

English Language Requirements

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Note: Where any inconsistency exists between this document and requirements published by the Department of Home Affairs, the Department of Home Affairs requirements prevail.

English Language Proficiency Test/Evidence	Certificate level entry courses/packages **	Diploma or Advanced Diploma or Graduate Diploma level entry courses/packages **	Level 2 and 3 nationalities applying for a student visa must provide English proficiency documents as specified under Instrument (LIN 25/090) 2025 (https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2025L00906/asmade/text).		
			if packaged with 10-week ELICOS	if packaged with 20-week ICOS	Without ELICOS
IELTS (Academic or General)	Overall score of 5.5	Overall score of 6.0	Overall score of 5.5	Overall score of 5.0	Overall score of 6.0
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic	Overall 39	Overall 47	Overall 39	Overall 31	Overall 47
TOEFL iBT	Overall 51	Overall 67	Overall 51	Overall 37	Overall 67
Occupational English Test (OET)	Overall score of 1090	Overall score of 1210	Overall score of 1090	Overall score of 1020	Overall score of 1210
C1 Advanced (CAE)	161	161	161	161	161

CELPiP General	Overall band score of 6.	Overall band score of 7.	Overall band score of 6	Overall band score of 5	Overall band score of 7
LANGUAGECER Academic	Overall band score of 54.	Overall band score of 61.	Overall band score of 54	Overall band score of 46	Overall band score of 61
MET	Overall band score of 49.	Overall band score of 53.	Overall band score of 49	Overall band score of 44	Overall band score of 53
EXEMPTED					
Australian Certificate III leading to Certificate IV (Example: Cert 3 Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology has been completed).	Completion of the total units	Completion of the total units	Completion of the total units completed in the last 2 years before applying for 500 visa	Completion of the total units completed in the last 2 years before applying for 500 visa	Completion of the total units completed in the last 2 years before applying for 500 visa
Australian Certificate IV or higher level qualification	At least 75% completion of the total units in an AQF Level IV or higher qualification	At least 75% completion of the total units in an AQF Level IV or higher qualification	in the 2 years before applying for the Student visa you completed a substantial component of a course that would qualify you under the Australian Qualifications Framework at the Certificate IV or higher level, while you held a Student visa	in the 2 years before applying for the Student visa you completed a substantial component of a course that would qualify you under the Australian Qualifications Framework at the Certificate IV or higher level, while you held a Student visa	in the 2 years before applying for the Student visa you completed a substantial component of a course that would qualify you under the AQF at the Certificate IV or higher level, while you held a Student visa

<p>Completion of at least 5 years of study in English Speaking Countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland.</p>	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted
<p>you are a citizen and hold a passport from Australia, UK, USA, Canada, NZ or Republic of Ireland</p>	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted
<p>in the 2 years before applying for the Student visa you completed the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education in Australia in English while you held a Student visa</p>	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted

OTHER OPTIONS (you may be eligible to provide one of the following alternative documents)					
B2 First (First Certificate of English (FCE))	160	180	NA	NA	NA
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Minimum of 3 in English A1 or A2	Minimum of 4 in English A1 or A2	NA	NA	NA
ELICOS courses	Successful completion at Upper-Intermediate level	Successful completion at Advanced level	NA	NA	NA
Duolingo	95	105	NA	NA	NA
GCE O- Level	Grade C in English	Grade C in English	NA	NA	NA
GCE A-Level	Grade C in English	Grade C in English	NA	NA	NA

**** Note:** International students who need to apply for a student visa should check the English language requirements of the Australian Department of Home Affairs, as these may vary based on nationality of the applicant <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#Eligibility>

*** This is in relation to the Department of Home Affairs Country Assessment levels for a student visa (500) to Australia document checklist. We have taken all necessary measures to ensure the accuracy of the data collected from the DHA. In the event of any inaccuracies, we will take prompt action to correct them. However, we will not be held liable for any discrepancies. Agents and students are encouraged to verify the information directly with the DHA if they have concerns regarding its accuracy.