

International Students English Proficiency Fact Sheet

COURSE LEVEL	English Proficiency Requirements
Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent upper-intermediate)<input type="checkbox"/> OR Upper Intermediate Level English Certificate<input type="checkbox"/> OR Successfully completed an onsite English test with one of our affiliated English schools* to the level of IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent upper-intermediate)<input type="checkbox"/> OR Successfully complete an internet English test with one of our affiliated English schools** to the level of IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent upper-intermediate)<input type="checkbox"/> OR Completed a study program in Australia to a level of Certificate IV or greater for students applying from countries within the Overseas Student Program – Assessment Levels 1 and 2.

*A fee may apply for English testing with one of our affiliated English Schools

** Our online English testing may be subject to additional phone interview with student.

English Proficiency Policy

Students from non-English speaking backgrounds are required to show evidence that they will be able to successfully complete their course. ALG keeps a separate English Proficiency requirement sheet published and maintained on our website to provide details of the proficiency level for each course we offer. This outlines the current documentation or proof of English the College will accept.

ALG requires students to have a minimum of IELTS 5.5 (academic), a TOEFL score of 525 or TOEFL Computer-Based test of 196. Alternatively if the student does not have these formal test scores, but can demonstrate successful completion of another academic course that was delivered in English to at least a level of upper-intermediate, this may be accepted as evidence.

If a student has enrolled to study English within Australia prior to their enrolment, then they will need to confirm the outcome of their English examination 3 weeks prior to the commencement of term. Otherwise a pending enrolment may be cancelled.

The procedure to verify the student does meet the English proficiency levels required include:

- FORMAL – Student required to complete English proficiency question on their application form and provide evidence of attaining the English standard required.
- INFORMAL – a record of attainment in English is not necessarily a 100% accurate method of proving English language proficiency. If a staff member, through dealings with the student, feels the student may not be proficient, they should flag the issue with IS Advisor. Informal observation methods may include speaking with student during enrolment process, reading written application material or emails the student submitted.

Students who indicate they do not yet meet English proficiency will be provided with information regarding what they must do in order to meet proficiency. Staff members who process student applications must be aware of this criteria and flag any concern over students who may not have correctly indicated their level of English.

English Placement Tests Available

If the student is unable to show evidence of English proficiency Australian Learning Group offers onsite and distance based English Proficiency tests with affiliated English schools. Any student already in Sydney must complete an English test on campus and may elect to do this via our affiliated English schools. Online tests are only available to students *not* in Sydney and may be subject to an additional phone interview. Prices vary from complimentary testing to a \$50 testing fee.

Should the student require English Support Services ALG will:

- a. Recommend English Testing via our preferred English Testing Institution:
 - o Greenwich College: <http://www.greenwichcollege.com.au/site/> or
 - o Macquarie English School: <http://new.mega.edu.au/>
- b. If the student does not wish to work with Greenwich College or Macquarie English School, we recommend the student works with their agent to find an ELICOS institution, or
- c. ALG will assist the student find an agent to work with or find a list of appropriate ELICOS institutions available on the StudyinAustralia.gov.au portal.