

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre

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English Language Proficiency

Courses offered through QTAC are conducted in the English language and require students to have proficiency in the English language. If your first language is not English and you have not previously undertaken either senior schooling or higher study in the English language, you must demonstrate your English language proficiency.

English Language Proficiency Tests (Academic)

As an overall guide, universities and colleges may accept one or all of the following to demonstrate English Language proficiency:

- IELTS - International English Language Proficiency Testing System
- TOEFL- Test of English as a Foreign Language
- ISLPR - International Second Language Proficiency Rating
- STAT - Special Tertiary Admissions Test

Please refer to the table below for a guide to institution specific requirements. As policies can change, it is important you contact the admissions office of the institution you wish to apply to, in order to confirm the institution-specific consideration of the available examinations.

Testing Centres - Contact Details

To arrange to sit one of the tests mentioned in this table, please contact the numbers listed below:

- **IELTS**
(International English Language Proficiency Testing System) - examinations are held at the following centres: Central Queensland University - Rockhampton (07) 4930 9790; International House - Cairns (07) 4031 3466; Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (07) 5581 8340; James Cook University - Townsville (07) 4781 5390; The University of New England (02) 6773 6430; The University of Queensland (07) 3365 6565 and the University of the Sunshine Coast (07) 5459 4570. For more information, visit www.ielts.org
- **ISLPR** () - examinations are held at the ISLPR Language Services, Eight Mile Plains - (07) 3423 2505. For more information, visit www.islpr.org

- **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language) - for information, visit www.toefl.org
- **STAT** (Special Tertiary Admissions Test) - examinations are held at QTAC, please see [STAT](#) and [How to Register](#) for more information.

Other Studies or Qualifications

While other studies or qualifications may be satisfactory, it is important that you contact the relevant institution to check to see if the qualifications that you hold are sufficient for the purpose of satisfying the English language proficiency requirement.

Please refer to the following table for a guide to institution requirements. The table contains information regarding tests and results required for satisfying the English language proficiency requirement as notified to QTAC by institutions. It is important to contact the admissions office of the institution you wish to apply to for further information about their English language proficiency policies.

Ways of Demonstrating English Language Proficiency

<i>Institution</i>	IELTS - International English Language Proficiency Testing System- Academic version	ISLPR - International Second Language Proficiency Rating (formerly ASLPR)	TOEFL - Test of English as a Foreign Language (PBT = Paper Based Test CBT = Computer Based Test IBT = Internet Based Test)	STAT- Special Tertiary Admissions Test	Other
Australian Catholic University (ACU National)	Nursing, Education: 6.5 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest). All other courses: 6.0 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 for writing & speaking, minimum of 5.5 for listening & reading). Test results valid for three years.	Not satisfactory.	Nursing, Education: 575 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 5.0 (PBT) or 230 or better overall (CBT). All other courses: 550 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 4.5 (PBT) or 210 or better overall (CBT). Test results valid for three years.	156 or better in the verbal sub score.	A minimum of one year of successful tertiary study where the language of instruction was English.
Australian College of	5.5 or better overall (minimum of 5.0 in each subtest).	No individual score less than 3.	530 or better overall (PBT) or 197 or better overall (CBT).	152 or better in the verbal sub score.	Other evidence may be satisfactory; contact the college.

Natural Medicine (ACNM)					
Australian Maritime College (AMC)	6.0 or better overall.	May be satisfactory; contact AMC.	550 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 4.5 (PBT) or 213 or better overall & a minimum essay rating of 4.5 (CBT).	156 or better in the verbal sub score.	Other evidence may be satisfactory; contact AMC.
Bond University (BU)	Biomedical Science and Forensic Science: 7.0 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest). Medicine: 7.0 or better overall (minimum of 6.5 in each subtest). All other courses: 6.5 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest).	Not satisfactory.	Medicine, Forensic Science and Biomedical Science: 627 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 5.0 (PBT); or 263 or better overall & minimum Essay Rating of 5.0 (CBT). All other courses: 570 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 5.0 (PBT); or 230 or better overall and & minimum Essay Rating of 5.0 (CBT).	Not satisfactory.	Other evidence may be satisfactory; contact Bond University Office of Recruitment and Admissions 1800 074 074.
Central Queensland University (CQU)	6.0 or better overall (minimum of 5.0 in each subtest).	Not satisfactory.	550 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 4.0 (PBT) or 213 or better overall (CBT).	Overall score of 155 or better.	A minimum of one year of successful tertiary study where the language of instruction was English.
Christian Heritage College (CHC)	6.5 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest).	Not satisfactory.	575 or better overall (PBT), 233 or better (CBT) or 90 or better with no subscore lower than 20 (IBT)	156 or better in the verbal sub score.	A minimum of one year of successful tertiary study where the language of instruction was English.
Griffith University (GU)	Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Medical Science and Oral Health: 7.0 or better overall (minimum 6.5 in each subtest). Pharmacy: 7.0 or better overall (minimum 6.0 in each subtest). Aviation: 6.5 or better overall (minimum 6.5 listening, 7.0 speaking, 5.5 others). Nursing: 6.5 or better with no sub-score less than 6.	Aviation, Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Medical Science, Nursing, Oral Health and Pharmacy: 3+ or better in each skill. All other courses: 3 or better in each skill. Test results are only valid for two years.	Aviation, Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Medical Science, Oral Health and Pharmacy: 580 or better overall (PBT), or 237 or better overall (CBT) or 92 with no score less than 22 (IBT). Nursing: 575 or better (overall) (PBT), or 237 or better overall (CBT) or 92 with no score less than 22 (IBT) All other courses: 550 or better overall (PBT), or 213 or better overall (CBT) or	Not satisfactory.	A minimum of one year of successful tertiary study where the language of instruction was English.

	<p>All other courses: 6.0 or better overall (minimum 5.5 in each subtest).</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>		<p>79 with no score less than 19 (IBT).</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>		
James Cook University (JCU)	<p>Education, Medicine, Speech Pathology, Veterinary Science: 7.0 or better overall (minimum of 7.0 in each subtest)</p> <p>Exercise Physiology, Law, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Sport & Exercise Science: 6.5 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest).</p> <p>All other courses: 6.0 or better overall (minimum of 5.5 in each subtest).</p>	Not satisfactory.	<p>Education, Medicine, Speech Pathology, Veterinary Science: 577 or better overall & a minimum TWE score of 5.5 (PBT) or 233 or better overall with a minimum essay rating of 5.5 (CBT) or 91 with a minimum of 23 in the written band (IBT).</p> <p>Exercise Physiology, Law, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Sport & Exercise Science: 570 or better overall with a minimum TWE score of 4.5 (PBT) or 230 or better overall with a minimum essay rating of 4.5 (CBT) or 88 with a minimum writing score of 21 (IBT).</p> <p>All other courses: 550 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 4.0 (PBT) or 213 or better overall with a minimum essay rating of 4.0 (CBT) and 79 with a minimum writing score of 19 (IBT).</p>	156 or better in the verbal sub score.	<p>A minimum of two years of satisfactory (ie GPA \geq 4.00) secondary or tertiary education where the language of instruction was English.</p> <p>Pass in the subject <i>Language and Learning Skills</i> from Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation.</p>
Qantm College	<p>Bachelor programs: 6.5 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest).</p> <p>All other programs: 5.5 or better overall (minimum of 5.0 in each subtest).</p>	No individual score less than 3.	530 or better overall (PBT), or 200 or better overall (CBT).	overall score of 158 or 156 or better in the verbal sub score.	Other evidence may be acceptable; contact Qantm College 1300 136 933
Queensland Institute of Business and Technology (QIBT)	<p>Diploma or Certificate IV courses: 5.5 or better overall.</p> <p>Mixed programs: 5.0 or better overall.</p>	<p>Diploma or Certificate IV courses: 2+ or better overall.</p> <p>Mixed programs: 2 or better overall.</p>	<p>Diploma or Certificate IV courses: 525 or better (PBT), 195 or better (CBT).</p> <p>Mixed programs: 500 or better overall (PBT) or 173 or better overall (CBT).</p>	May be satisfactory; contact QIBT Admissions (07) 3875 6900.	Other evidence may be satisfactory; contact QIBT Admissions (07) 3875 6900.

<p>Queensland University of Technology (QUT)</p>	<p>For single degree courses in the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering 6.0 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest).</p> <p>All other courses: 6.5 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest).</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>	<p>Not satisfactory.</p>	<p>For single degree courses in the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering 550 or better overall (PBT) or 213 or better overall (CBT) or 80 or better overall (minimum score of 20 in each subtest) (IBT).</p> <p>All other courses: 575 or better overall (PBT) or 233 or better overall (CBT) or 90 or better overall (minimum score of 20 in each subtest) (IBT).</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years</p>	<p>Not satisfactory.</p>	<p>Contact QUT Admissions (07) 3138 2000 if the medium of instruction was English (secondary or diploma studies) with passes in an English language subject, or if you have passed one year of tertiary study.</p>
<p>SAE Institute</p>	<p>6.0 or better overall (minimum of 5.5 in each subtest).</p>	<p>3+ or better in all 4 skills.</p>	<p>550 or better overall (PBT), or 213 or better overall (CBT), or 79 or better overall (IBT).</p>	<p>156 or better overall.</p>	<p>A minimum of two years satisfactory secondary or tertiary education where the language of instruction was English. Other evidence may be satisfactory; contact SAE Institute.</p>
<p>Southern Cross University (STHN CROSS)</p>	<p>6.0 or better overall (minimum of 5.5 in each subtest).</p>	<p>3+ or better in all 4 skills.</p>	<p>550 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 4.5 (PBT) or 213 or better overall & a minimum Essay Rating of 4.5 (CBT).</p>	<p>Overall score of 155 or better.</p>	<p>Completed AQF Certificate IV (including English for Academic Purposes). Other evidence may be satisfactory; contact Student Services 1800 626 481.</p>
<p>TAFE Queensland</p> <p><i>Dual award programs offered in conjunction with universities may require higher levels of English proficiency. Contact TAFE Qld Placement Unit</i></p>	<p>5.5 or better overall (minimum of 5.0 in each subtest).</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>	<p>No individual score less than 3.</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>	<p>530 or better overall (PBT), or 197 or better overall (CBT).</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>	<p>152 or better in the verbal sub score.</p>	<p>Successful completion of Certificate IV in Spoken and Written English - Further Education. Other evidence may be satisfactory; contact the Tertiary Placement and Performance Unit (07) 3259 4586.</p>
<p>The University of Queensland (UQ)</p>	<p>6.5 or better overall with a grade of at least 6.0 in the written band.</p> <p>Occupational therapy, physiotherapy, nursing, midwifery, veterinary science, dental science, oral health and pharmacy: minimum of 7.0 or better overall, with a written score of 6.0, and a spoken score of 7.0.</p>	<p>Not satisfactory.</p>	<p>570 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 5.0 (PBT) or 237 or better overall & a minimum essay rating of 4.5 (CBT) or an overall score of 90 with a minimum essay rating of 5</p> <p>Not satisfactory for entry to occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech pathology, veterinary science, nursing, midwifery, pharmacy, dental</p>	<p>Overall score of 154 or better for applicants 21 years and over.</p> <p>Not satisfactory for entry to laws, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech pathology, midwifery, veterinary science,</p>	<p>A minimum of two years of successful tertiary study (diploma or higher) where the language of instruction was English.</p> <p>For entry to laws, tertiary study cannot be in a scientific, medical or engineering field.</p>

	<p>Speech Pathology: minimum of 7.0 overall, with a written score of 6.0 and a spoken score of 8.0.</p> <p>Diploma programs: overall score of 5.5.</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>		<p>science and oral health.</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>	<p>pharmacy, nursing, dental science and oral health.</p>	<p>For diploma programs one year of successful tertiary study (diploma or higher) where the language of instruction was English.</p>
<p>University of New England (UNE)</p>	<p>Law and Nursing: 6.5 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest).</p> <p>All other courses: 6.0 or better overall (minimum of 5.5 in each subtest).</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>	<p>May be satisfactory; contact UNE Admissions (02) 6773 4444.</p>	<p>Law and Nursing: 575 or better overall with a minimum TWE of 5 (PBT) or 231 or better overall with no less than 26 in Writing and no less than 24 in Listening and Reading (CBT) or 91 overall with no less than 22 in the written band and no less than 20 in Listening, Speaking and Reading.</p> <p>All other courses: 550 or better overall with a minimum TWE of 5 (PBT) or 213 or better overall (CBT) or 79 or better overall with no less than 22 in the written band (IBT).</p> <p>Test results are only valid for two years.</p>	<p>May be acceptable; contact UNE Admissions (02) 6773 4444</p>	<p>B pass in GCSE 'O' level English or at least one full-time year of successful tertiary study may be satisfactory; contact UNE Admissions (02) 6773 4444.</p>
<p>University of Southern Queensland (USQ)</p>	<p>6.0 or better overall (minimum of 5.5 in each subtest).</p> <p>Test results are only valid for one year.</p>	<p>3+ or better in all 4 skills.</p>	<p>550 or better overall (PBT) or 213 or better overall (CBT).</p> <p>Paper based test results are only valid for one year.</p>	<p>156 or better in the verbal sub score.</p>	<p>A minimum of one year of successful tertiary study where the language of instruction was English. Other qualifications may be satisfactory, contact USQ Student Administration (07) 4631 5315.</p>

<p>University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)</p>	<p>Graduate Diploma of Education: 7.0 or better overall (minimum of 6.5 in each subtest). Nursing Science: 6.5 or better overall (minimum of 6.0 in each subtest).</p> <p>All other courses: 6.0 or better overall (minimum of 5.5 in each subtest).</p>	<p>3+ or better in all 4 skills.</p> <p>Not satisfactory for Graduate Diploma of Education.</p>	<p>550 or better overall & minimum TWE score of 4.0 (PBT) or 213 or better overall (CBT), with a minimum Essay Rating of 4.0 (CBT), 80 or better overall & minimum writing score of 19 (IBT).</p> <p>May be satisfactory for Graduate Diploma of Education; contact USC Administration (07) 5430 2890.</p>	<p>May be satisfactory; contact USC Student Administration (07) 5430 2890.</p> <p>Not satisfactory for Graduate Diploma of Education.</p>	<p>Successful completion in the last five years of a minimum of two years of full-time secondary study or two years full-time of other postsecondary study where the language of instruction was English (may not be satisfactory for Nursing and Education, contact USC).</p> <p>All courses: one year of successful (GPA =>3.75) full-time tertiary study in the last five years where the language of instruction was English.</p> <p>TAFE English study courses may be satisfactory; contact USC.</p>
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