

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

International students from non-English speaking backgrounds must meet Adelaide University's minimum English language requirements to be admitted to their chosen program. Students can demonstrate their level of English language proficiency by providing the results of an accepted English language test, or through one of the alternative means outlined below.

The accepted tests and test scores required for entry into the study abroad and exchange program:

	Overall	Speaking	Reading	Listening	Writing
IELTS (Academic)	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
TOEFL iBT*	79	18	13	12	21
PTE	64	60	60	60	60
Cambridge C1 / C2	176	169	169	169	169

**Presently, Adelaide University is unable to assess results based on the TOEFL iBT band score system of 1–6.*

In addition, results not registered under the 'Taking TOEFL for Australia' pathway may not be accepted for Australian visa purposes.

- English language test results are generally valid for two years prior to the date of commencement at Adelaide University.
- Do note, Adelaide University does not accept online English language tests (e.g. IELTS Online or TOEFL iBT – Home Edition).
- Adelaide University's English Language Centre (ELC) provides packaged ELICOS programs for students who do not meet English language requirements. Visit the [Pathway providers page](#) to find out more.

Students with evidence of citizenship from the following regions are exempt from providing English language proficiency evidence:

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Republic of Ireland
- United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales)
- United States of America

Other accepted methods to meet English proficiency vary by region and qualification^:

Region / Country	Institution / Qualification	Detail of Exception	Acceptable Timeframe
Europe (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Turkiye)	All study abroad and exchange partner institutions	A letter provided by the student's home institution on its official letterhead, advising the student has at least a C1 level (CEFR) of English proficiency	Current students only
		A letter provided by the student's home institution on its official letterhead confirming the students has completed a minimum of one year of undergraduate (or higher) level study completed entirely in English.	
Europe (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden)	All study abroad and exchange partner institutions	Transcript or home institution letter confirming completion of at least 1 subject studied in English	5 Years
Austria	Maturity Certificate (<i>Reifexzeugnis / Reifeprüfungszeugnis / Matura / Maturazeugnis / Austrian High School Diploma</i>)	A grade of 3 / 'befriedigend' (satisfactory) or higher in the English subject	5 years
Belgium	Certificate of Higher Secondary Education (<i>Getuigschrift Van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs / Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur / Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts</i>)	A grade of 7.5 / 75% or higher in the English subject	5 years
Canada (Quebec)	All study abroad and exchange partner institutions	A letter provided by the student's home institution on its official letterhead, advising the student has at least a C1 level (CEFR) of English proficiency	Current students only
		A letter provided by the student's home institution on its official letterhead confirming the students has completed a minimum of one year of undergraduate (or higher) level study completed entirely in English.	

Denmark	Studentereksamen/Højere Forberedelseseksamen	English A: Grade 7 or higher English B: Grade 10 or higher	5 years
France	French Baccalauréat	A grade of 14 or higher in the English subject	5 years
Germany	Abitur (Allgemeine Hochschulreife)	Minimum grade of 7 on a 15pt scale (or 3 on a 5pt scale) in the English subject, in each of the final four semesters of the abitur	5 years
Germany	DAAD language certificate	Minimum 'C1' (5 stars) result, or higher, in all three bands	5 years
Germany	Fachhochschulreife	Minimum grade of 2 (on a scale of 1-6 with 1 being the best) in the English subject	5 years
Fiji	University of the South Pacific	A letter provided by the student's home institution on its official letterhead confirming the students has completed a minimum of one year of undergraduate (or higher) level study completed entirely in English.	Current students only
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	English Language - Level 4, with all components at Level 4 or above.	3 years
Hong Kong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	A letter provided by the student's home institution on its official letterhead confirming the students has completed a minimum of one year of undergraduate (or higher) level study completed entirely in English.	Current students only
	City University of Hong Kong		
	Hong Kong Baptist University		
	Hong Kong Polytechnic University		
	University of Hong Kong		
Malaysia	Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM)	English - 6C or higher (CEFR)	5 years
Malaysia	Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)	English Language - A2 or higher	3 years
Malaysia	Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)	English Literature (code 920) - C or higher	3 years
Malaysia	Malaysia University English Test (MUET)	Minimum band score of 5	2 years
Malaysia	Taylor's University	A letter provided by the student's home institution on its official letterhead confirming the students has completed a minimum of one year of undergraduate (or higher) level study completed entirely in English.	Current students only
	University of Malaya		
the Netherlands	Upper Secondary School certificate	Grade 8 or higher in English	5 years

	<i>(Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs)</i>		
Norway	Upper Secondary School Diploma <i>(Vitnemal fra den Videregaende Skolen)</i>	Grade 4 or higher in English	5 years
the Philippines	University of the Philippines Diliman	Transcript displaying completion of one year of undergraduate studies (or higher)	Current students only
Singapore	Singapore Ordinary Level (O Levels)	English Language Grade C or higher (or 4 or better), OR Literature in English Language Grade C or higher (or 4 or better)	5 years
Singapore	Nanyang Technological University	Transcript displaying completion of one year of undergraduate studies (or higher)	Current students only
	National University of Singapore		
South Africa	Stellenbosch University	Transcript displaying completion of one year of undergraduate studies (or higher)	Current students only
Sweden	Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate <i>(Slutbetyg)</i>	English 6: Grade C or higher English 7: Grade C or higher	5 years
Switzerland	Certificat de Maturité Federale / Maturitätszeugnis/ Attestato Di Maturità	Grade 5 or higher in English	5 years

^ Students should remain aware of the English language visa requirements determined by the Australian Department of Home Affairs and how this may differ from Adelaide University entry requirements. Students must ensure that their English language proficiency test is appropriate for their student visa application. Information is available on the [Department of Home Affairs website](#).