International Institute of Training Pty Ltd

IELTS EQUIVALENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the English language proficiency requirements and IELTS-equivalent evidence accepted by International Institute of Training Pty Ltd trading as International Institute of Training (herein referred to as "IIT") for international students applying to study in its CRICOS-registered VET courses, including where courses are packaged with ELICOS or other approved pathway programs.

This policy ensures that students have adequate English language skills to successfully participate in training and assessment and to engage effectively in their chosen course of study.

It supports compliance with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2025 (Outcome Standards 1.1 & 2.1), the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (Standards 2, 3 and 8), and the Migration (English Language Tests and Evidence Exemptions for Subclass 500 (Student) Visas) Instrument 2025 (LIN 25/090), as administered by the Department of Home Affairs.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all international applicants and students seeking admission to or studying in IIT's CRICOS-registered VET courses, whether applying onshore or offshore, including where a VET course is offered as part of a packaged arrangement with ELICOS or another approved pathway program.

It also applies to IIT staff involved in student recruitment, admissions, compliance, and student support processes, as well as authorised education agents acting on behalf of IIT.

Qualifications Covered Under This Policy

This policy applies to the following qualifications delivered by IIT:

Training Package Code	Qualification Title
AUR30620	Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology
AUR40216	Certificate IV in Automotive Mechanical Diagnosis
AUR50116	Diploma of Automotive Management
BSB50420	Diploma of Leadership and Management
BSB60420	Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management
SIT30821	Certificate III in Commercial Cookery
SIT40521	Certificate IV in Kitchen Management
SIT50422	Diploma of Hospitality Management
CPC30220	Certificate III in Carpentry
CPC50220	Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)

3. Responsibility

The **Chief Executive Officer** holds overall responsibility for this policy and ensures that IIT meets its regulatory, governance, and compliance obligations in relation to English language entry requirements.

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The **Administrative Manager** is responsible for overseeing the effective implementation, ongoing monitoring, and regular review of this policy to ensure it remains current, compliant, and consistently applied across the organisation.

Administrative Manager and authorised education agents are responsible for collecting, verifying, and assessing all English language evidence in accordance with this policy and relevant legislative requirements prior to the enrolment of international students.

Student Support Officer is responsible for monitoring students' academic progress and engagement and for identifying, coordinating, and facilitating appropriate learning and language support where required.

4. Policy Statement

IIT requires all international students to demonstrate an appropriate level of English language proficiency before enrolment to ensure their ability to engage effectively in training, assessment, and learning activities in accordance with the Standards for RTOs 2025 Outcome Standards 1.1 and 2.1 and National Code Standard 2.

IIT is committed to providing fair, transparent, and consistent admission processes that support student success, visa compliance, and academic integrity in line with the Standards for RTOs 2025. Only approved English language tests and evidence will be accepted, and all results must be no more than two (2) years old at the time of application unless an exemption applies under Department of Home Affairs regulations.

5. English Language Entry Requirements

International students applying for this course either from off-shore or on-shore to study at IIT must meet at least one of the following English language entry pathways:

  i. Either a minimum IELTS test score of 6.0 or equivalent for direct entry into a VET course.

or

IELTS score of 5.5 or equivalent with an ELICOS course (up to 10 weeks) to be taken before the main VET course.

or

IELTS score of 5.0 or equivalent with an ELICOS course (up to 20 weeks) to be taken before the main VET course.

or

Oxford Placement test with score 61 or higher.
Score Guide: Average test score of 61 or higher in Oxford placement test is equivalent to IELTS 6.0
Note: Results older than two years are not acceptable.

OR

  ii. Applicant who has successfully completed a minimum of 5 years of study in English undertaken in one or more of the following countries: (i) Australia; (ii) Canada; (iii) New Zealand; (iv) South Africa; (v) the Republic of Ireland; (vi) the United Kingdom; (vii) the United States of America.

OR

  iii. To provide evidence that they are a citizen of and hold a valid passport from the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand, or the Republic of Ireland.

OR

  iv. To provide evidence that, within two years* of their signed written agreement date, they have successfully completed in Australia a foundation course or a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education or has completed a substantial part of a Certificate IV or higher-level qualification from the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), delivered in English by a CRICOS-registered provider in Australia, within two years of the signed agreement date.

These tests must have been taken no more than two years* before you apply to study at IIT.

6. Assessment Prior to Enrolment

All the applicants' English language proficiency must be assessed and verified in accordance with IIT's documented procedures before an offer of enrolment is confirmed and before a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) is issued, in accordance with National Code Standards 2.1 and 2.2.

7. Conditional Offers and ELICOS Pathways

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IIT does not deliver English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS). Where applicants do not meet the required English language entry standards, IIT may issue a conditional offer requiring the completion of English language studies with an approved external ELICOS provider prior to commencement of the principal VET course. Students are free to choose their preferred ELICOS provider, in accordance with National Code Standards 2.1 and 2.2.

8. Accepted English Language Tests

IIT accepts English language test results in accordance with Department of Home Affairs requirements and legislative instruments in force at the time of application.

For tests taken before 7 August 2025, IIT accepts IELTS, TOEFL iBT (where applicable), Cambridge English Advanced, PTE Academic, and Occupational English Test results in line with the minimum scores specified by the Department of Home Affairs as produced in the table below:

Test Evidence Table: For Tests Taken BEFORE 7 August 2025

*English Language Test Providers	Minimum Test Score	Minimum Test Score where combined with at least 10 weeks ELICOS	Minimum test score where combined with at least 20 weeks ELICOS
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	6.0	5.5	5.0
TOEFL internet-based test (Only accepted if test is taken on or before 25 July 2023)	64	46	35
TOEFL internet-based test that were completed between 26 July 2023 and 4 May 2024, will not be accepted for Australian visa and migration purposes. During this period, the TOEFL iBT test being offered was not an approved test. For more information refer this link: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language			
Cambridge English Advanced (Certificate in Advanced English)	169	162	154
Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)	50	42	36
Occupational English Test	B for each test component	B for each test component	B for each test component

For tests taken after 7 August 2025, IIT accepts IELTS, C1 Advanced, CELPIP, LANGUAGECERT Academic, Michigan English Test, OET, PTE Academic, and TOEFL iBT in accordance with the minimum score thresholds prescribed under LIN 25/090 as produced in the table below:

Test Evidence Table: For Tests Taken AFTER 7 August 2025

Test name	Minimum Test Score (Direct entry)	Minimum Test Score: If principal course is accompanied by at least 10 weeks of an ELICOS;	Minimum Test Score: If principal course is accompanied by at least 20 weeks of an ELICOS.
C1 Advanced	Overall band score of 161	Not accepted for purposes of subclause 500.213(1) of Schedule 2 to the Regulations.	Not accepted for purposes of subclause 500.213(1) of Schedule 2 to the Regulations.
CELPIP General	Overall band score of 7	Overall band score of 6	Overall band score of 5

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Test name	Minimum Test Score (Direct entry)	Minimum Test Score: If principal course is accompanied by at least 10 weeks of an ELICOS;	Minimum Test Score: If principal course is accompanied by at least 20 weeks of an ELICOS.
IELTS Academic or General Training	Average band score of 6.0	Average band score of 5.5	Average band score of 5.0
LANGUAGECERT Academic	Overall band score of 61	Overall band score of 54	Overall band score of 46
MET (Michigan English Test)	Overall band score of 53	Overall band score of 49	Overall band score of 44
OET (Occupational English Test)	Overall band score of 1210	Overall band score of 1090	Overall band score of 1020
PTE Academic	Overall band score of 47	Overall band score of 39	Overall band score of 31
TOEFL iBT	Total band score of 67	Total band score of 51	Total band score of 37

IIT will not accept English language tests that are not approved by the Department of Home Affairs or that fall outside prescribed validity periods, in accordance with the Standards for RTOs 2025

9. Verification and Assessment Procedures

IIT will follow documented procedures to assess and verify the authenticity of all English language test results, qualifications, and exemption evidence submitted by applicants, in accordance with National Code Standard 2.2. Verification may include accessing official test provider portals, requesting certified copies, and conducting independent validation checks where required.

Where IIT is unable to verify the authenticity of documentation to a reasonable standard, the application may be refused, and the student will be notified in writing. Any evidence found to be fraudulent will result in rejection of the application and may be reported to relevant regulatory authorities.

All verified evidence, assessment outcomes, and supporting documentation will be recorded and securely maintained in the student's file and student management system in accordance with IIT's Records Management Policy and governance requirements

10. Record Keeping

IIT will maintain accurate and secure records of all English language evidence, verification outcomes, and exemption assessments for audit, compliance, and reporting purposes. Records will be retained in accordance with legislative and regulatory requirements and internal governance procedures.

11. Review and Continuous Improvement

This policy will be reviewed at least annually or earlier where legislative, regulatory, or operational changes occur. Feedback from staff, students, auditors, and regulators will be considered as part of IIT's continuous improvement processes and documented in the Continuous Improvement Register.

12. Legislative and Regulatory References

- Legislative instrument: LIN 25/090 - Migration (English Language Tests and Evidence Exemptions for Subclass 500 (Student) Visas) Instrument 2025:

  https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2025L00906/asmade/text

- Department of Home Affairs – English language requirements: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language

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- Student visa (Subclass 500) page: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500

- ESOS Act 2000, National Code 2018 (Standards 2)

  https://internationaleducation.gov.au/regulatory-information/Education-Services-for-Overseas-Students-ESOS-Legislative-Framework/National-Code/nationalcodepartd/Pages/ExplanatoryguideD2.aspx National Code of Practice 2018

- Standards for RTOs 2025

Students are encouraged to contact IIT for any further questions or queries by calling 1300 651348 or emailing us at info@iitraining.vic.edu.au

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