

English language proficiency prerequisites

General

ALC welcomes culturally and linguistically diverse students from non-English speaking backgrounds. ALC requires intending students who are not native speakers of English to demonstrate that they are able to speak, read and write English at a level appropriate for participation in tertiary study towards award courses.

Applicants are requested to indicate their first language on the relevant Application for Enrolment Form. Where the first language is other than English, intending students must provide certified evidence [or equivalent] of appropriate formal English language achievement. Assessment by a recognised international standardised test of English language proficiency such as the International English Language Testing System [IELTS] is preferred. The following table outlines the undergraduate and postgraduate minimum prerequisite levels for study at ALC.

International English Language Testing System [IELTS]	
Undergraduate	Postgraduate
6.5 average [at least 6 for every band]	7.0 average [at least 6.5 for every band]

IELTS equivalency table

The table below shows comparisons between IELTS and other test scores and level systems [eg TOEIC, TOEFL and the VEC level system]. Use this table to compare IELTS scores with the approximate equivalent scores of other tests.

IELTS	TOEIC	TOEFL Paper	TOEFL CBT	TOEFL IBT	Cambridge Exam	CEFR	VEC Online Score	Approximate VEC Level
6.5 – 7.0	605 – 780	550 – 587	213 – 240	79 – 95	CAE	C1	74 – 81	13 – 14
7.5 – 9.0	785 – 990	590 – 677	243 – 300	96 – 120	CPE	C2	82 – 100	15
Top Score	Top Score	Top Score	Top Score	Top Score	Top Score	Top Level	Top Score	Top Level
9	990	677	300	120	100	C2	100	15

Also see: [English Language Competency Descriptors for the IBT TOEFL Test](#)

Guide/checklist

Please check that your English language proficiency is evidenced by the following:

- your first language is English; or
- you have successfully completed a tertiary degree program taught and assessed in the English language; or
- you have successfully completed an Australian Year 12 program; or
- you have successfully met the required level of assessment by a recognised international standardised test of English language proficiency

Please note that:

English language test results must be no more than two years old on the day of receipt of the application for admission.

For more information about English language proficiency tests, visit one of the links below:

- [IELTS \(International English Language Testing System\)](#)
- [TOEFL \(Test Of English as a Foreign Language\)](#)

In special circumstances, provision may be made for students to complete an intensive course of English language before being allowed to commence their course of study. It is recommended that if necessary students undertake an appropriate course in English language before applying to study at ALC.