



# Policy: English language requirements for admission

## Purpose

To establish the English language requirements for admission to the University.

## Overview

This document contains the requirements based on citizenship status, prior study, and English language tests. It also indicates requirements for conditional offers, package offers, waivers and study abroad/exchange applications.

## Scope

This policy applies across the University and to applicants entering ANU in 2019. For those applying for entry in 2020, please note this policy is currently under review.

## Policy Statement

2. This policy should be read in conjunction with relevant legislation and academic eligibility requirements of the ANU, and applies to all programs.
3. University Rules relating to English language requirements can also be located at [Coursework Awards Rules](#) and [Research Awards Rules](#).
4. All applicants, whether domestic or international, for admission to any ANU program or course delivered either in Australia or overseas must provide evidence that their English language ability meets the minimum requirements for admission.
5. The most recent evidence will be used as proof of English language proficiency.
6. The University reserves the right to change an unconditional offer of admission to conditional on meeting English language requirements, if subsequent evidence is provided which demonstrates that the applicant's English language proficiency is insufficient.

7. The University reserves the right to request that an applicant undergoes an English test in addition to any other evidence of English proficiency provided.

8. Applicants may be deemed to have satisfied the University's English language requirements if they can provide evidence that they meet one of the following principles:

### **Citizenship status**

9. Citizens of the following countries who have undertaken secondary and/or tertiary study in English, at a recognised institution, in the national education system (or equivalent) of a Group A country listed below:

#### *Group A Countries:*

- American Samoa
- Australia
- Botswana
- Canada (excluding Quebec)
- Fiji
- Ghana
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago

- United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland)
- United States of America
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

10. These countries are determined by the ANU Academic and Quality Assurance Committee.

## **Prior study**

### *Undergraduate Applicants*

11. Applicants to undergraduate programs must have successfully completed two years of full-time (or equivalent) secondary (year 12 equivalent) or tertiary education within the last four years, in the medium of English.

12. Study must be undertaken at a recognised institution, in the national education system (or equivalent) of a Group A country listed under clause 8.

13. Study undertaken must result in a sequence of study or qualification which is accepted for entry into ANU undergraduate programs.

14. For the purposes of clause 10, successful completion is considered to be a pass result in no less than 50 per cent of attempted units/courses in any assessable period (for example, term or semester) in the academic year.

15. Applicants who complete a qualification listed in Table 5 must achieve specified levels to meet the university's English language requirements. These specific achievement levels are detailed in Table 5.

### *Graduate Applicants*

16. Applicants to graduate programs must have successfully completed two years of full-time (or equivalent) tertiary education within the last four years, in the medium of English. Study must be undertaken at a recognised institution, in the national education system (or equivalent) of a Group A country listed under clause 8.

17. Where study is undertaken in a country not listed under clause 8, documentary evidence which confirms that the tertiary qualification was taught and assessed entirely in English, must be presented. Applicants must have successfully completed two years of full-time (or equivalent) tertiary education within the last four years.

18. For the purposes of clause 16, documentary evidence means a statement or

certificate of confirmation issued by the Registrar's office (or equivalent) of the institution at which tertiary study was undertaken.

19. The document must be an original version printed on official headed paper and duly signed. It must specify the student's full name, the name of the qualification and a statement to the effect that the qualification was taught and assessed entirely in English.

20. For the purposes of clauses 15 and 16, successful completion is considered to be a pass result in no less than 50 per cent of attempted units/courses in any assessable period (for example, term or semester) in the academic year.

21. Time limits specified in clauses 15 and 16 do not apply where the applicant has successfully completed a tertiary qualification taught and assessed entirely in English, and has subsequently held predominate residence in a Group A country listed under clause 8.

22. For the purposes of clause 20, predominate residence means being domiciled in the country for more than half of the total time between completing the tertiary qualification and the date of application for admission.

23. If relying on clause 20, documentary evidence confirming the language of instruction and assessment of the tertiary qualification as well as predominate residence, must be presented.

### **English Language Tests**

24. Successful performance in a single acceptable English language test taken within two years from the date of application will meet English language requirements.

25. Successful performance in a single acceptable English language test taken within four years from the date of application will also be accepted where a student has subsequently completed the equivalent of one year full-time study in English within the last 2 years.

26. Results from multiple tests cannot be combined to meet requirements.

27. ANU recognises a number of English language tests as meeting the University's English language requirements. Accepted English language tests and the minimum results required are detailed in Table 1.

*Table 1: Requirements for accepted English Language Tests*

<b>Test</b>	<b>Diploma programs taught at ANU College</b>	<b>Regular Award Programs</b>	<b>Australian National Internships Program &amp; MChD program.</b>
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		(Including Exchange & Study Abroad)	
<b>Academic IELTS</b>	An overall score of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component of the test.	An overall score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component of the test.	An overall score of 7.0 with a minimum 6.0 in each component of the test.
<b>TOEFL** – paper based test</b>	A score of 550 with a TWE* score of 4.0.	A score of 570 with a TWE* score of 4.5.	A score of 600 with a TWE* score of 5.0.
<b>TOEFL** – internet based test</b>	An overall score of 68, with a minimum of 18 in Writing.	An overall score of 80, with a minimum of 20 in Reading and Writing and 18 in Speaking and Listening.	An overall score of 100, with a minimum of 22 in each component of the test.
<b>Cambridge CAE Advanced (Post 2015)</b>	An overall score of 169 with a minimum of 162 in all sub-skills.	An overall score of 176 with a minimum of 169 in all sub-skills.	An overall score of 185 with a minimum of 169 in all sub-skills.
<b>PTE Academic</b>	An overall score of 57 with a minimum score of 50 in each of the communicative skills.	An overall score of 64 with a minimum score of 55 in each of the communicative skills.	An overall score of 70 with a minimum score of 60 in each of the communicative skills.

\* TWE = Test of Written English.

\*\* The TOEFL institutional code for the ANU is 0506. Applicants may use this code to report their TOEFL results to the university.

## Packaged offers – ANU College Foundation

28. International applicants require a minimum test score to gain entry into the ANU College Foundation Studies Program. Accepted English language tests and the minimum results required are detailed in Table 2.

*Table 2: English Language Requirements for ANU College Foundation Studies*

Test	ANU College Foundation Studies Standard (2 semesters)	ANU College Foundation Studies Extended (3 semesters)
Academic IELTS	An overall score of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component of the test.	An overall score of 5.5 with a minimum of 5.0 in each component of the test.
TOEFL paper based test	A score of 550 with a TWE score of 4.0.	A score of 525 with a TWE score of 3.5.
TOEFL internet based test	An overall score of 68, with a minimum of 18 in Writing.	An overall score of 52, with a minimum of 16 in Writing.
PTE Academic	An overall score of 57 with a minimum score of 50 in each of the communicative skills.	An overall score of 49 with a minimum score of 48 in each of the communicative skills.

29. Applicants who complete ANU College foundation studies must achieve specified levels to meet the English language requirements for the ANU program they are conditionally admitted to. These specific achievement levels are detailed in Table 3 (for ANU Diploma programs) and Table 5 (for ANU Bachelor programs).

## Packaged Offers – ANU Diploma Programs

30. International applicants require a minimum test score to gain entry into ANU Diploma Programs. Accepted English language tests and the minimum results required are detailed in Table 1.

31. If the English language requirements are being met via an ANU College pathway program, the specific achievement levels are detailed below in Table 3.

*Table 3: English Language Requirements for packaged ANU Diploma Programs*

Test	Required Achievement Level
<b>ANU College Foundation Studies (Pre 2018)</b>	<p>Any one of the following options will satisfy the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A score of 60% or more in Advanced Academic English; or</li> <li>b. A score between 55% and 59% in Advanced Academic English and an English test taken in the past two years which would otherwise meet the requirements for entry into an ANU Diploma (see Table 1); or</li> <li>c. A score between 50% and 54% in Advanced Academic English and an English test taken in the past six months which would otherwise meet the requirements for entry into an ANU Diploma (see Table 1).</li> </ul>
<b>ANU College Foundation Studies (2018 and onwards)</b>	<p>Either option will satisfy the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An average score of 60% or more in the best three English courses undertaken in the final two terms; or</li> <li>b. An average score between 55% and 59% in the best three English courses undertaken in the final two terms <b>and</b> an English test taken in the past two years which would otherwise meet the requirements for entry into an ANU Diploma (see Table 1).</li> </ul>
<b>ANU Access Program</b>	A score of 55% or more.

32. English programs recognised for admission to ANU. Applicants intending to meet the English language requirements via *English programs listed in Table 4* are limited to doing so for ANU programs requiring an overall Academic IELTS score of 6.5 (or an equivalent score in another acceptable test). *These English programs*

will not be accepted for any ANU program having higher English language requirements.

33. Subject to clause 4, the English program must have been completed no more than two years prior to the date of application.

*Table 4: English programs recognised for admission to ANU*

English Program	Requirement for study at ANU
AEMG Direct Entry Program (DEP) English for Academic Purposes (EAP 2)	A score of 70% or more with no section less than 65%
ANU Access Program	A score of 60% or more

*Table 5: English Language Requirements for admission to ANU Access English Program*

English Test	Requirements (NOTE: Clause 30 applies)
Academic IELTS	An overall score of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component of the test.
TOEFL paper based test	A score of 550 with a TWE score of 4.0.
TOEFL internet based test	An overall score of 68, with a minimum of 18 in Writing.
PTE Academic	An overall score of 57 with a minimum score of 50 in each of the communicative skills.

2. Subject to clause 31, applicants who hold an offer of admission conditional only on English may request to package their offer with a 10-week *ANU Access*



*English* program.

3. Packaged offers of the kind in clause 32 enable applicants to apply for a student visa for the entire duration of both the *ANU Access English* program and the ANU program. However, an unconditional offer of admission will only be issued for the ANU program once the requirements are met, as detailed in Table 6.

4. Packaged offers are contingent on application to and acceptance by ANU College. For further information, please visit:

<http://www.anucollege.edu.au/courses/english-language-courses/anu-access-english>.

### English Language Equivalency

5. There are no waivers in relation to the application of this policy.

6. All applicants must meet the English Language requirements of the University as outlined in this policy, or in rare cases, by the relevant ANU College establishing equivalency on behalf of the applicant. Note: Applicants cannot commence or establish a case for English language equivalency on their own.

7. The procedure for establishing a Case for English Language Equivalency are detailed on the form at [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_006802](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_006802).

### Secondary Qualifications and Pathway Programs

8. The University also accepts specified achievement levels in a number of secondary academic qualifications for the purposes of meeting English language requirements for admission to undergraduate programs. The requirements are detailed below in Table 6.

9. Subject to clause 4, the secondary qualification or pathway program must have been completed no more than two years prior to the date of application.

*Table 6: Achievement Level Requirements for accepted Secondary Qualifications and Pathway Programs*

Qualification/Pathway Program	Requirement for Undergraduate Programs
Australian Year 12	ACT: A score of 170 or more in English as a Second Language (ESL) T major. Alternatively, a pass result in any other English T Major course.

	<p>Victoria: Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) – A raw unscaled score of 30 or more in English as an Additional Language (EAL). Alternatively, a raw unscaled score of 25 or more in units 3 and 4 of any other VCE English subject.</p> <p>Other States/Territory: Successful completion of Year 12 will meet the University’s English language requirements.</p>
ANU College Foundation Studies	A score of 65% or more in Advanced Academic English.
French Bacculaureate	<p>Students seeking admission to undergraduate programs on the basis of performance in the French Bacculaureate undertaken at Narrabundah College will be considered to have met the University's English language requirements if they have achieved a pass result in any English T Major or T Minor course.</p> <p>Students undertaking the French Bacculaureate anywhere else will be required to meet the University’s normal English Language requirements.</p>
<p>GCE &amp; Singapore A–Level</p> <p>NOTE: Sri Lankan GCE A–Level applicants MUST present an English test result listed in Table 1</p>	A grade of C or better in a Humanities–based subject, General Studies or General Paper.
HKDSE	A score of 4 or better in English Language (core subject).

Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	A grade of C or better.
International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)	<p>Presentation of an IB Diploma taught and assessed entirely in English.</p> <p>If not taught and assessed entirely in English, a pass result in English Language 'A' or English Language and Literature 'A' either at Standard Level or Higher Level.</p>
All India Senior School Certificate (AISSCE)	A grade of C2 or better in English Core.
Indian School Certificate (ISC – Year 12)	A numerical grade of 1–7 in English as indicated on the Pass Certificate.
Tamil Nadu Higher School Certificate	A score of 120 (out of 200) or more in English.
Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM/Form 6)	A grade of C or better in English Literature (code 920).
Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary Schools Unified Examinations (MICSS)/UEC	A grade of A2 or better in English Language.
Norwegian Certificate of Completion of Upper Secondary School Examinations (Vitnemål)	A numerical grade of 4 or better in English at both Level 1 and Level 2 in Upper Secondary Examinations.
Swedish Upper Secondary	A numerical grade of 4 or better (VG) in English in Upper Secondary School Certificate.

School Leaving Certificate (Slutbetyg fran Gymnasieskolan)	
Danish Upper Secondary School Leaving Examinations (Studentereksamen)	A numerical grade of 9 or better at level B Senior High School English.
Finnish Matriculation Certificate (Ylioppilastutkintotodistus Studenteksamensbetyg)	A numerical grade of 8 or better in English or English A in the final year of secondary school.
Dutch Diploma of Pre- University Education (Diploma Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs)	A numerical grade of 8 or better in final year English.
German Abitur	A numerical grade of 3/ 'befriedigend' (satisfactory) or better in English.
Austrian Maturity Certificate	A numerical grade of 3/ 'befriedigend' (satisfactory) or better in English.
Foundation Programs accepted by ANU for admission to Undergraduate Programs	A score of 65% or more in Academic English in Foundation Studies programs, taught in a Group A country, currently approved for admission (in lieu of an English test).

## Study Abroad and Exchange Applicants

10. Study abroad or exchange students can fulfil the University's English language entry requirements through the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages System (CEFR) by achieving a certificate of English language proficiency from their home institution with an overall grade of C1

(‘Effective Operational Proficiency’) with no less than C1 in each reading, writing, speaking and listening.

11. Study abroad or exchange applicants to the ANU College of Law must have an overall score of C2 with no less than C2 in each of reading and writing and no less than C1 in speaking and listening.

### **Department of Home Affairs Requirements**

12. International applicants must satisfy the Department of Home Affairs English language requirements for visa applications in addition to the University’s requirements.

### **Academic literacy and English language support**

13. The demonstration of the requisite English language proficiency to undertake tertiary study is critical to the student’s ability to develop academic literacy, that is, to acquire and competently deploy the specialised language, argumentation, and referencing conventions of discipline-specific discourse.

14. Students are informed about the available resources for developing their academic literacy and English language proficiency.

15. Students take responsibility for making use of these resources, which cover [academic literacy development](#) and [English language support](#).

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