English Language Proficiency Requirements for HDR Candidature

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1. Governing policy

Higher Degrees by Research Policy

2. Purpose

a. This document sets out the minimum required English language proficiency requirements for admission to all candidatures for Flinders University higher degrees by research (HDRs).
b. Further details about English language requirements are available on the University's admissions web pages.
c. For applicants to a postgraduate coursework award course—see the English Language Proficiency Requirements for Coursework Award Courses.

3. Minimum requirements

3.1. Masters by Research degrees, PhDs, Professional Doctorates and Higher Doctorates

The minimum English language proficiency requirement for admission to these degrees is one of the following:

a. the applicant's first language is English
b. the applicant has successfully completed their prior qualifying study in English, i.e., the applicant has:
   i. an Australian tertiary qualification at AQF Level 8 or higher, or
   ii. an equivalent tertiary qualification taught in the English language in a country where English is the official language or the main language spoken

c. the applicant has sat an international English proficiency test, and has:
   i. an overall academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) band score of at least 6.5 with a minimum score of 6.5 in the Writing components and 6.0 in all other components
   ii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-based test (iBT) of at least 80, with a minimum score of 22 in Writing and 18 in all other components
   iii. a Pearson Test of English (PTE) score of at least 58 overall, with a minimum 58 in Writing, and 50 in all other components, or
   iv. a Cambridge English: Advanced CAE grade of at least C
d. the applicant has successfully completed an approved English language course from a registered English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) Provider or

e. the applicant has an equivalent to one of the above requirements, as determined by the delegated authority specified in the HDR Admission and Enrolment Procedures.

3.2. PhD (Clinical Psychology)

The minimum English language proficiency requirement for admission to this degree is one of the following:

a. the applicant's first language is English

b. the applicant has successfully completed their prior qualifying study in English, i.e., the applicant has:
   i. an Australian tertiary qualification at AQF Level 8 or higher, or
   ii. an equivalent tertiary qualification taught in the English language in a country where English is the official language or the main language spoken

c. the applicant has sat an international English proficiency test, and has:
   i. an overall academic IELTS band score of at least 7.0 with a minimum score of 7.0 in all components
   ii. a TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT) of at least 94, with a minimum score of 27 in Writing, 24 in Reading and Listening, and 23 in Speaking, or
   iii. a PTE score of at least 65 overall, with a minimum of 65 in each component

d. the applicant has successfully completed an approved English language course from a registered English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) Provider, or

e. the applicant has an equivalent to one of these requirements, as determined by the delegated authority specified in the HDR Admission and Enrolment Procedures.

3.3. Currency of proficiency

a. The evidence of proficiency under 3.1.b. or 3.2.b. must be no 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. or 3.2.c. or d. must be no more than two years old on the proposed date of commencement of the course.

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