

# English Test Score and Exemption Reference Sheet

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All Master's degree programs require English proficiency test scores for candidates whose native language is not English. If a candidate has not uploaded valid test scores that are less than two years old (May 2023 and after), then they must request an exemption and provide an explanation within their application.

The uploaded test scores should meet the accepted test formats and scores of a candidate's first preference university program OR the accepted reason for an exemption request with uploaded exemption documentation.

## Types of tests referenced in the below university requirements:

- TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language
- TOEFL iBT – TOEFL Internet-based Test
- IELTS – International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic, IELTS Online)
- IELTS for UKVI – IELTS United Kingdom Visa and Immigration
- PTE – Pearson Test of English academic
- Duolingo English Test with Subscores
- CES – Centre of English Studies
- BE – Bridging English

*Note: The IELTS Academic version is the accepted version for university graduate studies, while the IELTS General Training report, which is more for migrating to an English-speaking country, is not accepted.

## More about Exemptions:

Exemption requests may come in many forms, such as the candidate's main language of instruction at previous universities was English, or they may have worked at an English-speaking agency/NGO in their home country or elsewhere, or completed another fellowship program in an English-speaking country (i.e., in the United States as Humphrey Fellow).

Uploaded documentation could include transcripts that show English as the language of instruction; a screenshot of the English language exemption webpage from their first preference university along with their exemption explanation; an email from the university Rotary Peace Center staff; a verification letter from the candidate's employer; etc.

# Test scores accepted by each university:

## Duke University

- TOEFL (paper: 577 with minimum 50 per section; internet: 90)
- IELTS (minimum 7)
- Duolingo (minimum 115)
- PTE Academic (minimum 64)

*Duke does not accept TOEFL Essentials or IELTS Indicator scores.

**Accepted exemptions:** To be eligible for a TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo English Test waiver, a candidate must have studied fulltime for two years or more at a college or university where the sole language of instruction is English and in a country where English is the primary spoken language.

More information: https://gradschool.duke.edu/admissions/application-instructions/english-language-proficiency-test-scores/

## University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- TOEFL scores (paper: 550 with minimum 50 per section; internet: 90)
- IELTS scores (minimum 7)

*UNC does not accept TOEFL MyBest scores, Duolingo, or other English language proficiency tests.

**Accepted exemptions:**

- Candidates from countries where English is the official language of instruction. (Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada-except Québec, England, Ghana, Ireland, India, Jamaica, Kenya, New Zealand, Nigeria, Scotland, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad, Tobago, Uganda, and Wales) No additional documentation is needed to qualify for this category.
- Candidates who have received a degree from an accredited university in the United States. To qualify, candidates must upload an unofficial transcript showing degree awarded.
- Candidates who have received a degree from an accredited university where English is the sole language of instruction. To qualify, candidates must upload an official verification from that university that English is the official language of instruction.

More information: https://gradschool.unc.edu/admissions/instructions.html#toefl

## International Christian University

- TOEFL scores (paper: 550; internet: 79)
- IELTS scores (minimum 6.5)

*While TOEIC scores (Test of English for International Communication) are accepted for standard ICU graduate school admissions, it is not accepted for the ICU Rotary Peace Fellowship program.

**Accepted exemptions:** Candidates who have completed bachelor's or master's degree work in a college, university, or graduate school where English is the language of instruction are exempt from the testing requirement (official certification may be required in some cases). For fellowship finalists, official certifications will be requested during the ICU Graduate School admission application.

More information: https://rotaryicu.wordpress.com/apply/

## University of Bradford

- IELTS score of 6 (5.5 minimum in each section)
- TOEFL scores (listening 17, reading 18, speaking 20, writing 17; internet: 80)
- Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English (ISEII with Distinction or ISEII with Pass)
- PTE Academic (minimum 62, with minimum 59 in each subset)
- LanguageCert International ESOL SELT B2 Listening, Reading, Writing & Speaking (minimum 148, with minimum 33 in each subskill) *Does not accept the B2 Communicator version
- PSI Skills for English: SELT (Pass with Merit overall and each sub-test in B2 level)
- Cambridge Advanced or Proficiency Certificate (minimum grade C)

*Bradford does not accept the TOEIC test.

**Accepted exemptions:** Bradford handles exemption requests on a case-by-case basis. Candidates can make the request and provide supporting evidence. For example, if they reached out in advance to the admissions team (admissions@bradford.ac.uk) and received a reply email for upload to their application

More information: https://www.bradford.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements/

## University of Queensland

- TOEFL scores (paper: 570 total, with 5 in the written test, and 54 in listening and reading; internet: 90 total, with 21 in the written test, and 20 in listening and reading)
- IELTS scores (6.5 total, with no section below 6)
- PTE Academic (minimum 64, with minimum 60 in each subset)
- CES (176 overall, with minimum 169 in each section)
- BE (4 overall, with minimum C in each section)

**Accepted exemptions:**

- Successfully completed a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited university or institution where English is the medium of instruction and assessment and has been completed during the five (5) years immediately prior to the commencement of graduate study at UQ.
- Acceptable evidence of sufficient English language skills developed through paid or voluntary work experience in a primarily English-speaking professional environment for at least 3 years immediately before the start of your UQ studies.

More detailed information about the exemptions: http://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/english-language-proficiency-requirements

## Uppsala University

- TOEFL scores (the TOEFL iBT, iBT Home Edition, or iBT Paper Edition are accepted: 90 total, with 20 in the written test)
- IELTS Academic/IELTS UKVI and IELTS online scores (6.5 total, with no section below 5.5)
- Cambridge Michigan Language Assessments (University of Michigan, Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)
  - C1 Advanced (CAE), minimum overall score 180 (points awarded since 2015); or
  - Cambridge English certificate level C1, minimum score 180; or
  - Cambridge English: Advanced
- Pearson PTE Academic or PTE Academic Online (Score of 62 total score, with 61 in writing)
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL)

**Accepted exemptions:** Meeting the English requirement through previous university studies, including:

Previous university studies where English was the main subject (for example B.A. in English).

Previous university studies where English was the language of instruction in a certain number of courses studied from one of the following countries. The language of instruction must be clearly stated on official documents (transcript or degree certificate/diploma).

- EU/EES country or Switzerland
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- The Bahamas
- Belize
- English speaking parts of Canada
- Dominican Republic
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United Kingdom
- USA

Students with a bachelor's degree from the following countries meet the English requirement:

- Botswana
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone

- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Upper secondary studies from certain countries. Specific country information can be found at: https://www.universityadmissions.se/en/apply-to-bachelors/provide-application-documents-bachelors/country-instructions/#not-all-upper-secondary-documents-are-listed

More information: https://www.universityadmissions.se/en/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements/