



# 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 2024 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)
- PTE – Pearson Test of English academic
- Duolingo English Test with Subscores
- CES – Centre of English Studies

\*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.

\*Note: The TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) certification, which is a recognized qualification for teaching English to non-native speakers, is not accepted in place of an English proficiency test like TOEFL or IELTS or other tests that demonstrate English language skills for academic purposes.

## More about Exemptions:

Please follow the exemption guidance for your first preference master's degree university.

Exemption requests may come in many forms depending on what is accepted by your first preference university, 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.

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 or admissions office; a verification letter from the candidate's employer; etc.

## Test scores accepted by each university:

### Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- TOEFL (minimum 90)
- IELTS (minimum 7.0)
- Duolingo (minimum 115)

\*The Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill programs do not accept TOEFL MyBest, Cambridge Assessment, or other English language proficiency scores.

**Accepted exemptions:** To be exempt from the English language requirements for the Duke-UNC programs, candidates must have studied full time for two years or more and received a degree from an accredited university where (1) English is the sole language of instruction, and (2) the university is located in a country where English is the primary spoken language. Candidates meeting these conditions must upload official verification to their fellowship application to be considered for an exemption.

### International Christian University

- TOEFL scores (minimum 79)
- IELTS scores (minimum 6.5)
- TOEFL iBT Home Edition

\*TOEFL ITP (Institutional Testing Program) and MyBest™ scores are not accepted.

\*IELTS General Training module and One Skill Retake are not accepted.

\*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 is required). 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 (80 total; 17 listening, 18 reading, 20 speaking, 17 writing)
- 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)
- Oxford English Language Level Test (6 minimum; 5 minimum each sub-test)

- BASALT (Bradford Academic Skills and Language Test) (6 minimum; 5.5 minimum each sub-test)

\*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](mailto:admissions@bradford.ac.uk)) and received a reply email for upload to their application.

More information on accepted tests: <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements/>

## University of Queensland

- TOEFL iBT (including Paper Edition\*\*) scores (87 overall; 21 written, 19 listening, reading, speaking)
  - \*\* TOEFL paper-based writing consists of two scores: structure and written expression (graded 31-68) and the Test of Written English (graded 0-6).
- IELTS scores (6.5 overall, with no section below 6)
- PTE Academic scores (overall 64, with minimum 60 in each subset)
- CES (176 overall, with minimum 169 in each section)

### Accepted exemptions:

- Successfully completed a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited university or institution which is recognized by UQ as one 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 in designated countries for at least 3 years full-time immediately before the start of your UQ studies.

More detailed information about the exemptions: <https://policies.uq.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=231&version=3>

## Uppsala University

- TOEFL scores (the TOEFL iBT or iBT Home Edition are accepted: 90 total, with 20 in the written test)
- IELTS Academic/IELTS UKVI (Academic), IELTS One Skill Retake (Academic), 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))
- Pearson PTE Academic or PTE Academic Online (62 total, with 61 in writing)
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL)
  - C1 Advanced (CAE), minimum overall score 180 (points awarded since 2015); or
  - Cambridge English certificate level C1, minimum score 180; or
  - Cambridge English: Advanced

**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
- Dominica
- 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
- South Africa
- 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/>