

# Non-English Speaking Background Applicants

## Information Sheet

The following information details the ways in which applicants whose first language is not English can meet the English subject prerequisite and English language proficiency requirements for admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland (UQ), including the following Graduate Entry programs: Diploma of Arts (Graduate Entry); Diploma of Science (Graduate Entry) and Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry). For information on the postgraduate programs offered through QTAC please contact UQ Admissions for clarification.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ (and the graduate entry programs listed above), applicants must meet two basic entry requirements:

1. Eligibility (i.e. satisfy the subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. Merit (i.e. possess an entry rank high enough for a place in the program<sup>†</sup>)

<sup>†</sup> Entry ranks range from 1 to 99 (maximum). As admission is competitive the entry rank cut-offs for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

For detailed program information, including prerequisite requirements and entry rank cut-offs from previous admission periods, please refer to the University's *Undergraduate Prospectus for Australian Students* or website: [www.uq.edu.au/study](http://www.uq.edu.au/study).

### WAYS TO MEET ENGLISH PREREQUISITE & PROFICIENCY

If English is not your first language and you have undertaken studies in a language other than English, you are required to demonstrate your English language proficiency.

Listed below are the options for meeting the English subject prerequisite and language proficiency requirements for admission to all UQ undergraduate programs.

1. A Sound Achievement or higher in **Queensland Year 12 English** (or interstate equivalent).
2. A pass in an *English* subject from an **overseas matriculation program** which is considered to be comparable to Queensland Year 12, and where the medium of instruction is English. Such programs include the USA High School Diploma, New Zealand NCEA Level 3 and Cambridge GCE Advanced (A) Levels. Please contact UQ Admissions for further advice.
3. A pass in *Language and Learning Skills* (2 modules) from the Queensland Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation.
4. The following minimum scores are accepted from the **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)\***:
  - Paper-based exam: an overall score of 570 or better, with at least a score of 5 in the written test.
  - Computer-based exam: an overall score of 237, with at least 4.5 in the Essay Rating.
  - Internet-based exam: an overall score of 90, with at least 21 in the written test.

Program Exceptions: Both the Paper-based and Computer-based TOEFL exams are not acceptable for the following programs: occupational therapy, speech pathology, pharmacy, physiotherapy, nursing and midwifery programs, veterinary science, dental science and oral health. The TOEFL Internet-based exam is generally not accepted for these programs either, however contact UQ Admissions for advice.

For TOEFL test information visit: [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org).

5. For most programs, an overall score of 6.5 or better with at least 6.0 in the written band of the **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)\***.

Program Exceptions:

- For MBBS provisional entry programs, nursing and midwifery programs, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, pharmacy, dental science and oral health, applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 7.0, with at least 7.0 in all other sub-bands.
- For speech pathology, applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 7.0, with at least 8.0 in the spoken band and 7.0 in all other sub-bands.
- For laws (and all law duals), applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 7.0, with at least 7.0 in the spoken and written bands.
- For veterinary science, applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 7.0, with at least 7.0 in the spoken band and 6.0 in the written band,
- For all programs administered by the Faculty of Business, Economics and law (except laws and the law duals), applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 6.5, with at least 6.0 in the spoken and written bands.

Examinations for the IELTS are administered by the Institute of Continuing & TESOL Education at UQ. For further information visit [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) or to lodge a test application, please contact the Institute directly on phone: 07 3346 6770 or email: [ieltsregistration@icte.uq.edu.au](mailto:ieltsregistration@icte.uq.edu.au).

6. The successful completion of at least **two years of tertiary study** (i.e. Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor or higher level coursework studies) where the medium of instruction is English (Research awards may be acceptable). For B Laws (and all law duals), tertiary study in science or engineering fields is not acceptable. Research awards may be considered, please contact UQ Admissions for details.
7. An overall score of 154 or higher in the **Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)\*** undertaken from 1992 to March 2010 or an overall score of 149 or higher if undertaken since April 2010. STAT is only accepted for applicants aged 18 years (by 1 February for semester 1 and 1 July semester 2), and who are not currently completing Year 12.

Program Exceptions: STAT is not acceptable for the following programs: laws (and all law duals), occupational therapy, speech pathology, physiotherapy, nursing and midwifery programs, dental science, oral health, pharmacy, MBBS provisional entry programs, the graduate diplomas in education and veterinary science.

\* **Test must be taken within 2 years of program commencement.** For example: For semester 1 entry in 2012, test results must be from February 2010 onwards. Results prior to February 2010 will not be accepted.

For STAT test information visit [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au).

**For further information:**

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