

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

You must have a certain standard of English language proficiency before you can commence an academic program at UQ.

## Demonstrating English language proficiency

International applicants will be deemed proficient in the English language if they can demonstrate one of the following requirements for entry to most postgraduate coursework and research higher degree programs:

- > If the applicant's first language is English – demonstrate that they have graduated from a recognised degree program at an accredited university at which English is recognised as the primary language of instruction and assessment in the program undertaken.
  - > If the applicant's first language is not English – demonstrate evidence of study in a recognised degree program undertaken for two years in the five years prior to commencement at UQ at an accredited university at which English is recognised as the primary medium of instruction (MOI) and assessment in the program undertaken.
- or**
- > Achieve at least 6.5 overall and 6.0 in the writing test of IELTS (or equivalent test). See the English – alternative tests and scores table below.

For more information, go to [www.uq.edu.au/international/language-requirements](http://www.uq.edu.au/international/language-requirements)

## English – alternative tests and scores

Any of the following tests and scores fulfil the English proficiency requirements for entry to UQ programs. Note that programs listed in sections B and C require higher IELTS test scores (TOEFL scores are currently not accepted for these programs).

Test / system	Overall score	Plus additional score
<b>A. For entry to UQ programs (except programs listed in sections B and C below)</b>		
<b>Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test</b>	6.5	6 (Writing)
<b>Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):</b>		
> paper-based TOEFL	570	5 (TWE – Test of Written English)
> Computerised TOEFL (CBT)	237	4.5 (Essay rating)
> Internet-based TOEFL (iBT)	90	21 (Writing)
<b>University of Cambridge English Language Proficiency Exams</b>	A grade of C or better in the Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE); or a grade of A in the Certificate of Advanced English (CAE).	
<b>B. For entry to all medicine, occupational therapy, dental science, applied health science, physiotherapy, nursing, pharmacy and veterinary science programs</b>		
<b>Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test</b>	7	6 (Writing) and 7 (Speaking)
<b>C. For entry to all audiology and speech pathology programs</b>		
<b>Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test</b>	7	6 (Writing) and 8 (Speaking)

Note: test scores are valid for two years from the date of the test to the date of commencement of the UQ program.

## Documentation required

### Academic equivalency

Applicants demonstrating their English proficiency through evidence of study in a degree program must attach certified copies of all academic transcripts and award certificates to the application.

Note that applicants whose first language is not English and who are demonstrating MOI may need a letter from the Registrar from the institution where their undergraduate degree was undertaken confirming that English was the medium used for teaching, assignments, exams and textbooks.

### International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test

Applicants demonstrating their English proficiency with an IELTS test score must attach a certified copy of the IELTS test result to the application.

Information regarding the IELTS test may be obtained from IDP Education Australia offices, Australian Diplomatic Missions and the University's official representatives ([www.uq.edu.au/international/edureps](http://www.uq.edu.au/international/edureps)).

### IELTS

[www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

**British Council**

[www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)

**Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)**

[www.immi.gov.au/contacts](http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts)

## Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Applicants demonstrating their English proficiency with a TOEFL test score must organise for UQ to receive an original copy of an official TOEFL score report. Please ask the Educational Testing Service to send the *Official Score Report* directly to The University of Queensland, Institution Code 0987. Note that the University does not accept institutional TOEFL tests.

For information on the TOEFL, contact:

### TOEFL

[www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)

## English language studies and IELTS at UQ

Applicants wishing to increase their English proficiency may undertake intensive English language studies at the University's on-campus Institute of Continuing & TESOL Education (ICTE-UQ) and sit for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test on completion of these studies. English language training courses offered by ICTE-UQ are outlined on page 29.

Students who wish to receive a package offer comprising an offer of English studies at ICTE-UQ and a conditional offer of admission to the UQ academic program must first meet all other program entry requirements and provide UQ with evidence of their current level of English proficiency.

### Institute of Continuing & TESOL Education (ICTE-UQ)

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## Additional visa requirements

Students who satisfy the University's English language proficiency requirements may still need to meet additional student visa requirements for English proficiency, as required by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

DIAC will not accept a TOEFL score for students from some countries, and may require an IELTS test result to process a student visa application. For more information, students should check with their local Australian Diplomatic Mission or DIAC.

### Australian Diplomatic Mission

[www.immi.gov.au/contacts](http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts)

### DIAC

[www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)