

English Proficiency Requirements for International Students

NZQA internationally recognised english proficiency outcomes for international students

LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6 + 7	LEVEL 8 + 9
NZCEL				
Level 3 (General)	Level 3 (Applied)	Level 4 (General) or (Employment)	Level 4 (Academic)	Level 5
IELTS test				
General or Academic score of 5 with no band score lower than 5	General or Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5	Academic score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6
Pearson Test of English (Academic)				
PTE (Academic) score of 36 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 50 with no band score lower than 42	PTE (Academic) score of 58 with no band score lower than 50
TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT)				
Score of 35 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 60 (with a writing score of 18)	Score of 79 (with a writing score of 21)
Cambridge English Qualifications				
B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 154. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First, or B2 First for schools, or C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill	C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency with a score of 176. No less than 169 in each skill
OET				
Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C+ or 300 in all sub-tests
Language Cert				
B1 Achiever International ESOL Written (LRW) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS	B2 Communicator International ESOL Written (LRW) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS	B2 Communicator International ESOL Written (LRW) HIGH PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS	C1 Expert International ESOL Written (LRW) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS	C1 Expert International ESOL Written (LRW) HIGH PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS or C2 Mastery International ESOL Written (LRW) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS
Trinity ISE				
ISE I with no less than distinction in any band	ISE II with no less than pass in any band	ISE II with no less than merit in any band	ISE II with no less than distinction in any band	ISE III with no less than pass in any band