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English Language Proficiency Requirements

All classes that are conducted at Australian Health & Science Institute (AHSI) are conducted in English.

All International Students are required to show evidence that they have the required level of English proficiency prior to enrolment and as part of their visa application.

The table below outlines these English proficiency requirements a student must demonstrate to gain enrolment at AHSI:

| Course Level | Evidence required for enrolment |
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| All Certificate III & Certificate IV & Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care | □ Upper intermediate level (Completed) □ Equivalent of IELTS 5.5 □ With no individual band under 5.0 |
| | OR |
| | Completed a minimum of a Certificate IV qualification from the Australian Qualifications Framework (issued within 2 years prior the commencement of studies with AHSI) |
| All Diploma level qualification except Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care | □ Advanced level (Completed) □ Equivalent of IELTS 6.0 □ With no individual band under 5.5 |
| | OR |
| | Completed a minimum of a Certificate IV qualification from the Australian Qualifications Framework (issued within 2 years prior the commencement of studies with AHSI) |

Students may be required to have additional and or different English language capacity and evidence to these shown, when applying for a student visa under the simplified student visa framework (SSVF). For details and a list of the English language capacity and evidence that is required by the Department of Home Affairs please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Acceptable English Language Test Scores

AHSI accepts English Language proficiency results from the following tests, as long the test results are not older than 2 years at the commencement of the course:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) General
- Test of English as a Foreign Language internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT)
- Cambridge English: Advanced (also known as Certificate in Advanced English CAE)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic
- Occupational English Test (OET)



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Test results can be provided from any English language institute with in Australia that is an ELICOS provider accredited with NEAS. If you have studied at an English language institutes or at tertiary levels, you should include all transcripts and certificates at time of application. Student Support will assess these documents based on the levels outlined in the table below.

| English Language Test Provider | Minimum Test Score (Upper Intermediate) | Minimum Test Score (Advanced) |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| IELTS | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| | (with no individual band under 5.0) | (with no individual band under 5.5) |
| TOEFL Internet Based | 46 | 60 |
| Cambridge English CAE | 162 | 169 |
| PTE Academic | 42 | 50 |
| OET | В | В |

English Testing

AHSI recommends a variety of English schools for English placement tests in various Australian locations to offshore and on-shore prospective students.

Students or Agents are required to contact AHSI Student Support when requesting for an English Proficiency Test, which will be provided free of charge in the first instance.

- AHSI will provide details to the student on how to complete the English Proficiency test.
- Once proof of sufficient English proficiency has been received, AHSI will provide the student with a Letter of Offer and or Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), provided all other required documentation has been received.
- A conditional Letter of Offer can be offered before the English test result is known.

Can I enrol now and provide evidence of English proficiency later?

Yes. Many international students come to Australia to first study English and then study at AHSI. AHSI is able to write a conditional Letter of Offer, on the condition that the student reaches the required level of English proficiency and supplies evidence of the proficiency prior to commencing their intended course.

It is a student's responsibility to only commence their course of study when they have reached the required level of English proficiency and have supplied proof of this. If the student or AHSI feels further English language studies are required, a deferment may be offered for students to complete further English language studies. In this situation the cost of deferment is subject to standard terms and conditions set out by AHSI.