



Curtin University Standard List (English Language)

Minimum English Language Proficiency Requirements for entry to Curtin University

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- Some courses may have higher English language requirement and some courses may not accept all qualifications or tests listed in this document.
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1.0 English language requirement for Undergraduate course

Applicants are required to satisfy Curtin University's English language requirement for undergraduate courses through one of the following ways:

1.1 Recognised Secondary qualifications with the required result

The results must have been released **within five years** of application, with the exception of GCSE, IGCSE, GCE AS & A Level, International Baccalaureate Diploma, and approved secondary qualifications undertaken and awarded in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America.

Country	Accepted Qualifications	English Requirement	Must be completed within 5 years of application
Non-Country Specific	GCSE/IGCSE/ GCE Ordinary Level	Grade C or better in one of the following subjects:	No
	GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level <i>(from a United Kingdom examination authority: CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA, WJEC or CCEA)</i>	English, English Literature, English Language, First Language English, English General Paper or English as Second Language	
	GCE Advanced Level <i>(from a United Kingdom examination authority: CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA, WJEC or CCEA)</i>	Grade E or better in one of the following subjects: English, English Literature, English Language, First Language English, English General Paper or English as Second Language	No
	International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma	Grade of 4 or above in one of the following subjects: - English A: Literature (SL) or (HL); - English A: Language and Literature (SL) or (HL); - Literature and Performance (SL); - English A1 (SL) or (HL); - English A2 (SL) or (HL); - English B (HL).	No
	Global Assessment Certificate (GAC)	Completion of GAC in Australia with a final GPA of 2.6	Yes
Australia	ACT Year 12 Certificate	Scaled mark 125 or above in one of the following courses (taken as a Major, Major/Minor or a Double Major): - 0110 English - 0117 English international - 0113 English as a Second Language - 0130 Advanced ESL T	No



Country	Accepted Qualifications	English Requirement	Must be completed within 5 years of application
Australia	New South Wales Higher School Certificate (HSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English (Standard) - Performance Band 2 or above - English (Advanced) - Performance Band 2 or above - English Extension 1 - Performance Band E2 or above - English Extension 2 - Performance Band E2 or above - English as a Second Language - Performance Band 2 or above <p><i>Notes:</i></p> <p>1. For courses offered prior to 2001, a mark of 50 or more in 2-unit courses or 25 or more in a 3-unit course is required.</p> <p>2. In Year 12 grades for each subject are divided into one of six bands: Band 6 indicates the highest level of performance and the minimum standard expected is 50.</p>	No
	Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)	<p>Sound Achievement (SA) or above in one of the following QCAA Authority subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English - English Extension - English for ESL Learners <p><i>Notes:</i></p> <p>Subject grades are reported on a 5 level scale where the order from the highest are: VHA, HA, SA, LA and VLA.</p>	
	South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) & Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET)	<p>A grade of C- or above in one of the following 20 credit TAS subjects (from 2011) or Subject Achievement Score of 10 or above in a former HESSG (prior to 2011):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English Literacy Studies - English as an Additional Language - <i>English Studies</i> - <i>English Communications</i> - <i>English as a Second Language</i> - <i>English as a Second Language Studies</i> - <i>English</i> (prior to 2011) 	
	Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE)	<p>An award of Satisfactory Achievement (SA) or above (or P or above for HSC subjects) in one of the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English Communications - English Literature - English Writing - English as a Second Language or Dialect - <i>English</i> 	



Country	Accepted Qualifications	English Requirement	Must be completed within 5 years of application
Australia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>English Studies</i> - <i>World Literature</i> - <i>Writer's Workshop</i> <p><i>Note: Subjects in italics were offered in a previous year(s).</i></p>	
	Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)	Study score of 25 or above in one of the following studies (Unit 3/4 sequences): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English - English language - Literature - English as a Second Language/ English as an Additional Language 	
	Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE)	A scaled mark of 50 or above in one of the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English ATAR (from 2016) - Literature ATAR (from 2016) - English as an Additional Language/Dialect ATAR (from 2016) - <i>Stage 2 or 3 English</i> - <i>Stage 2 or 3 Literature</i> - <i>Stage 2 or 3 English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EALD)</i> - <i>TEE English</i> - <i>TEE English Literature</i> - <i>TEE English as a Second Language (ESL)</i> (Prior to 2008, separate scores are required for TEE English as a Second Language (ESL) which are located at the bottom of this document.) <p><i>Note: Subjects in italics were offered in a previous year(s).</i></p>	
	Western Australian Universities' Foundation Program (WAUFP)	A score of 50% in English Language and Australian Cultural Studies (ELACS)	
Canada	High School Graduation Diploma (except Quebec)	Grade of 60% or better in final year English subject	No
Denmark	Bevis for Studentereksamen; Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen	Grade of 7 in English	Yes
Germany	Abitur (Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife)	Grade of 4 or better in English (refer to score stated in Block II: performance in school-leaving exms)	Yes



Country	Accepted Qualifications	English Requirement	Must be completed within 5 years of application
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	Level 4 or above (4, 5, 5* or 5**) in the core subject English Language	Yes
	HK Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE)	2007 to 2011: Grade of 3 or above (3, 4, 5 or 5*) in English Language subject Before 2007: Grade of C in English (Syllabus B)	
	HK Advanced Level Examination (HKALE)	Grade of C in Use of English	
India	Indian School Certificate or All India Senior School Certificate	60% in English subject	Yes
Republic of Ireland	Irish Leaving Certificate	Grade of C3 in English at Ordinary Level	No
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)	Grade of C or better in English subject	Yes
Malaysia	SPM	C6 or better in GCE-O Level 1119 Bahasa Inggeris (English)	Yes
Netherlands	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)	Grade of 8 in English	Yes
New Zealand	Bursary	Total Mark of 50 in English	No
	NCEA Level 3	A minimum of 8 achieved credits at Level 2 or 3 in English, with at least 4 achieved credits in Reading and 4 achieved credits in Writing	
Norway	Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole (Norwegian Certificate of Upper Secondary Education)	Grade of 4 or better (4, 5 or 6) in English subject	Yes
Scotland	Scottish Certificate of Education	Grade of 1 or 2 in the Standard Grade – Credit (SCQF Level 5) in English, or a Grade of C or better in Highers (SCQF 6 Level) in English.	No
Singapore	Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level and A Level	Grade of C or better in 'O' level English, English Literature or English Language; General Paper (H1 Level) or Knowledge and Inquiry (H2 Level)	No
South Africa	National Senior Certificate	Level 4 (50%) in English Home Language or Level 5 (60%) in English First Additional Language	No



Country	Accepted Qualifications	English Requirement	Must be completed <u>within 5 years of application</u>
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education (Ordinary level)	C (Credit Pass) in English	Yes
Sweden	Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola	Grade C or VG (before 2014) in English C subject	Yes
USA	Advanced Placement (AP) examinations	A grade of 3 or higher in English Language and Composition; or English Literature and Composition	No
	ACT	Score of 21	
	SAT (test sat from 2016)	A combined score of at least 1000 out of 1600 in the Evidence based Reading and Writing and Math in the SAT from the same sitting, with a minimum of 400 in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section and 400 in Math section.	
	SAT (test sat between 2005-2015)	A combined score of at least 1500 out of 2400 in the Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing sections in the SAT Reasoning Test from the same sitting, with a minimum of 460 in each section.	
Zambia	Zambia General Certificate of Education	Grade of 6 or better (5, 4, 3, 2 or 1, 1 being the highest) in English	Yes
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Certificate of Secondary Education at Ordinary Level	Grade C or better in English subject	Yes

1.2 Completion of vocational studies taught solely in English

Country	Accepted Qualifications
Australia	AQF Diploma or AQF Advanced Diploma awarded by an Australian registered training organisation
New Zealand	National Diploma (Level 5 or 6)
Singapore	Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Specialist Diploma awarded by a Polytechnic
South Africa	National Higher Certificate, National Diploma, National Higher Diploma
United Kingdom	Higher National Certificate; Higher National Diploma; Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) Level 4 or 5 Diploma; National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level 4 or 5 qualification; Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) level 4 or 5 qualification.
United States of America	Two year full-time Associate degree awarded by a regionally-accredited institution



1.3 Tertiary degree studies undertaken in Australia

Successful completion of one semester full-time (equivalent to 0.5 EFTSL) of an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree level study at a recognised University in Australia.

1.4 Tertiary degree studies taught in English outside Australia

Successful completion of at least one year full-time of an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree level study at a recognised University in Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America; or

Successful completion of an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree from a recognised overseas University, assessed by Curtin University as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Bachelor or Master Degree in which Curtin University recognised English is the sole language of instruction. The degree must have been awarded **within five years** of application, with the exception of qualifications undertaken and awarded in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America.

1.5 Undertake an approved English proficiency test, refer to [Section 3](#) for further details

1.6 Australian University English Language Bridging Program

The program must have been undertaken within **two years** of application, however, they may be used for entry until the next immediate semester intake.

- 1) Curtin University English Language Bridging (ELB or ELB Offshore, for international applicants) and English Language Enabling (ELE, for domestic applicants) with required score stated in [Section 5](#). More information: http://english.curtin.edu.au/courses/language_bridging.cfm
- 2) Successful completion of a recognized Australian University English Language Bridging Program one semester full-time in duration:
 - i. To meet Curtin University's minimum English requirements, applicants must achieve a final result comparable to at least IELTS Academic with an overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0 at the awarding University;
 - ii. To meet higher English requirement (scores higher than IELTS Academic with an overall score 6.5 with no bands less than 6.0) at Curtin University, applicants must achieve the equivalent required result at the awarding institution which is comparable to the course's specific English requirement.

1.7 Other approved English Language Courses within Australia

Successful completion of the following approved programs with the required result (if applicable) are only accepted in meeting English requirement for Undergraduate and Postgraduate coursework courses with minimum requirement i.e. IELTS Academic Overall 6.5 with no bands less than 6.0.

- 1) Navitas English, Academic English Level 3 with a minimum grade of 65% (Formerly Australian College of English and Australian Centre for Languages);
- 2) Phoenix Academy, Certificate IV in English for Academic Purposes (91459NSW) with a minimum grade of COM (65%);
- 3) 52777WA (previously 52566WA) Certificate IV in Academic Preparation Studies;
- 4) UTS: Insearch Academic English Level 5 (AE5) program. (Ref: 11/16)



1.8 Current AHPRA registration

Holder of current registration on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

2.0 English competence requirement for Postgraduate coursework and Higher Degree by Research course

Applicants are required to satisfy Curtin University's English requirement for postgraduate coursework and Higher Degree by Research courses through one of the following ways:

2.1 Tertiary degree studies undertaken in Australia

Successful completion of one semester full-time (equivalent to 0.5 EFTSL) of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree level study at a recognised University in Australia.

2.2 Tertiary degree studies taught in English outside Australia

Successful completion of at least one year full-time of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree level study at a recognised University in Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America; or

Successful completion of an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree from a recognised overseas University, assessed by Curtin University as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Bachelor or Master Degree in which Curtin University recognised English is the sole language of instruction.

2.3 Undertake an approved English proficiency test, refer to [Section 3](#) for further details

2.4 Australian University English Language Bridging Program, refer to [Section 1.6](#)

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- 1) Navitas English, Academic English Level 3 with a minimum grade of 65% (Formerly Australian College of English and Australian Centre for Languages). *This program is currently under review;*
- 2) Phoenix Academy, Certificate IV in English for Academic Purposes (91459NSW) with a minimum grade of COM (65%). *This program is currently under review;*
- 3) UTS: Insearch Academic English Level 5 (AE5) program. (Ref: 11/16)

2.6 Current AHPRA registration

Holder of current registration on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).



3.0 English Proficiency Test in meeting English competence requirement

Important notes:

- The test must have been undertaken within **two years** of application, however, they may be used for entry until the next immediate semester intake.
- The required scores stated in the following table will satisfy Curtin's minimum English requirement for Undergraduate or Postgraduate courses. Some courses have higher English requirement, refer to [Section 4](#) for details.



Accepted English Proficiency Tests	Minimum Requirement for Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses
IELTS (International English Language Test) Academic Test	Listening 6.0 Reading 6.0 Writing 6.0 Speaking 6.0 Overall Score 6.5
PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English)	Listening 50 Reading 50 Writing 50 Speaking 50 Overall Score 58
TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) iBT (Internet Based Test)	Reading 13 Listening 13 Speaking 18 Writing 21 Overall score 79
TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) PBT (Paper Based Test)	570 and 4.5 in TWE
Occupational English Test (OET)	Listening B Reading B Writing B Speaking B
Cambridge English: Proficiency/Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	<i>Test Taken from 2015:</i> 190 with 176 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. <i>Test Taken prior to 2015: 60</i>
Cambridge English: Advanced/Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	<i>Test Taken from 2015:</i> 176 with 169 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. <i>Test Taken prior to 2015: 58</i>
Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) Written English section Where only the Written English component was taken, results are valid for two years from the date of testing, however maybe used for entry until the next immediate semester intake.	<i>STAT format from 1 May 2010: 140</i> <i>Previous STAT format between 1996 to April 2010: 145</i>



4.0 List of Courses with a higher level of English requirement

Faculties/ Schools	IELTS Academic Overall Score (L, R, W, S)
Faculty of Health Sciences	
Bachelor of Science (Nursing) <i>(Comprehensive Stream, Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Stream, Registered Nurse Conversion)</i>	7.0 (L6.5, R6.5, W6.5, S6.5)
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Bachelor of Social Work	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Bachelor of Science (Speech Pathology)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Bachelor of Science (Oral Health Therapy)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Bachelor of Pharmacy	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Psychology (Clinical/Counselling)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Psychology (Professional)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Speech Pathology - Graduate Entry Master (GEM)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Graduate Diploma in Nursing	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Graduate Certificate in Clinical Physiotherapy	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Pharmacy - Graduate Entry Master (GEM)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Biomedical Science	7.0 (L6.5, R6.5, W6.5, S6.5)
Master of Dietetics	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Clinical Physiotherapy	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Physiotherapy	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Occupational Therapy	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Nursing Practice	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Faculty of Humanities	
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Bachelor of Education (Primary Education)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Bachelor of Education (Secondary Education)	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Master of Teaching	7.5 (L8.0, R7.0, W7.0, S8.0)



Faculties/ Schools	IELTS Academic Overall Score (L, R, W, S)
Faculty of Science and Engineering	
Bachelor of Science (Medical Radiation Science) - Major: Medical Imaging/Radiation Therapy	7.0 (L7.0, R7.0, W7.0, S7.0)
Higher Degree by Research	
English Language Entry Requirements refer to http://research.curtin.edu.au/postgraduate-research/future-research-students/entry-requirements/	

Refer to [Section 5: English competency equivalents chart](#) for requirement of other accepted English proficiency tests other than the IELTS (Academic).



5.0 English Competency Equivalents Chart

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IELTS Academic Overall Score with individual bands	Minimum English Requirement	Higher English Requirement				
	6.5 6.0	6.5 6.5	7.0 6.5	7.0 7.0	7.5 7.0	7.5 7.5
Curtin ELB/ELE	B-	B	A-	A	A+	A+
PTE Academic Overall All Communicative Skills	58 50	64 58	65 58	72 65	73 65	78 73
TOEFL iBT All sections	79 R – 13 L – 13 S – 18 W – 21	79 R – 20 L – 20 S – 20 W – 24	94 R – 20 L – 20 S – 20 W – 24	94 R – 24 L – 24 S – 24 W – 27	102 R – 24 L – 24 S – 24 W – 27	102 R – 27 L – 27 S – 27 W – 29
CAE Overall Score Cambridge English Scale scores for each skill (Exam taken from 2015)	176 R – 169 W – 169 L – 169 S – 169	176 R – 176 W – 176 L – 176 S – 176	185 R – 176 W – 176 L – 176 S – 176	185 R – 185 W – 185 L – 185 S – 185	191 R – 185 W – 185 L – 185 S – 185	191 R – 191 W – 191 L – 191 S – 191
CAE (Exam taken prior to 2015)	58	66	67	73	74	79
STAT WE	140	140	145	145	150	150
OET All four components	B	B	B	B	B	B

Legend		Marking Range (Lowest – Highest)
CAE	Cambridge English: Advanced (from 2015)	80 – 230
Curtin ELB/ELE	Curtin University English Language Bridging/Enabling Program	D – A+
IELTS Academic	International English Language Test – Academic	1.0 – 9.0
OET	Occupational English Test	E – A
PTE Academic	Pearson Test of English – Academic	10 – 90
STAT WE	Special Tertiary Admissions Test – Written English	100 – 200
TOEFL iBT	Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test	Section: 0 – 30 Total: 0 – 120