

# English Proficiency Requirements

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All applicants for undergraduate or postgraduate coursework studies at Macquarie University must provide evidence of English Language Proficiency. For most applicants this requirement will be covered by providing proof of holding an assessable qualification as shown below. Applicants who do not hold an assessable qualification that was undertaken in English are required to provide alternative evidence of their English proficiency. The information below outlines the English Proficiency Requirements for applicants to Macquarie coursework studies programs.

## Assessable Qualifications

Assessable qualifications must be from one of the following countries:

- American Samoa
- Australia
- Canada
- Fiji
- Ireland
- Kenya
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland)
- United States of America
- Zambia

Note: Qualifications conducted in the English language in other countries will not be considered as evidence of English Language Proficiency.

Being born in or a citizen of a recognised country does not automatically prove English language proficiency.

Applicants holding the following qualifications from a country listed above will be deemed to have satisfied English proficiency requirements:

- Senior secondary studies, comparable with the NSW HSC
- One full year of Australian or comparable tertiary studies, including RATE Associate diploma and Diploma, Associate degree, Bachelor degree and postgraduate studies
- Completed AQF Certificate IV (including in English for Academic Purposes), Advanced Certificate, Diploma or Advanced Diploma
- Australian or comparable non-award studies and tertiary preparation courses, including NSW TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate (TPC), with a full-time equivalence of one year
- Completed UNSW Foundation Studies Certificate with C pass in Academic English
- GCE (General Certificate of Education) 'A' Levels (from Britain or Singapore) with C pass in a humanities subject
- International Baccalaureate with minimum English A2 at higher level (Diploma must be awarded)
- CCPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English) with C pass
- HKALE (Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination) with C pass in Use of English

## English Language Tests

The following tests of English proficiency are accepted by Macquarie:

- TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language Paper Based
- TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based
- IELTS – International English Language Testing System Academic Version Only
- PTE – Pearson Test of English

All tests must have been undertaken no more than two years prior to the commencement of study at Macquarie. The following tables show the required test scores.

### Tests Scores Required for Postgraduate Courses

Postgraduate Courses	TOEFL – Paper Based	TOEFL – Internet Based	IELTS (Academic Version Only)	PTE – Pearson Test of English
Translating and Interpreting Courses	600 (min 5.0 in TWE, 55 Listening, 61 Structure & Written Expression, 54 reading)	100 overall (min 24 writing, and 22 reading, 22 listening, 22 speaking)	7.0 overall (min 6.5 in each subtest)	72 overall (min 64 is each subtest)
Advanced Medical Courses; Clinical Audiology; Physiotherapy; Psychology; Speech & Language Pathology ; Editing & Publishing;	600 (min 5.0 in TWE, 56 Listening, 63 Structure & Written Expression, 56 reading)	100 overall (min 24 speaking, 24 listening, 25 writing, 24 reading)	7.0 overall (min 7.0 in each subtests)	76 overall (min 70 in each subtest)
MA in English Literature	600 (min 5.0 in TWE, 55 Listening, 63 Structure & Written Expression, 54 reading)	100 overall (min 22 speaking, 22 listening, 25 writing, 22 reading)	7.0 overall (min. 7.0 in writing and 6.5 in all other subtests)	72 overall (min 72 in writing; min 64 in listening, reading and speaking.
All Education Courses	600 (min 5.0 in TWE, 53 Listening, 63 Structure & Written Expression, 56 reading)	100 overall (min 20 speaking, 20 listening, 25 writing, 24 reading)	7.0 overall (min. 7.0 in reading and writing, min 6.0 in listening and speaking)	72 overall (min 66 in reading and writing; min 57 in listening & speaking)
All other Postgraduate courses	570 (min 4.5 in TWE, 53 Listening, 59 Structure & Written Expression, 52 reading)	90 overall (min 20 speaking, 20 listening, 22 writing, 20 reading)	6.5 overall (min. 6.0 in each subtest)	64 overall (min 60 in each subtest)

### Conditional Offers – Postgraduate Students Only

Where a postgraduate applicant has not yet provided proof of English language proficiency the faculty may still make an offer. Applicants should not wait until they have the results of an English test before making their application to study at Macquarie. Test results may be forwarded at a later date. It is recommended that applicants submit their application and book their English proficiency test as early as possible.

Applicants that have not yet provided their English test results may be provided with a ‘Conditional Offer’, with the condition being that they must supply proof of English language proficiency. The applicant will only be admitted to their course and have the ability to enrol in units after they have provided the required documentation. This must be received prior to the final day to add a unit for the semester in question.

## Tests Scores Required for Undergraduate Courses

Undergraduate Courses	TOEFL – Paper Based	TOEFL – Internet Based	IELTS (Academic Version Only)	PTE – Pearson Test of English
Graduate Diploma in Advanced Psychology	600 (min 5.0 in TWE, 56 Listening, 63 Structure & Written Expression, 56 reading)	100 overall (min 24 speaking, 24 listening, 25 writing, 24 reading)	7.0 overall (min 7.0 in each subtests)	76 overall (min 70 in each subtest)
BADipEd, BScDipEd, BEd(ECE) internal and external	600 (min 5.0 in TWE, 53 Listening, 63 Structure & Written Expression, 56 reading)	100 overall (min 20 speaking, 20 listening, 25 writing, 24 reading)	7.0 overall (min. 7.0 in reading and writing, min 6.0 in listening and speaking)	72 overall (min 66 in reading and writing; min 57 in listening & speaking)
All other undergraduate courses	570 (min 4.5 in TWE, 53 Listening, 59 Structure & Written Expression, 52 reading)	90 overall (min 20 speaking, 20 listening, 22 writing, 20 reading)	6.5 overall (min. 6.0 in each subtest)	64 overall (min 60 in each subtest)

### Original or Certified Documents

Evidence of English Language proficiency must be provided to Macquarie as either original documents (ie original transcript or test scores) or a certified copy. A certified copy of a document is a photocopy of the original that has been "certified" as a true copy of the original by a Justice of the Peace or other authorised officer. Information on document certification can be found at

<http://www.postgrad.mq.edu.au/pdfs/CertificationofDoc.pdf>. Documents may also be certified at the Student Enquiry Service Level 1 Lincoln Building so long as the photocopy is provided by the applicant and the original document is sighted by a Student Enquiry Officer.

### List of Test Centres

The Universities Admissions Centre lists a number of English language test providers. For details of test centres please visit [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) or [www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/faq/elp.shtml](http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/faq/elp.shtml)

### Contact details for further information

Enquiries regarding English Language Proficiency requirements for local applicants should be directed to the Student Enquiry Service via the [online enquiry form](#).

Information for English language proficiency for International applicants should be directed to [Macquarie International](#).