (min. 6.0 in each subtest)	Min. English A2 at higher level	
University of Newcastle ²	All courses	70	550 (min. 4.5 in TWE)	93 (min. 21 in all subtests)	6.5 overall (min. 6.0 in each subtest)	Min. English A2 at higher level	

	GCE 'A' Levels (from Britain or Singapore) ⁶	GCSE/GCE 'O' Levels (from Britain or Singapore) ⁹	CCPE	STPM	HKALE	Australian TAFE and private provider studies	STAT (Multiple Choice)	Other qualifications
AMC	Pass in min. 3 subjects	pass in English	C pass	C pass in 914/920 English	pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Advanced diploma or completion of at least 2 year FTE study at Diploma level	-	Successful completion of UTAS Direct Entry Academic Program (DEAP)
ANU	C pass in Humanities subject ⁷		C pass	C pass in 914/920 English	D pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Diploma or completion of at least one year FTE study at RATE Associate Diploma or Diploma level		
LTU	C pass in General Paper ⁸ or English	C pass in General Paper or English	C pass	C pass in 914/920 English	C pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Certificate IV (including English for Academic Purposes) or completed Advanced Certificate	-	English for further studies Advanced Stage 5 Cert at Post Graduate (EFSS 70%) PG1 LTU Language Centre
MQ	C pass in Humanities subject ⁷	-	C pass	-	C pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Certificate IV (including English for Academic Purposes) or completed Advanced Certificate	-	-
SCU	C pass in Humanities subject ⁷	C pass in English	C pass	C pass in 914/920 English	Overall C pass C pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Certificate IV or completion of at least one year of full-time study at AQF Diploma or Advanced Diploma level	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ISLPR ¹⁰ (with a score of at least 4+ in each of the four areas: speaking, listening, reading and writing)
UC	C pass in Humanities subject ⁷	C pass in English	C pass	C pass in 914/920 English	C pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Certificate IV (including English for Academic Purposes)	Overall score of 155	Completion of UC-Prep or CIT Certificate in Pre-Tertiary Studies. Others: Contact University
UNE	C pass in Humanities subject ⁷	-	C pass	C pass in 914/920 English	D pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Certificate IV (including English for Academic Purposes) or completed Advanced Certificate	Overall score of 155	-
UNSW	C pass in General Paper or C pass in humanities subject ⁷ at A2/H2 level or AS/H1 level	-	B pass	C pass in 920 English	C pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Diploma or completion of at least one year FTE study at RATE Associate Diploma or Diploma level or completed TAFE Certificate IV in English for Academic Purposes.	-	UNSW UEEC C+ overall with a min. score of 20 in the writing component Others: visit www.unsw.edu.au/elp
UNCLE*	C pass in General Paper or Humanities subject ⁷	-	C pass	C pass in 914/920 English	C pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Certificate III	-	Completion of UNCLE's OFC/ELC/Newstep/IFP

This is an update since the publication of the 2010 Postgraduate Coursework booklet

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Check pages 18–19 for abbreviations and footnotes

	GCE 'A' Levels (from Britain or Singapore) ⁶	GCSE/GCE 'O' Levels (from Britain or Singapore) ⁹	CCPE	STPM	HKALE	Australian TAFE and private provider studies	STAT (Multiple Choice)	Other qualifications
USYD	C pass in Humanities subject ⁷	B pass in English	B pass	D pass in 920 English B pass in 914 English	B pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Diploma (or Advanced Certificate or completion of at least one year FTE study at RATE Associate Diploma or Diploma level)	–	–
UTS	No separate English test required	Completion of 'O' levels including B pass in English and C pass or above in remaining subjects	B pass	C pass in 914/920 English	C pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Diploma or completion of at least one year FTE study at RATE Associate Diploma or Diploma level or completed TAFE Certificate IV in English for Academic Purposes	–	Completed Insearch DEEP with C pass Completed Insearch DEEP with B+ pass Completed Insearch DEEP with A pass Completed Insearch DEEP with B pass Completed Insearch DEEP with B pass
UWS	C pass in General Paper	B pass in General Paper or English	C pass	C pass in 914/920 English	B pass in Use of English	Completed AQF Certificate IV (including English for Academic Purposes) or completed Advanced Certificate	155 in the verbal component	Completion of UWS ELC EDE Program and UWSCollege Foundation Studies/Diploma Programs

- 1 Courses in Law require a higher level of English proficiency.
- 2 This university only accepts IELTS, CULT and TOEFL results obtained since 1 January 2008.
- 3 Courses in Law and Nursing require a higher level of English proficiency.
- 4 Diploma must be awarded.
- 5 Before to May 1999, 'standard level' was referred to as 'subsidiary level'.
- 6 Subjects must have been undertaken at full Advanced (A2) or Higher 2 (H2) Level except where otherwise indicated.

- 7 Humanities subjects: Ancient History/Classical Studies, Archaeology, Business Studies, Communication Studies, Economics, English (English Language/English Literature), General Studies, Geography, Government and Politics, History, History of Art, Law, Media Studies (Media is not a humanities subject), Philosophy, Religious Studies, Social Policies, Sociology, Drama and Theatre.
- 8 General Paper must at least be at Advanced Supplementary or Higher 1 (H1) Level.
- 9 Acceptable CIE and Edexcel International IGCSE subjects: English – First Language, English Language, English – Second Language, English as a Second Language (ESL), English – Literature, English Literature.
- 10 This university only accepts ISLPR results obtained since 1 January 2008.

*Applicants must have satisfied these requirements no more than two years preceding enrolment.