

English Language IELTS Academic and CEFR Equivalency Schedule

Table 1: English Language Tests

TEST	MINIMUM REQUIRED SCORE
IELTS Academic 5.5 (with no band less than 5.0) (CEFR B2):	
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic ^, including the IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR)	5.5 overall (Min. 5.0 in each band)
C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE))	162 - 168
C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE))	162 - 168
TOEFL iBT ^	Overall score of 46 with no writing/speaking score less than 17 and no reading/listening score less than 5
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic ^	Overall score of 42 with no communicative score less than 36
International Second Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPRs)	W2+ (2 scores 2+, 1 score 2)
SCU College English Language Exit Test score	5.5
Occupational English Test (OET)	Grade C in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking)
IELTS Academic 6.0 (with no band less than 5.5) (CEFR B2):	
International English Language Testing System (IELTS_ Academic ^, including the IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR)	6.0 overall (Min. 5.5 in each subtest)
C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE))	169 - 175
C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE))	169 - 175
TOEFL iBT ^	Overall score of 60 with no writing/speaking score less than 17 and no reading/listening score less than 11
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic ^	50

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International Second Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPRs)	3+ or better in all four skills
SCU College English Language Exit Test score	6.0
Occupational English Test (OET)	Grade C in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking)
IELTS 6.5 Academic (with no band less than 6.0) (CEFR B2+):	
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic ^, including the IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR)	6.5 overall (Min. 6.0 in each band)
C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE))	176 - 184
C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE))	176 - 184
TOEFL iBT ^	Overall score of 79 with no score less than 21 for writing
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic ^	58 with no communicative score less than 50
International Second Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPRs)	4 in all 4 skills
SCU College English Language Exit Test score	6.5
Occupational English Test (OET)	Grade C+ in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking)
IELTS 7.0 Academic (with no band less than 6.5) (CEFR C1):	
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic ^, including the IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR)	7.0 overall (Min. 6.5 in each band)
C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE))	185 - 190
C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE))	185 - 190
TOEFL iBT ^	Overall score of 94 with no score less than 24 for writing

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Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic ^	65 with no communicative score less than 58
International Second Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPRs)	4 in all four skills
SCU College English Language Exit Test score	7.0
Occupational English Test (OET)	Grade B in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking)
IELTS 7.0 Academic (with no band less than 7.0) (CEFR C1):	
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic ^, including the IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR)	7 overall (Min. 7.0 in each band)
SCU College English Language Exit Test score	7.0
C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE))	185 - 190
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	185 - 190
TOEFL iBT ^	Overall score of 94 with minimum score in each section of the test: 24 listening, 24 reading, 27 writing and 23 speaking*
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic ^	65 with no communicative score less than 65
International Second Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPRs)	4+ in all four skills
Occupational English Test (OET)	Grade B in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking)

^ SCU does not accept the IELTS Academic Online, TOEFL iBT Home Edition, TOEFL iBT Paper Edition, or the PTE Academic Online.

Table 2: Qualifications and Professional Experience

IELTS ACADEMIC TEST SCORE	EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION	EQUIVALENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE Search ANZSCO to identify the skill level of an occupation
IELTS Academic 5.5 (with no band less than 5.0)	<p>Australian/New Zealand AQF/NZQF Level 4 Certificate IV, comparable or higher, where the language of instruction and examination was English.</p> <p>Competent, pass grade or better required.</p> <p>For an incomplete qualification, at least one semester/study period of full-time study (or equivalent part-time study) at AQF Level 4 Certificate IV or higher at an RTO or higher education provider in Australia, within the previous two years. Pass grade or better required in 50% or more units (of units attempted).</p>	<p>Paid professional experience gained in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland) or United States of America comparable to at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one year, or more of full-time equivalent service in an ANZSCO Skill Level 2 occupation; or • two years or more of full-time equivalent service in an ANZSCO Skill Level 3 occupation. <p>Must be verified by supporting documents on employer letterhead.</p>
IELTS Academic 6.0 (with no band less than 5.5):	<p>Australian/New Zealand AQF/NZQF Level 5 Diploma, equivalent or higher, where the language of instruction and examination was English.</p> <p>Competent, pass grade or better required.</p> <p>For an incomplete qualification, at least one semester/study period of full-time study (or equivalent part-time study) at an equivalent AQF level or higher, at an RTO or higher education provider in</p>	<p>Paid professional experience gained in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland) or United States of America comparable to at least:</p>

	<p>Australia, within the previous two years. Pass grade or better required in 50% or more units (of units attempted).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one year, or more of full-time equivalent service in an ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupation; or • two years or more of full-time equivalent service in an ANZSCO Skill Level 2 occupation. <p>Must be verified by supporting documents on employer letterhead.</p>
<p>IELTS Academic 6.5 (with no band less than 6.0)</p>	<p>Australian/New Zealand AQF/NZQF Level 6 Advanced Diploma, equivalent or higher, where the language of instruction and examination was English.</p> <p>For an incomplete qualification, at least one semester/study period of full-time study (or equivalent part-time study) at an equivalent AQF level or higher at an RTO or higher education provider in Australia, within the previous two years.</p> <p>Pass grade or better required in 50% or more units (of units attempted).</p>	<p>Paid professional experience gained in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland) or United States of America comparable to at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two years or more of full-time equivalent service in an ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupation <p>Must be verified by supporting documents on employer letterhead.</p>
<p>IELTS Academic 7.0 (with no band less than 6.5)</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
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Table 3: English Language Tests for Non Award Courses

TEST	Minimum Required Score
IELTS Academic 4.0	
SCU College English Exit Test	4.0
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) ITP	450
Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)	140-219
IELTS Academic 4.5	
SCU College English Exit Test	4.5
TOEFL ITP	475
TOEIC	140-219
College English Test (CET)	425 – 500 (CET 4)
Society for Testing English Proficiency, Inc. (STEP) Eiken	Pre Level 2
IELTS Academic 5.0	
SCU College English Exit Test	5.0
TOEFL ITP	500
TOEIC	220 - 349
College English Test (CET)	500+ (CET4)
STEP Eiken	Level 2
IELTS Academic 5.5	
SCU College English Exit Test	5.5
TOEFL ITP	525
TOEIC	350-470
College English Test (CET)	500 (425-500) (CET 6)
IELTS Academic 6.0	
SCU College English Exit Test	6.0
STEP Eiken	Pre Level 1

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