

# English Language Proficiency Requirements

## TESTS OR OTHER ENGLISH PREPARATION

Study Levels	Foundation, Certificate or Diploma courses <sup>1</sup>	Undergraduate, postgraduate coursework or study abroad <sup>2</sup>	Postgraduate research degree including research preparatory courses
<a href="#">The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic)</a> <sup>3</sup>	Overall score of 5.5, with no individual band score of less than 5.0.	Overall score of 6.0, with no individual band score of less than 5.5.	Overall score of 6.5, with no individual band score less than 6.0.
<a href="#">Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (Internet-based)</a>	<p><i>Old scoring (0-120 scale)</i></p> <p>Overall score of 65, with no score less than 15 in Reading and Listening, and 18 in Speaking and Writing.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>New scoring (from Jan 2026)</i></p> <p>Overall score of 3.5, with no score less than 3 in Listening and Reading, and 3.5 in Writing and Speaking.</p>	<p><i>Old scoring (0-120 scale)</i></p> <p>Overall score of 75, with no score less than 17 in Reading and Listening, and 21 in Speaking and Writing.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>New scoring (from Jan 2026)</i></p> <p>Overall score of 4.0, with no score less than 3.5 in Listening and Reading, and 4.0 in Writing and Speaking.</p>	<p><i>Old scoring (0-120 scale)</i></p> <p>Overall score of 85, with no score less than 21 in Reading and Listening, and 23 in Speaking and Writing.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>New scoring (from Jan 2026)</i></p> <p>Overall score of 4.5, with no score less than 4.0.</p>
<a href="#">Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)</a>	Overall score of 46, with no score less than 45 in Reading and Listening, 50 in Speaking, and 47 in Writing.	Overall score of 54, with no score less than 50 in Reading and Listening, 60 in Speaking, and 54 in Writing.	Overall score of 62, with no score less than 55 in Reading and Listening, 70 in Speaking, and 64 in Writing.
<a href="#">Cambridge English: C1 Advanced</a> <a href="#">Cambridge English: C2 Proficiency</a>	Overall test score of 162, with no individual band score of less than 154.	Overall test score of 169, with no individual band score of less than 162.	Overall test score of 176, with no individual band score of less than 169.
<a href="#">Michigan English Test</a>	Overall score of 52, with no sub score below 48.	Overall score of 57, with no sub score below 52.	Overall score of 61, with no sub score below 57.
<a href="#">LanguageCert</a>	Overall score of 54, with no score less than 54 in Reading, 49 in Listening, 62 in Speaking and 56 in Writing.	Overall score of 61, with no score less than 60 in Reading, 57 in Listening, 70 in Speaking and 64 in Writing.	Overall score of 67, with no score less than 65 in Reading, 62 in Listening, 76 in Speaking and 71 in Writing.

<sup>1</sup> These students are required to undertake further communications and language study as part of their degree.

<sup>2</sup> Courses with different requirements have been separately approved by Academic Board. These requirements can be accessed from the University's [website](#) and [handbook](#).

<sup>3</sup> IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR) is accepted for admission subject to meeting the minimum scores required and the accrediting body specific requirements.

The following English proficiency tests may also be accepted, subject to approval:

- **Occupational English Test (OET)** — accepted for specific courses. Further information is available on the University's website or in the *CQUni Handbook*.
- **International Second Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPR)** — a minimum score of three in all four skill areas is required. Higher scores may be required for postgraduate research courses. Approval must be granted by the Manager, International Admissions, in consultation with the CQUniversity English Team.
- **Duolingo English Test (DET)** — considered on a case-by-case basis for ELICOS packages, Study Abroad and Exchange applicants, and international online learning applicants, subject to approval by the Deputy Vice-President (International) (or delegate).
- **Other approved English language proficiency tests** — accepted subject to approval by the Director, Students or Deputy Vice-President (International) (or delegate), and any applicable accreditation requirements.