

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to demonstrate they meet the minimum English language proficiency requirements set for their course of interest. The requirements are specific to each course to ensure all students have the level of proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking English to progress and complete their studies.

Applicants can meet the English language requirement in a number of ways, specific to their circumstances:

- English speaking background and completed at least five years of primary and secondary school
- Previous studies where the primary language of instruction and assessment was in English
- Satisfactory performance in an accepted English Language Proficiency Test
- Satisfactory completion of an accepted English Preparation Course

### 1. English Speaking Background

- 1.1 Applicants whose first language is English will be considered as having demonstrated the minimum English language proficiency requirements where they were born in in one of the following English-speaking countries and/or satisfactorily completed at least five years of primary and secondary school education, where the primary language of instruction and assessment was in English, in one of the following English-speaking countries:
- Australia
  - Canada
  - New Zealand
  - Republic of Ireland
  - South Africa
  - United Kingdom
  - United State of America
- 1.2 Applicants are required to demonstrate they were born in or grew up in a predominantly English speaking environment and completed the majority of their schooling in an English medium institution.
- 1.3 The following qualifications may also be accepted as satisfying English language proficiency requirements where the applicant was born in one of the countries listed at 1.1, and successfully completed one of the following qualifications where the primary language of instruction and assessment was in English:
- a) secondary school education (or equivalent)
  - b) an accredited qualification at an AQF Diploma level or higher (or equivalent)
  - c) completion at least one study period of a higher education qualification
  - d) a Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT Written English Test)
  - e) current professional registration with an English requirement equivalent or higher than Ikon
- 1.4 Being born in one of the countries listed at 1.1 does not automatically satisfy English Language Proficiency Requirements. Applicants must also evidence at least one of the circumstances referenced at 1.1 or 1.3.
- 1.5 Applicants must provide certified copies of their evidence source at the time of application. Evidence to support 1.3(b) - 1.3(e) must be not more than five years old at the commencement of study date with Ikon.

## 2. Previous Studies in English

- 2.1 Applicants from a non-English speaking background may be considered as having demonstrated the minimum English language proficiency requirements where they have successfully completed previous studies at an approved institution where the following applies:
  - a) the primary language of instruction and assessment was English
  - b) the institution was located in an approved country (see 2.4)
  - c) the study was at least one year full-time at an AQF 5 diploma level or higher (or equivalent)
  - d) the study was undertaken within two years prior to the commencement of study with Ikon
- 2.2 Successful completion is considered to be at least a pass grade result in no less than 50 per cent of attempted units of study (subjects) in any assessable period ie. a semester, trimester or term etc.
- 2.3 A partially completed higher education qualification at an AQF 7 bachelor's degree or higher (or equivalent) may be considered as evidence of English language proficiency where the criteria listed at 2.1 applies. Partial completion means the successful completion of at least two study periods i.e. semester or trimester.
- 2.4 Ikon recognises international qualifications from the countries published by the University Admissions Centre accessed via [Qualifications that usually satisfy ELP](#). Ikon will verify equivalency of other qualifications against the Australian Qualifications Framework using the Australian Government's [Country Education Profiles](#).
- 2.5 Applicants must provide certified copies of academic transcripts for their previous studies at the time of application. Evidence must be not more than two years old at the commencement of study date with Ikon.

## 3. English Language Proficiency Test

- 3.1 Applicants from a non-English speaking background, who have not completed previous study where the instructional and assessment language was English, may demonstrate they meet the minimum English language proficiency requirements by submitting test scores from an accepted English Language Proficiency Test equivalent (or higher) to the IELTS test scores specific to their course of interest.
- 3.2 Ikon recognises a number of English Language Proficiency and accepts scores from the following tests:
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic)
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT Computer Delivered Test)
  - Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)
  - Cambridge Assessment English (C1 Advanced)
- 3.1 Ikon sets the minimum English Language Proficiency Test Scores appropriate to the demands of each course and publishes this information as a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score. The minimum test score for any course is IELTS Overall Score of 6.0 (or equivalent accepted test scores) however some courses may have a higher overall score or minimum band scores for each component of the test ie. reading, listening, speaking and writing.

3.2 A summary of the minimum IELTS Overall Scores (or equivalent) for each undergraduate course is listed in Table 1 below. For more information on the minimum IELTS Band Scores see Schedule A.

Undergraduate Courses	IELTS OVERALL SCORE	EQUIVALENT LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY SCORES		
		TOEFL iBT Computer Delivered	Pearson PTE Academic	Cambridge C1 Advanced
Arts Therapy	6.0 <sup>(a)</sup>	60-78	46-55	169-175
Counselling and Psychotherapy	6.0 <sup>(a)</sup>	60-78	46-55	169-175
Early Childhood Education	6.5 <sup>(b)</sup>	79-93	56-65	176-184

(a) No single band score less than 6.0

(b) No single band score less than 6.5

Table 1: Minimum English Proficiency Assessment Test Scores

3.3 English Language Proficiency Test Scores will be accepted as a measure of English proficiency where:

- a) the test is an accepted English Language Proficient Test
- b) was completed within two years prior to the commencement of study date with Ikon; and
- c) the test scores meet the minimum proficiency scores specific to the course of interest

3.4 Applicants must provide certified copies of test scores at the time of application. Evidence must be not more than two years old at the commencement of study date with Ikon.

#### 4. English Preparation Courses

4.1 Applicants who have successfully completed a registered English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students for Academic Purposes Course (ELICOS EAP) may be considered as satisfying the minimum English language proficiency requirements for their course of interest.

4.2 An ELICOS EAP program is an English preparation course designed to develop English language skills specific to the demands of tertiary study. An English preparation course will be accepted as a measure of English proficiency where:

- a) the course is registered as an ELICOS for Academic Purposes course on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS); and
- b) has been completed within the two years prior to the commencement of study date with Ikon

4.3 Ikon recognises ELICOS EAP courses published by the Department of Education, Skills and Training at [cricos.education.gov.au/](http://cricos.education.gov.au/).

4.4 Applicants must provide certified copies of their English Preparation Course at the time of application. Evidence must be not more than two years old at the commencement of study date with Ikon.

#### 5. Assessment of English Language Proficiency

5.1 Ikon has absolute discretion to determine whether evidence submitted to demonstrate English language proficiency is equivalent to the minimum requirements specific to the course of interest

5.2 Ikon reserves the right to request additional information from an applicant to support an informed assessment of English language proficiency. Examples of evidence that may be taken into consideration to supplement existing evidence include, but are not limited to:

- complete an English Language Proficiency Test
- complete a STAT Written English Test
- complete an internal test of English Language Proficiency
- provide a sample of written work attested by an independent source
- evidence of work experience requiring English language proficiency
- an additional interview for the purpose of corroborating English language proficiency

5.3 Applicants will be advised of any additional evidentiary requirements in writing. Applicants must provide certified copies of additional evidence requests within the given timeframe.

Schedule A

## English Language Proficiency Test Equivalency Scores

Ikon recognises a number of English Language Proficiency Tests, the primary being the International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic), and accepts scores from the following tests:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT)
- Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)
- Cambridge Assessment English (C1 Advanced)

Ikon sets the minimum English Language Proficiency Test Scores appropriate to the demands of each course and publishes this information as a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score.

The minimum test score for any course is IELTS Overall Score of 6.0 (or equivalent) however some courses have a higher minimum overall score and/or minimum band scores for each component of the test, being Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Applicants should check the course-specific admissions policy for details.

The minimum IELTS Overall Score and Band Scores and equivalent scores from accepted English Language Proficiency Tests for each undergraduate course is outlined in the tables below:

Overall Score minimum score	IELTS Academic	EQUIVALENT LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST SCORES		
		TOEFL iBT [Computer Delivered]	Pearson PTE Academic	Cambridge C1 Advanced
	6.0	60-78	46-55	169-175
	6.5	79-93	56-65	176-184
	7.0	94-101	66-75	185-190
	7.5	102-109	73-79	191-199

Individual Band Scores minimum scores for each of reading, writing, speaking and listening	IELTS Academic	EQUIVALENT LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST SCORES					
		TOEFL iBT [Computer Delivered]				Pearson PTE Academic Section	Cambridge C1 Advanced Section
		Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing		
	6.0	13-18	12-19	18-19	21-23	46-55	169-175
	6.5	19-23	20-23	20-22	24-26	56-65	176-184
	7.0	24-26	24-26	23	27-28	66-75	185-190
	7.5	27-28	27	24-25	29	73-79	191-199

Sources:

- [TOEFL iBT Concordance Tables](#)
- [Pearson PTE Concordance Tables](#)
- [Cambridge Concordance Tables](#)