

English Language Proficiency Requirements for Coursework Award Courses and Topics

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1. Governing Policy

[Admissions Policy](#) (re admission to coursework award courses)

[Enrolment Policy](#) (re admission as an incoming cross-institutional award student, incoming exchange or study abroad award student, or non-award student).

2. Purpose

- a. This document sets out the minimum required English language proficiency requirements for admission to all Flinders University coursework award courses or topics.
- b. Specific courses may have higher requirements than those specified here, if approved by the delegated University authority.
- c. Further details about English language requirements are available on the University's [admissions](#) web pages.
- d. For applicants to a higher degree by research candidature—see the [English Language Proficiency Requirements for HDR Candidature](#).

3. Requirements

3.1. Minimum requirements

The minimum English language proficiency requirement for applicants to be considered for admission:

- to a Flinders University undergraduate or postgraduate coursework award course, or
- to study a topic or topics as
 - an incoming cross-institutional award student, or
 - an incoming exchange or study abroad non-award student

is one of the following:

- a. The applicant's first language is English.
- b. The applicant has successfully completed their prior study in English, i.e., the applicant has:
 - i. an Australian secondary school year 12 qualification

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- ii. a secondary qualification deemed equivalent to completion of the SA Certificate of Education, taught in the English language in a country where English is the official language or the main language spoken
 - iii. a grade of 'C' or better in the General Certification of Education (GCE) Ordinary (O) Level subject 'English'
 - iv. an Australian tertiary qualification at AQF Level 4 or higher
 - v. an overall grade of Pass or better in a program of full time study over at least one year at a level deemed equivalent to AQF Level 4 or higher, taught in the English language in a country where English is the official language or the main language spoken, or
 - vi. completed an Australian foundation studies or bridging program deemed equivalent to Flinders Foundation Studies.
- c. The applicant has sat an international English language proficiency test, and has:
- i. an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall score of at least 6.0 with a minimum score of 6.0 in the Writing and Speaking components
 - ii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) internet-based test (iBT) of at least 72, with a score of at least 18 in Writing and Speaking components
 - iii. a Cambridge CAE Pass Grade of at least B2
 - iv. a Pearson Test of English (PTE) score of at least 50 overall, with a minimum skill score of 50 in Writing and Speaking, or
 - v. an Occupational English Test (OET) score of at least 300.¹
- d. The applicant has successfully completed an approved English language course from a registered English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) Provider.
- e. The applicant's overall performance in the SATAC Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) meets the University's admission requirements.
- f. The applicant is registered with an Australian professional registration body relevant to the applicant's proposed course of study.

Equivalents to these requirements may be determined from time to time by the delegated authority specified in the [Admissions Policy](#).

3.2. Currency of proficiency

- a. The evidence of proficiency under 3.1.b. must be not more than five years old on the proposed date of commencement of the course.
- b. The evidence of proficiency under 3.1.c. or d. must be not more than two years old on the proposed date of commencement of the course.

3.3. Special circumstances

- a. As provided in the [Student Admission Procedures](#), applicants who do not meet the applicable admission criteria are not further considered for admission, unless there are special circumstances.
- b. Where special circumstances apply, no student whose English language proficiency is based on an English language proficiency test may be admitted with a score below the following levels:
 - i. an IELTS overall score of 5.5
 - ii. a TOEFL iBT test score of 65
 - iii. a Cambridge CAE pass grade of B1, or

¹ OET scores are accepted for applications to selected coursework programs in the College of Medicine and Public Health and College of Nursing and Health Sciences only.

iv. a PTE overall score of 45.

3.4. Transnational Education

- a. Where a Transnational Education course is being delivered wholly or partly in a language other than English, these requirements may be varied in accordance with the [Student Admission Procedures](#).

4. Forms

[Equivalency of Qualifications Request Form – International Coursework Students](#)

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