

 NSW GOVERNMENT TAFE NSW INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS	
IELTS Score ^[1]	Equivalence
Academic IELTS 6.0 (with no individual band less than 5.5)	- Academic PTE with an overall score of 50 and minimum score of 42 in each component - TOEFL (iBT) with the following minimum scores: Overall 67, Reading 16, Listening 16, Speaking 17 and Writing 18 ^[10] - Cambridge English: C1 Advanced - 161 ^[11] - CELPiP General with an overall score of 7 and minimum score of 6 in each component - LANGUAGECERT Academic with an overall score of 61 and minimum score of 55 in each component - MET (Michigan English Test) with an overall score of 53 and minimum score of 50 in each component - Occupational English Test (OET) with an overall score of 1210 and minimum score of 290 in each component - STEP EIKEN Grade Pre 1 - SPM English 1119 Grade C6 - HKDSE English Language Level 4 - International GCSE English as First Language Grade C or 4 - International GCSE English as Second Language Grade B or 5 - TAFE NSW General English Program ^[3] ^[5] - Citizen and hold a passport from: UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, or the Republic of Ireland, and completed Year 12 or equivalent or higher-level studies ^[5] ^[7] - Completion of at least 5 years’ study, taught and assessed solely in English, in one or more of the following countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland ^[5] - Completion of Senior Secondary Certificate of Education or AQF Certificate IV or higher level in Australia ^[5] ^[6] ^[12]
Academic IELTS 6.5 (with no individual band less than 6.0)	- Academic PTE with an overall score of 58 and minimum score of 50 in each component - TOEFL (iBT) with the following minimum scores: Overall 79, Reading 19, Listening 20, Speaking 20 and Writing 20 ^[10] - Cambridge English: C1 Advanced - 176 ^[11] - CELPiP General with an overall score of 8 and minimum score of 7 in each component - LANGUAGECERT Academic with an overall score of 66 and minimum score of 60 in each component - MET (Michigan English Test) with an overall score of 65 and minimum score of 53 in each component - Occupational English Test (OET) with a minimum score of 1350 and minimum score of 330 in each component - TAFE NSW English for Academic Purposes ^[3] ^[5] - Citizen and hold a passport from: UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, or the Republic of Ireland, and completed Year 12 or equivalent or higher-level studies ^[5] ^[7] - Completion of at least 5 years’ study, taught and assessed solely in English, in one or more of the following countries: Australia*, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland ^[5] - Completion of Senior Secondary Certificate of Education* or AQF Certificate IV or higher level in Australia ^[5] ^[6] ^[12] * To apply for <i>Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care</i> you must complete <i>Senior Secondary Certificate of Education</i> ^[12] in Australia, with either: - o a Band 4 in <i>English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)</i> in NSW, or - o a Score of 35 in <i>English as an Additional Language (EAL)</i> in VIC, or - o an equivalent English score in other Australian states
Academic IELTS 7.0 (with the following minimum scores: Overall 7.0, Reading 7.0, Listening 7.0, Speaking 7.0 and Writing 6.5)	<u>English Test taken prior to 23 April 2026:</u> - Academic PTE with the following minimum scores: Overall 66, Reading 66, Listening 66, Speaking 66 and Writing 56 - TOEFL (iBT) with the following minimum scores: Overall 94, Reading 24, Listening 24, Speaking 23 and Writing 24 ^[10] - Occupational English Test (OET) with the following minimum scores: Reading B, Listening B, Speaking B and Writing C+ - Cambridge English: C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency with the following minimum scores: Overall 185, Reading 185, Listening 185, Speaking 185 and Writing 176 ^[11] - English is your primary language, and you have completed at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English, including at least two years between years 7 and 12, in one or more of the following countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, or the Republic of Ireland ^[7] - Completion of at least five years (full-time equivalent) continuous education (secondary, vocational, tertiary) taught and assessed solely in English, in one or more of the following countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, or the Republic of Ireland ^[8] - Other equivalent as per AHPRA Registration Standard for Nursing and Midwifery ^[9] <u>English Test taken on or after 23 April 2026:</u> - Academic PTE with the following minimum scores: Overall 63, Reading 59, Listening 58, Speaking 76 and Writing 60 - TOEFL (iBT) with the following minimum scores: Overall 91, Reading 22, Listening 22, Speaking 24 and Writing 23 ^[10] - Occupational English Test (OET) with the following minimum scores: Reading 360, Listening 350, Speaking 360 and Writing 350 - Cambridge English: C1 Advanced with the following minimum scores: Overall 178, Reading 179, Listening 175, Speaking 194 and Writing 180 ^[11] - Cambridge English: C2 Proficiency with the following minimum scores: Overall 185, Reading 185, Listening 185, Speaking 185 and Writing 176 ^[11] - English is your primary language, and you have completed at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English, including at least two years between years 7 and 12, in one or more of the following countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, or the Republic of Ireland ^[7] - Completion of at least five years (full-time equivalent) continuous education (secondary, vocational, tertiary) taught and assessed solely in English, in one or more of the following countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, or the Republic of Ireland ^[8] - Other equivalent as per AHPRA Registration Standard for Nursing and Midwifery ^[9]

- Please Note:**
- English language test results submitted with an application to TAFE NSW must remain valid until the course commencement date.
 - TAFE NSW does not accept evidence from English language tests where an entire test is delivered online (also known as “remote-proctored” or “at-home”). Examples of online tests that are not accepted, include: IELTS Online, LANGUAGECERT Academic Online, OET@Home, CELPIP Online, MET Digital (taken at-home), TOEFL iBT – Home Edition etc.
 - If you do not meet the English competency requirements, you can choose to study an [English Course](#) at a TAFE NSW English Language Centre before you start your course.
 - Depending on your nationality, the Australian Department of Home Affairs (DoHA) might accept only approved English test result as proof of English competency for student visa purposes. Go to the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website for details.
 - If you have completed your studies in Australia (or other Countries listed above) more than 2 years ago then you must explain the gap with relevant studies in an English speaking environment (or) work experience in an English speaking country (or) provide an acceptable alternative to meet English proficiency. Please note that the Department of Home Affairs might still require you to take an approved English test at the time of visa application.
 - If you are using Australian study to meet English entry requirement to study at TAFE NSW, you must provide evidence of one of the following:
 - Completion of Senior Secondary Certificate of Education in Australia
 - Completion of AQF Certificate IV in Australia
 - Completion of minimum one semester in higher AQF qualifications
 - Completion of Foundation Program with a pass in English in Australia
 - You must declare on the TAFE NSW application form in section 4 that English is your primary language.
 - You must show evidence of continuous education with no gap (except institution’s scheduled holidays) as at the time of submitting an application for Diploma of Nursing course. If there is a gap you will be required to provide a valid English Language test result.
 - You must meet the English language requirements as per AHPRA Registration Standard for Nursing and Midwifery at the time of application for Diploma of Nursing course.
 - TOEFL iBT tests that were completed between 26 July 2023 and 4 May 2024 will not be accepted for Australian visa and migration purposes. During this period, the TOEFL iBT test being offered was not an approved test.
 - From 12 February 2024 to 6 August 2025, only results from the paper-based Cambridge C1 Advanced test (previously known as Cambridge English: Advanced CAE) will be accepted for Australian visa and migration purposes. Test scores for both C1 Advanced paper-based and computer-based tests taken before 12 February 2024, within the specified validity period are still accepted.
 - In Australia, the *Senior Secondary Certificate of Education* for each state is:
NSW: Higher School Certificate (HSC)
VIC: Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)
QLD: Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
SA: South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE)
WA: Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)
TAS: Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE)
NT: Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET)
ACT: ACT Senior Secondary Certificate (ACT SSC)
 - TAFE NSW reserves the right to accept your application.