English Language Requirements

IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

Most Australian institutions have an IELTS test score as part of their entry requirements. NorthEd International College requires a pass of 5.5 across all sections.

The Australian department of immigration and citizenship [DIAC] tends to rely on an IELTS score when processing student visas. Tests can be undertaken, and re-sat, in your home country prior to completing an application, or you can add an ELICOS component into your Australian study path to meet entry requirements.

The test has four sections - Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. Candidates must sit all four sections to receive a test result. The Speaking test is a face-to-face interview with a certified examiner.

There are two versions of the IELTS: the **Academic Version** and the **General Training Version**:

- The **Academic Version** is intended for those who want to enroll in universities and other institutions of higher education and for professionals such as medical doctors and nurses who want to study or practise in an English-speaking country.

- The **General Training Version** is intended for those planning to undertake non-academic training or to gain work experience, or for immigration purposes.
How can I prove I have competent English?

To prove that you have competent English you must provide evidence of one of the following:

- you have achieved a score of at least 6 for each of the four test components (speaking, reading, listening and writing) of an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test that has been undertaken in the three years immediately prior to lodging the visa application

- you have achieved a score of 'B' for each of the four test components of an Occupational English Test (OET) that has been undertaken in the three years immediately prior to lodging the visa application

- you hold a valid passport from the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland and you are a citizen of that country

For more information visit the IELTS homepage at [http://www.ielts.org/default.aspx](http://www.ielts.org/default.aspx)

Some Student visa applicants are required to provide the results of an English language test. From 5 November 2011, the department will accept test results from the following specified English language tests for Student visa purposes taken in any country:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based test (TOEFL iBT)

- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic

- Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test (also known as Certificate in Advanced English).
The department will continue to accept test results from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test and the Occupational English Test (OET) taken in any country.

The TOEFL Paper-Based Test (TOEFL PBT) is accepted in the following countries where IELTS is not available: Belarus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Moldova, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda and Uzbekistan.