

NZQA Internationally Recognised

# English Proficiency Requirements for International Students

Qualification Level for programmes and required outcomes taking into account the Criteria listed under this table that must be applied

LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6 + 7	LEVEL 8 + 10
<b>IELTS test</b> <i>International English Language Testing System</i>			
General or Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5	Academic score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6
<b>TOEFL Internet- based test (iBT)</b> <i>Test of English as a Foreign Language</i>			
Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 60 (with a writing score of 18)	Score of 79 (with a writing score of 21)
<b>Cambridge English Qualifications</b>			
B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First, or B2 First for schools, or C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill	C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency with a score of 176. No less than 169 in each skill
<b>OET</b> <i>Occupational English Test</i>			
Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C+ or 300 in all sub-tests
<b>NZCEL</b> <i>NZ Certificates in English Language, NZQA</i>			
Level 3 (Applied) or (Academic)	Level 4 (General) or (Employment)	Level 4 (Academic)	Level 5 (Academic)
<b>Pearson Test of English (Academic)</b>			
PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 50 with no band score lower than 42	PTE (Academic) score of 58 with no band score lower than 50
<b>Language Cert</b>			
International ESOL B2 Communicator with overall PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill OR Academic with a minimum score of 60 overall and no skill below 55	International ESOL B2 Communicator with overall HIGH PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill OR Academic with a minimum score of 60 overall and no skills below 55	International ESOL C1 Expert with overall PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill OR Academic with a minimum score of 65 overall and no skill below 60	International ESOL C1 Expert with overall HIGH PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill OR International ESOL C2 Mastery with overall PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill OR Academic with a minimum score of 70 overall and no skills below 65
<b>Trinity ISE Trinity</b> <i>College Integrated Skills in English</i>			
ISE II with no less than pass in any band	ISE II with no less than merit in any band	ISE II with no less than distinction in any band	ISE III with no less than pass in any band

## Test-specific criteria that must be applied

- The **IELTS test** must be taken at an official IELTS test centre. The scores must be from a single Test Report Form. The IELTS One Skill Retake can be accepted.
- The **TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT)** must be taken entirely at an authorised TOEFL iBT test center. The iBT paper edition has one component (speaking) assessed outside an authorised test centre, so cannot be accepted. All test scores must be from a single Score Report. The 'My Best Scores' option cannot be accepted.
- The **OET** test must be taken at an OET venue. All test scores must be from a single Statement of Results.
- The **Pearson Test of English (PTE)** test must be taken at a PTE test centre. All test scores must be from a single Score Report.
- The **LanguageCert** test must be taken at a LanguageCert approved test centre. All test scores must be from a single Test Report, except for the International ESOL where the results may be provided in a single Statement of Results for Written (LRW) and a separate statement of results for Spoken (S).
- The **Trinity ISE** test must be taken at a Trinity registered exam centre. All test scores must be from a single Certificate.

## English proficiency grade and level specified for the following European countries

Country	English Level and Grade
Denmark	Studentereksamen English A grade 7 or English B grade 10
Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ylioppilastutkinoto or Studentexamen, English Language grade 5 (0-7 grading scale)</li><li>• Upper Secondary School Certificate English A or English A Language grade 8 (4-10 grading scale)</li></ul>
Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abitur English Language grade 3 (1-6 grading scale) or grade 10 (1-15 grading scale)</li><li>• DAAD test B2 in all three sections</li></ul>
Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) (Gymnasium A/Band Athenuem A/B) Diplomas (university preparatory education) English Language grade 9 (0-10 grading scale)</li></ul>
Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vitnemal English Language grade 4 (1-6 grading scale)</li></ul>
Sweden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hogskoleforberedande examen English 6 grade C</li></ul>