

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EQUIVALENCIES



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Overall	Individual		Overall	R/L/S/W	Overall	R/L/W/S								Higher level	Standard level	
5.0	4.5	447	35	4/4/14/14	36	36		154	2 on all skills	n/a	2A		Certificate III ²			Successful Completion of Year 10 with Sound Achievement in English with in the last two years.
5.5	5.0	506	46	8/7/16/18	42	42		162	2+ on all skills	n/a	Pre-1	Upper Intermediate Academic Level (EAP or IELTS 1)	Certificate IV ²		3	Successful Completion of secondary qualification with 4Sound Achievements in Year 12 (English Authority subject ⁴ compulsory) in Queensland with in the last two years. Contact TAFE Queensland for equivalencies from other States. or Successful completion of the required English language program with a TAFE Qld ELICOS partner. There can be no more than 3 month study gap between completion of the English language studies and TAFE Queensland program commencement ¹¹ or Successful Completion of AQF level 3 ⁵ or higher (min 18 weeks duration) in which medium of Instruction is English with in the last two years.
6.0	5.5	534	60	13/12/18/21	50	50		169	3 on all skills	Pass at "C" level in each of four components	1	Pre-Advanced Level (IELTS 2)	n/a	3	4	Successful Completion of secondary qualification with 4Sound Achievements in Year 12 (English Authority subject ⁴ compulsory) in Queensland with in the last two years. Contact TAFE Queensland for equivalencies from other States. or Successful completion of the required English language program with a TAFE Qld ELICOS partner. There can be no more than 3 month study gap between completion of the English language studies and TAFE Queensland program commencement ¹¹
	6.0 (writing) other 5.5			13/12/18/23												
6.5	6.0	565	79	19/20/20/24	58	58		176	3+ on all skills	Pass at "C" level in each of four components	1	Advanced Level (EAP Nursing or EAP Business)	n/a	4	5	Successful Completion of secondary qualification with 4Sound Achievements in Year 12 (English Authority subject ⁴ compulsory) in Queensland with in the last two years. Contact TAFE Queensland for equivalencies from other States. or Successful completion of the required English language program with a TAFE Qld ELICOS partner. There can be no more than 3 month study gap between completion of the English language studies and TAFE Queensland program commencement ¹¹

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7.0	7.0	n/a	94	24/24/23/27	65	65	n/a	n/a	Pass at "A" or "B" level in each of four components	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Diploma of Nursing Requirements: Evidence of satisfactory completion of five years (full time equivalent) of education taught and assessed in English in any of the recognised countries ¹² Note: education evidence may include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational and secondary education taught and assessed in English or; • Tertiary and vocational education taught and assessed in English; or • Combined tertiary, secondary and vocational education taught and assessed in English; or • Tertiary education taught and assessed in English

Qualification, subject and grade requirements guide for accepted secondary qualifications not undertaken in English⁷

Country	Qualification/subject	IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6.0	IELTS 6.5	IELTS 7.0
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	3	4	5	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level
Denmark	Studentereksamen	English- Grade -2/ ECTS: E	English -Grade 7/ ECTS: C	English- Grade 9-10/ ECTS: B	
Fiji	Fiji School Leaving Certificate (Form 7)	Showing at Least 4 subjects Minimum pass 64% or higher in Form 7 (English subject compulsory)	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	
Finland	Upper Secondary School Certificate or Ylioppilastutkinto / Lukionpäästötodistus	English - Grade 6	Grade 8 in English or English A in final year of secondary school. Or Pass in the Matriculation examination (Ylioppilastutkinto) in English (Advanced)	English - Grade 9 or better	
Germany	Fachhochschulereife, Abitur, DAAD	English grades for Abitur Level 4-6 to pass Average of 4 across 4 semesters of English= entry into 5.5 programs only. must be minimum of 4 (Sufficient)	Abitur with at least 7-9 points in English. Fachhochschulereife with at least 3 in English, or DAAD language test with Minimum top two scores in all 4 sections.	Abitur with at least 10-12 points. or, minimum grade of 3 (or 2) in the final year, or DAAD language test with Minimum top two scores in all 4 sections.	
Iceland	Menntaskóli/fjölbraitaskóli. Stúdentapróf - Upper Secondary or Sveinspróf - Technical Secondary	Minimum Grade 5 International Scale E or Equivalent	Grade 6-7, Scale D-C Equivalent	Grade 8 or better, Scale B or better	

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Malaysia	Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM)	C Grade in English Language - 1119 Grade B or higher in English	Grade A or higher in English	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level
Netherlands	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs(HAVO)	English - Grade 6 in VWO or Grade 7- HAVO	VWO: English - Grade 7-8. Or HAVO (Senior General Secondary Education – 5 years) with a minimum grade of 8.	English - Grade 9-10 in VWO or Grade 9 or better in HAVO	
Norway	Vitnemal	English - Grade 3	English - Grade 4	English - Grade 5	
Papua New Guinea	PNG Higher School Certificate	Showing at Least 4 subjects C or higher in Year 12 (English subject compulsory)	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	
Singapore	Singapore - Cambridge GCE A Levels or Completion of a Technician Diploma from a Polytechnic.	E grade or better in H2 English Language and Linguistics or Literature in English	D grade or better in H2 English Language and Linguistics or Literature in English	C grade or better in H2 English Language and Linguistics or Literature in English	
Solomon Islands	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate	English: Grade 4, and at least 3 other subjects: Grade 5	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	Previous study does not apply to this proficiency level	
Sweden	Avgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg	G in English A or English B on your School Leaving Certificate (before 2012). E in English 5 or English 6 on you School Leaving Certificate (after 2012)	VG or Grade 4 in Final Year English or C Grade in English 6.	VG or Grade 4 in Final Year English or C Grade in English 6 or better	
Switzerland	Eidgenössisch Anerkanntes Maturitätszeugnisse and Maturitätszeugnis ausgestellt von eidgenössisch anerkannten Schulen	5	5½	6	

Notes

- All Test Results are valid for two years from the date of sitting.
- IELTS: Academic test accepted only.
- TAFE Queensland International will only accept Certificate III and IV in Spoken and Written English completed at TAFE Queensland, Toowoomba campus.
- Authority Subjects: English and English for ESL Learners accepted. You must have studied English or English for ESL Learners throughout Years 11 and 12 in Queensland, and have an exit level of at least Sound Achievement. Contact TAFE Queensland for equivalencies from other States.
- Certificate III in Spoken and Written English is not comparable to other Certificates III's that TAFE Queensland accepts as an English Language Equivalency for a program that require an IELTS 5.5 (no less than 5.0) therefore, cannot be used to meet the English entry requirement.
- TAFE Queensland will accept a combination of two tests in the following circumstances:
 - When overall IELTS results meet required English entry but one individual score is lower than required. In this case an ISLPR results in one skill can be combined with IELTS Results.
 - Two IELTS tests: When overall IELTS results on both tests meet required English entry requirements but one individual score is lower than required on one test but meets requirement on second, in this case two valid IELTS results can be combined.
- Previous Study or Work Experience not in Australia: Where previous study/work experience was conducted in English, the application must be accompanied by certified documentation with an official letter from the educational institution/employer certifying that the language of instruction/employment was English. In these cases Assessment and Acceptance is at TAFE Queensland's discretion.
- TAFE Queensland International maintains current information on countries where English is widely used in secondary schooling. To satisfy 'previous study' criteria, successful completion of secondary schooling must be completed within the last five* years before program commencement.
 - * more than five years: applications are assessed case by case
- The requirements set out above may not necessarily be the requirements a student must meet to obtain a student visa. Please refer to the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website on English requirements for Student Visa Application.
- Application must be accompanied by certified documentation.
- Students studying English Language with a TAFE Queensland ELICOS partner must seek advice direct from their English Language School to confirm the programs, duration and English Language proficiency required to meet program entry. The Memorandums of Understanding between TAFE Queensland and partner providers clearly specify the programs, duration and proficiency required for TAFE Queensland program entry. TAFE Queensland reserves the right to conduct a placement test prior to program commencement.
- Recognised country means one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, or United States of America.