

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

You will need highly developed English language skills to be successful at uni, so English language proficiency is an admission requirement for all tertiary courses. However, most applicants – including Australian Year 12 students – automatically satisfy this requirement.

APPLICANTS WHO MEET ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

If you identify as applicant 1, 2 or 3, you usually don't need to prove proficiency in the English language.

Applicant 1

You answer **yes** to **both** of these questions.

(a) Do you have any of the following qualifications?

- Senior secondary studies, comparable with the NSW HSC (including the IB Diploma or Bilingual Diploma)
- One full year of Australian or comparable tertiary studies, including associate degree, bachelor degree and postgraduate studies
- Australian non-award studies
- Tertiary preparation courses, including the NSW TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate, with a full-time equivalence of one year

Yes No

(b) Did you undertake the qualification **in English** in one of the following countries?

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| – American Samoa | – Kenya | – Tonga |
| – Australia | – Lesotho | – Trinidad and Tobago |
| – Botswana | – Liberia | – United Kingdom |
| – Canada | – New Zealand | (including Northern |
| – Fiji | – Nigeria | Ireland) |
| – Ghana | – Papua New Guinea | – United States of America |
| – Guyana | – Singapore | – Zambia |
| – Ireland | – Solomon Islands | – Zimbabwe. |
| – Jamaica | – South Africa | |

Yes No

Note: If you're applying to CQUniversity, your studies must have been undertaken in Australia, New Zealand, UK, Ireland, South Africa, USA or Canada.

Applicant 2

You answer **yes** to **both** of these questions.

(a) Were you born in one of the countries listed above?

Yes No

(b) Have you completed any of the following **in English** in one of the countries listed above?

- Any qualifications listed under applicant 1
- Other post-secondary studies (eg AQF Certificate III or IV)

Yes No

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Applicant 3

You have the additional qualifications or test results specified by the institution to which you're applying. These are set out on the UAC website at uac.edu.au/elp.

Your UAC application

Add the qualification to your UAC application. It will automatically be used to satisfy the ELP requirement.

APPLICANTS WHO NEED TO PROVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

If you do not identify as applicant 1, 2 or 3, there are two ways to prove your proficiency in English.

Method 1: Sit an English language proficiency test

There are a number of English language proficiency tests that are commonly accepted by institutions. Check with your preferred institution to make sure it will accept the test results as proof of English language proficiency for the course you want to study.

Register with the individual test centre:

International English Language Testing System (IELTS): Academic

Visit ielts.org.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

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

Pearson Test of English (PTE): Academic

Authorise the release of your PTE Academic results to UAC via your Pearson account. UAC's PTE Academic institution code is LL5. Visit pearsonpte.com.

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)

Visit cambridgeenglish.org/exams/advanced.

Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)

Visit cambridgeenglish.org/exams/proficiency.

Your UAC application

Include details of your proposed test in the English language proficiency question in your UAC application and submit it. Provide UAC with evidence of your results as soon as you receive them.

Method 2: Write to the institution admissions office

If you believe you can demonstrate your proficiency in English but your tests or qualifications are not included here or in the institution's list of additional qualifications at uac.edu.au/elp, write to the admissions office at each institution to which you're applying. Include supporting documentation so that the institution can determine whether the test or qualification is acceptable and record that decision against your application.

Do not send this information to UAC – we cannot make decisions about your English language proficiency on behalf of institutions.