



## Competent English

On 7 August 2025, the English language tests approved for Australian visa purposes changed. If you took a test before this date, your result may still be valid as proof of competent English for up to 3 years, depending on the visa subclass.

To prove you have competent English, show us evidence of one of the following:

- That you are a citizen of, and hold a valid passport issued by, one of the following countries:
  - Canada
  - New Zealand
  - The Republic of Ireland
  - The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
  - The United States of America
- You achieved one of the test scores in Table 1 or Table 2, in the 3 years before your visa application, depending on the visa subclass.

Table 1 - Competent English approved tests and scores taken **on or after 7 August 2025**

Test	Scores
<a href="#">Cambridge C1 Advanced Test (C1 Advanced)</a>	In each of the 4 test components, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 163 for listening</li><li>• 163 for reading</li><li>• 170 for writing</li><li>• 179 for speaking</li></ul>
<a href="#">Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program General (CELPiP General)</a>	In each of the 4 test components, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7 for listening</li><li>• 7 for reading</li><li>• 7 for writing</li></ul>



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Test	Scores
<p><a href="#">International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic)</a></p> <p>The department accepts IELTS test results that include <a href="#">One Skill Retake</a> (OSR) for eligible visas. To find out if you are eligible, check the relevant <a href="#">visa page</a>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7 for speaking</li></ul> <p>In each of the 4 test components, at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 for listening</li><li>• 6 for reading</li><li>• 6 for writing</li><li>• 6 for speaking</li></ul>
<p><a href="#">International English Language Testing System (IELTS General Training)</a></p> <p>The department accepts IELTS test results that include <a href="#">One Skill Retake</a> (OSR) for eligible visas. To find out if you are eligible, check the relevant <a href="#">visa page</a>.</p>	<p>In each of the 4 test components, at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 for listening</li><li>• 6 for reading</li><li>• 6 for writing</li><li>• 6 for speaking</li></ul>
<p><a href="#">Michigan English Test (MET)</a></p> <p>The department accepts MET test results that include <a href="#">Single Section Retake</a> (SSR) for eligible visas. To find out if you are eligible, check the relevant <a href="#">visa page</a>.</p>	<p>In each of the 4 test components, at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 56 for listening</li><li>• 55 for reading</li><li>• 57 for writing</li><li>• 48 for speaking</li></ul>
<p><a href="#">Occupational English Test (OET)</a></p> <p>This test is developed for health professionals. The OET scoring format was previously alphabetical and changed to numerical on 7 August 2025.</p> <p>OET does not currently provide <a href="#">overall test results</a> on test score reports. However, you can get your overall OET score results by contacting <a href="#">OET</a>.</p>	<p>In each of the 4 test components, at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 290 for listening</li><li>• 310 for reading</li><li>• 290 for writing</li><li>• 330 for speaking</li></ul>



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Test	Scores
<a href="#">LANGUAGECERT Academic Test (LANGUGECERT Academic)</a>	In each of the 4 test components, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 57 for listening</li><li>• 60 for reading</li><li>• 64 for writing</li><li>• 70 for speaking</li></ul>
<a href="#">Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)</a>  PTE Academic has the same name as the previous version of the test that was accepted before 7 August 2025. However, the test and scores are different.	In each of the 4 test components, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 47 for listening</li><li>• 48 for reading</li><li>• 51 for writing</li><li>• 54 for speaking</li></ul>
<a href="#">Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT)</a>  From 26 July 2023 to 4 May 2024, the TOEFL iBT test was not approved for Australian visa purposes.	In each of the 4 test components, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 16 for listening</li><li>• 16 for reading</li><li>• 19 for writing</li><li>• 19 for speaking</li></ul>

Table 2 - Competent English approved tests and scores taken **on or before 6 August 2025\***

Test	Scores
<a href="#">Cambridge C1 Advanced Test (C1 Advanced)</a>  Previously known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)  From 12 February 2024 to 6 August 2025, the department will only accept results from the Cambridge C1 Advanced paper-based test.	In each of the 4 test components, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 169 for listening</li><li>• 169 for reading</li><li>• 169 for writing</li><li>• 169 for speaking</li></ul>

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The department will still accept tests taken before 12 February 2024 and within specified validity periods, for C1 Advanced paper-based and computer-based tests.

## [International English Language Testing System \(IELTS Academic or General Training\)](#)

From 14 December 2022, the department accepts IELTS test results that include [One Skill Retake](#) (OSR) for eligible visas. To find out if you are eligible, check the relevant [visa page](#).

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 6 for listening
- 6 for reading
- 6 for writing
- 6 for speaking

## [Occupational English Test \(OET\)](#)

This test is developed for health professionals. The OET scoring format was previously alphabetical and changed to numerical on 7 August 2025.

OET does not currently provide [overall test results](#) on test score reports. However, you can get your overall OET score results by contacting [OET](#).

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- B for listening
- B for reading
- B for writing
- B for speaking

## [Pearson Test of English Academic \(PTE Academic\)](#)

PTE Academic has the same name as the test available from 7 August 2025, however, the test and scores are different.

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 50 for listening
- 50 for reading
- 50 for writing
- 50 for speaking

## [Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test \(TOEFL iBT\)](#)

From 26 July 2023 to 4 May 2024, the TOEFL iBT test was not approved for Australian visa purposes.

In each of the 4 test components, at least:

- 12 for listening
- 13 for reading
- 21 for writing
- 21 for speaking

\* Test results from a test taken on or before 6 August 2025, may be used as evidence of English proficiency for visa purposes until 6 August 2028, inclusive. This will depend on the visa.

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## Online test restrictions

The department does not accept evidence from English language tests that are delivered completely online (also known as 'remote-proctored' or 'at-home').

Examples of online tests that we do not accept for Australian visa purposes include:

- CELPIP Online
- IELTS Online
- LANGUAGECERT Academic Online
- MET Digital (taken at-home)
- OET@Home
- TOEFL iBT - Home Edition