

TABLE for Internationally Recognised English Proficiency Outcomes for International Students

Internationally recognised proficiency tests	Qualification Level for programmes and required outcome taking into account the Criteria listed under this Table that must be applied				
	Level 3 Qualification	Level 4 Qualification	Level 5 Qualification	Level 6/7 Qualification	Level 8 – 10 Qualification
IELTS test	General or Academic score of 5 with no band score lower than 5	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
TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT)	Score of 35 (with a writing score of 14)	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)
Cambridge English Qualifications	B2 First or B2 First for Schools with a score of 154. 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 with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First, B2 First for schools, C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill	B2 First, B2 First for schools, C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency with a score of 176. No less than 169 in each skill
OET	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 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C+ or 300 in all sub-tests
NZCEL	Level 3 (General)	Level 3 (Applied) or (Academic)	Level 4 (General) or (Employment)	Level 4 (Academic)	Level 5 (Academic)
Pearson Test of English (Academic)	PTE (Academic) score of 36 with no band score lower than 36	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
LanguageCert	International ESOL B1 Achiever with overall PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill or Academic with a minimum score of 55 overall and no skill below 55	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 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 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 and no less than 25/50 in each skill or Academic with a minimum score of 70 overall and no skill below 65
Trinity ISE	ISE I with no less than distinction or 71 in any band	ISE II with no less than pass or 80 in any band	ISE II with no less than merit or 90 in any band	ISE II with no less than distinction or 96 in any band	ISE III with no less than pass or 105 in any band

General Criteria that must be applied:

- (a) The listed outcomes represent the minimum scores or grades for each test or qualification that qualify a student for enrolment at each programme level
- (b) Students with higher scores or grades than required for a particular programme level may still enrol at that level
- (c) Where the entry requirements for a programme are for a higher English proficiency outcome than is listed in the relevant row of the Table for the programme level in which the student is being enrolled, the student must meet that higher level
- (d) Test results for any student must be verified through the test provider

Test-specific Criteria that must be applied:

- (e) The Cambridge English Qualifications must be taken at an authorised exam centre, school or external venue. All test scores must be from a single Statement of Results.
- (f) 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.
- (g) 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).
- (h) The OET test must be taken at an OET venue. All test scores must be from a single Statement of Results.
- (i) 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.
- (j) 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.¹
- (k) The Trinity ISE test must be taken at a Trinity registered exam centre. All test scores must be from a single Certificate.

¹ A new TOEFL iBT test format and scoring system was launched on 21 January 2026. This new test is not the same test as that in the Table – it has the same name but different scoring. Tests taken prior to 21 January 2026 will have been done with the correct scoring. After 21 January 2026, the TOEFL iBT Australia / New Zealand test will have the correct scoring. These tests can be accepted.