

GUIDE TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY

This guide outlines the general English language proficiency requirements for **certificates, diplomas, bachelor degrees and all postgraduate courses**. Some courses require a higher level of English language proficiency than indicated in the following tables. The latest requirements for all courses can be found by searching a particular course at www.vu.edu.au/courses

If you meet the academic requirements for a course, but not the English language requirements, you may be offered a place at VU English our in an intensive course that will help you achieve the English level required.

If you have completed a qualification where English was the primary language of instruction, you may be eligible for an English language exemption.

CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

You need to provide evidence that you have completed an approved English language test, and achieved one of the results outlined in the following table.

EXAMINATION METHOD	RESULT
IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score (no band less than)	5.5 (5.0)
TOEFL Internet: Overall score (section score no less than)	55 (Listening 9, Speaking 16, Reading 10, Writing 18)
Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score (no section score less than)	42–49 (40)
Cambridge English – Advanced (CAE): Total score of	47
VU English's – EAP (upper intermediate)	Achieved

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES

If you have completed some or all of your academic study in English, we may waive the required English language test result required for admission into a certificate or a diploma course. To qualify for recognition of prior English language studies, you need to have achieved one of the following.

QUALIFICATION	REQUIREMENT
GCE A levels (Malaysia, Singapore and the United Kingdom)	A grade of C (or better) in the General paper (English).
International Baccalaureate Diploma	A minimum of 3 in English A1 or A2 (higher and standard level).
Australian University Foundation Program	Completion of a recognised foundation program where English is the language of instruction and assessment (with a pass in the English subject). [^]
Secondary Schooling or tertiary studies	Satisfactory completion of two years (full-time) academic study in an institution where English was the language of instruction and assessment, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at Victoria University.
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)	Completed an AQF qualification with a minimum duration of one year of full-time study.
Senior Secondary School (in Australia)	VCE Units 3 and 4 in English with a study score of 20 or ESL with a study score of 25 (or interstate equivalent).
Pre-university program (such as AusMAT, SAM)	Satisfactory completion of English in the final year.

Victoria University reserves the right to ask for English proficiency test results on a case-by-case basis (to be determined by a Victoria University admissions officer).

[^]Recognition will apply only if:

- the qualification was delivered in Australia or in a specified English speaking country (Canada – excluding Quebec, Fiji, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States America and Zambia).
- the applicable course does not have a higher English language proficiency requirement than those outlined above.

BACHELOR DEGREES

You need to provide evidence that you have completed an approved English language test, and achieved one of the results outlined in the following table.

EXAMINATION METHOD	RESULT
IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score (no band less than)	6.0 (6.0)
TOEFL Internet: Overall score (section score no less than)	67 (Listening 12, Speaking 18, Reading 15, Writing 21)
Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score (no section score less than)	50–57 (50)
Cambridge English - Advanced (CAE): Total score of	52
VU English's – University Preparation UPU (Undergraduate)	Achieved
English Language School in Sydney (ELSIS) – EAP 2 (advanced)	B grade

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES

If you have completed some or all of your academic study in English we may waive the required English language test result required for admission into a bachelor degree. To qualify for recognition of prior English language studies, you need to have achieved one of the following.

QUALIFICATION	REQUIREMENT
GCE A levels (Malaysia, Singapore and the United Kingdom)	A grade of C (or better) in the General paper (English).
International Baccalaureate Diploma	A minimum of 4 in English A1 or A2 (Higher and Standard level) or a minimum of 5 in English B (Higher level).
Australian University Foundation Program	Completion of a recognised foundation program where English is the language of instruction and assessment (with a minimum grade of 60% in the English subject). [^]
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)	Completed an AQF qualification (Certificate IV or higher) with a minimum duration of one year full-time study. [^]
Secondary Schooling or tertiary studies	Satisfactory completion of two years (full-time) academic study in an institution where English was the language of instruction and assessment, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at Victoria University.
Senior Secondary School (in Australia)	VCE Units 3 and 4 in English with a study score of 20 or ESL with a study score of 25 (or interstate equivalent)
Pre-university program (such as AusMAT, SAM)	Satisfactory completion of English in the final year.

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- the qualification was delivered in Australia or in a specified English speaking country (Canada – excluding Quebec, Fiji, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States America and Zambia)
- the AQF qualification is delivered at a registered training organisation and listed on one of the following websites;
www.aqf.edu.au
www.training.gov.au
- the course applied for does not have a higher English language proficiency requirement than the requirements outlined above.

Applications that do not meet the above requirements may be considered on a case by case basis, providing:

- the most recent studies were of at least two years in duration;
- were conducted solely in English; and
- were completed no more than two years prior to commencement of studies at Victoria University.

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POSTGRADUATE COURSES

The following information applies to all postgraduate courses offered to international students by Victoria University. These include:

- Graduate Certificates
- Graduate Diplomas
- Masters Degrees (coursework)
- Masters by Research
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

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EXAMINATION METHOD	RESULT
IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score (no band less than)	6.5 (6.0)
TOEFL Internet: Overall score (section score no less than)	79 (Listening 19, Speaking 19, Reading 18, Writing 22)
Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score (no section score less than)	58–64 (50)
Cambridge English – Advanced (CAE): Total score of	58
VU English's – University Preparation UPP (Postgraduate)	Achieved
English Language School in Sydney (ELSIS) – EAP 2 (advanced)	A grade

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES FOR POSTGRADUATE COURSES

If you have completed some or all of your academic study in English we may waive the required English language test result required for admission into a PhD, masters or graduate course. To qualify for recognition of prior English language studies, you need to have achieved one of the following.

QUALIFICATION	REQUIREMENT
Postgraduate Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Satisfactory completion of at least one year (full-time) academic study (attained no more than two years prior to date of enrolment). [^]
Undergraduate Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Satisfactory completion of at least two years (full-time) academic study (attained no more than three years prior to date of enrolment). [^]

[^] Recognition will apply only if:

- the qualification was delivered in Australia or in a specified English speaking country (Canada – excluding Quebec, Fiji, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States America and Zambia)
- the applicable course does not have a higher English language proficiency requirement than the requirements outlined above.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Foundation programs are offered by a number of institutions and allow students to study for a year to gain the necessary skills to start a university qualification.

AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (AQF)

This framework outlines higher education qualifications offered in Australia including:

- TAFE / Vocational Education (certificate II, III, IV, diplomas and advanced diplomas)
- Undergraduate (associate and bachelor degrees)
- Postgraduate (graduate certificates, graduate diplomas, masters and doctorates).

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (A LEVELS)

Recognised by most Australian tertiary institutions, GCE (A levels) are an international qualification that is equivalent to an Australian senior secondary school qualification.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA

Recognised by most Australian tertiary institutions, an IB diploma is an international qualification that is equivalent to an Australian senior secondary school qualification.

RECOGNISED PRE-UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Programs delivered in Australia or overseas that include the Australian Matriculation Program (AusMat), South Australian Matriculation (SAM), High School Certificate (NSW and ACT) and more. These programs generally equate to having completed a senior secondary school qualification.

SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Also commonly referred to as “Year 11 and 12” and “Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)” in Victoria, senior secondary school is the final two years of schooling prior to entering into tertiary studies.

TERTIARY STUDIES

Tertiary studies are studies undertaken in higher education. In Australia these refer to courses as specified under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).