

# GUIDE TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY

This guide outlines the general English language proficiency requirements for **certificates, diplomas, bachelor degrees and all postgraduate courses**. Some courses require a higher level of English language proficiency than indicated in the following tables. The latest requirements for all courses can be found by searching a particular course at [www.vu.edu.au/courses](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses)

If you meet the academic requirements for a course, but not the English language requirements, you may be offered a place at VU English our in an intensive course that will help you achieve the English level required. If you have completed a qualification where English was the primary language of instruction, you may be eligible for an English language exemption.

You need to provide evidence that you have completed an approved English language test, and achieved one of the results outlined in the following table.

	Certificates, diplomas and advanced diplomas	Bachelor	Postgraduate
Examination method	Result	Result	Result
IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score (no band less than)	5.5 (5.0)	6.0 (6.0)	6.5 (6.0)
TOEFL Internet: Test score (no section score less than)	55 (Listening 9, Speaking 16, Reading 10, Writing 18)	67 (Listening 12, Speaking 18, Reading 15, Writing 21)	79 (Listening 19, Speaking 19, Reading 18, Writing 22)
Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score (no section score less than)	42–49 (40)	50–57 (50)	58–64 (50)
Cambridge English – Advanced (CAE) (Pre-2015): Total score of	47	52	58
Cambridge English– Advanced (CAE): Overall CAE score (no band less than)	162 (154)	169 (169)	176 (169)
Cambridge English– First Certificate in English (FCE): Overall FCE score (no band less than)	162 (154)	169 (169)	NA

## COURSES WITH HIGHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Some VU courses require higher English language proficiency to gain entry into the degree.

Course Title	Course Code	IELTS (Academic module) result	Minimum individual band scores			
			Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Diploma of Education	EDES	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.5
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood / Primary)	ABEC	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.0	8.0
Bachelor of Education	EBED	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.0	8.0
Master of Teaching (Primary Education)	EMPE	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.0	8.0
Master of Teaching (Secondary Education)	EMES	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.0	8.0
Bachelor of Biomedicine	HBBM	7.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Diploma of Nursing	HLT54115	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Bachelor of Nursing	HBNB	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry)	BLGE	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Bachelor of Laws	BLAW	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES

If you have completed some or all of your academic study in English, we may waive the required English language test result required for admission into a course.

To qualify for recognition of prior English language studies, you need to have achieved one of the scores or qualifications listed on the next page, and have achieved this score or qualification within the expected duration.

Courses that have higher English language entry requirements may require a higher achievement level than those listed, or may not waive the English language test result as an entry requirement.

Each application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and VU reserves the right to ask for English proficiency test results (to be determined by a VU admissions officer).

### CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

Qualification	Requirements
GCE O-levels (Malaysia, Singapore and the United Kingdom)	A grade of C (or better) in the subject English language.
International Baccalaureate Diploma	A minimum of 3 in English A1 or A2 (higher and standard level).
Australian University Foundation Program	Completion of a recognised foundation program where English is the language of instruction and assessment (with a pass in the English subject).
Secondary Schooling or tertiary studies	Satisfactory completion of two years (full-time) academic study in an institution where English was the language of instruction and assessment, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)	Completed an AQF qualification with a minimum duration of one year of full-time study (completed in the minimum duration) and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Senior Secondary School (in Australia)	Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Units 3 and 4 in English with a study score of 20 or ESL with a study score of 25 (or interstate equivalent).
Pre-university program (such as AusMAT, SAM)	Satisfactory completion of English in the final year.

### BACHELOR DEGREES

Qualification	Requirements
GCE A-levels (Malaysia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and Mauritius – Higher School Certificate and GCE)	A grade of C in the following: AS Level subjects: General Paper, English Language or A Level subject: English Language
International Baccalaureate Diploma	A minimum of 4 in English A1 or A2 (Higher and Standard level) or a minimum of 5 in English B (Higher level).
Australian University Foundation Program	Completion of a recognised foundation program where English is the language of instruction and assessment (with a minimum grade of 60% in the English subject). <sup>^</sup>
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)	Completed an AQF qualification (Certificate IV or higher) with a minimum duration of one year full-time study (completed in the minimum duration) and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Secondary Schooling or tertiary studies	Satisfactory completion of two years (full-time) academic study in an institution where English was the language of instruction and assessment, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Senior Secondary School (in Australia)	VCE Units 3 and 4 in English with a study score of 20 or ESL with a study score of 25 (or interstate equivalent).
Pre-university program (such as AusMAT, SAM)	Satisfactory completion of English in the final year.

## ALL POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

Qualification	Requirements
Postgraduate Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Satisfactory completion of at least one year (full-time) academic study and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Undergraduate Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Satisfactory completion of at least two years (full-time) academic study and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup>Recognition will apply only if:

- the qualification was delivered in Australia or in a specified English-speaking country (Canada – excluding Quebec, Fiji, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America and Zambia);
- the AQF qualification is delivered at a registered training organisation and listed on [aqf.edu.au](http://aqf.edu.au) or [training.gov.au](http://training.gov.au)
- the course applied for does not have a higher English language proficiency requirement than the requirements outlined above
- the qualification was completed in the minimum duration.

Applications that do not meet the above requirements may be considered on a case-by-case basis, providing:

- the most recent studies were of at least two years in duration;
- were conducted solely in English (language of instruction and assessment); and
- were completed no more than two years prior to commencement of studies at Victoria University.

Victoria University reserves the right to ask for English proficiency test results on a case-by-case basis (to be determined by a Victoria University admissions officer).

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In some cases you may be required to provide additional information to be eligible for entry into a specific course. Check the entry requirements for specific courses in this guide and ensure you submit this with your application.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

### AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Foundation programs are offered by a number of institutions and allow students to study for a year to gain the necessary skills to start a university qualification.

### AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (AQF)

This framework outlines higher education qualifications offered in Australia including:

- TAFE / Vocational Education (certificate II, III, IV, diplomas and advanced diplomas)
- Undergraduate (associate and bachelor degrees)
- Postgraduate (graduate certificates, graduate diplomas, masters and doctorates).

### GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (A LEVELS)

Recognised by most Australian tertiary institutions, GCE (A levels) are an international qualification that is equivalent to an Australian senior secondary school qualification.

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA

Recognised by most Australian tertiary institutions, an IB diploma is an international qualification that is equivalent to an Australian senior secondary school qualification.

### RECOGNISED PRE-UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Programs delivered in Australia or overseas that include the Australian Matriculation Program (AusMat), South Australian Matriculation (SAM), High School Certificate (NSW and ACT) and more. These programs generally equate to having completed a senior secondary school qualification.

### SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Also commonly referred to as “Year 11 and 12” and “Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)” in Victoria, senior secondary school is the final two years of schooling prior to entering into tertiary studies.

### TERTIARY STUDIES

Tertiary studies are studies undertaken in higher education. In Australia these refer to courses as specified under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).