

Non-English Speaking Background (NESB) Applicants

The following information details the ways in which applicants whose first language is not English can meet the English subject prerequisite and English language proficiency requirements for admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland.

The policy is subject to change upon review. Please see the English Language Proficiency Admission policy in the UQ Policies and Procedures library for more details

There are a select number of postgraduate programs which domestic applicants can apply for through QTAC. These programs are: Diploma of Arts (Graduate Entry); Diploma of Science (Graduate Entry); Master of Nursing Studies; Master of Teaching (Primary); Master of Teaching (Secondary).

Please note the information on this sheet **does not apply** to these programs. To obtain information on meeting English proficiency for these programs, please contact UQ Admissions.

Entry requirements

For entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ applicants must meet two basic entry requirements:

1. Eligibility (i.e. satisfy the subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. Merit (i.e. possess a selection rank high enough for a place in the program[†])

[†] Selection ranks range from 1 to 99 (maximum). As admission is competitive the minimum selection thresholds for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

For detailed program information, including prerequisite requirements and minimum selection thresholds from previous admission periods, please refer to future-students.uq.edu.au

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Ways to meet English proficiency

If English is not your first language and you have not undertaken studies in English, you are required to demonstrate your English language proficiency.

Listed below are the options for meeting the English subject prerequisite and English language proficiency requirements for admission to all UQ undergraduate programs.

1. A Sound Achievement or higher in Queensland Year 12 English (or interstate equivalent). From 2017, students who study English as a Second Language (ESL) must achieve a High Achievement (HA) for programs with higher IELTS requirements (see table for these programs).
2. A pass in an English subject from an overseas matriculation program which is considered to be comparable to Queensland Year 12, and where the medium of instruction is English. For example the New Zealand NCEA Level 3 and Cambridge GCE Advanced (A) Levels. Please contact UQ Admissions for further advice.
3. A pass in an approved bridging or preparatory program (such as UQ College's Tertiary Preparation Program).
4. The successful completion of an approved English proficiency exam. Please see reverse for all accepted tests and the relevant scores needed for UQ programs.
5. At least two years of successful tertiary study in the recent five years from an accredited institution where English is the medium of instruction and assessment. Tertiary study can be at Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor or postgraduate coursework level. Research awards or completed Bachelor or Coursework master awards with a duration of less than two years may be acceptable and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This excludes B Education (Primary) and B Education (Secondary) dual degrees - please contact UQ Admissions for further advice.

Note: Sufficient work and/or voluntary experience of at least three years full-time immediately prior to the commencement of study at UQ can satisfy English proficiency but not the English subject prerequisite.

Please refer to the reverse page for a comprehensive table outlining accepted tests and the relevant scores.

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UQ Program	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	TOEFL PB	Pearson	Cambridge English Scale	STAT
Veterinary Science (Hons)	Overall: 7.0 All sub-bands: 7.0	Overall: 100 Speaking: 23 Reading & Listening: 25 Writing: 27	Overall: 600 Writing: 64/6* Reading & Listening: 59	Overall: 72 All other sub-bands: 72	Overall: 185 All other sub-bands: 185	Not accepted
Pharmacy (Hons)	Overall: 7.0 All sub-bands: 6.0	Overall: 100 Writing: 21 All other sub-bands: 19	Overall: 600 Writing: 59/5 All other sub-bands: 54	Overall: 72 All sub-bands: 60	Overall: 185 All sub-bands: 169	Not accepted
Advanced Business (Hons)	Overall: 7.0 All sub-bands: 6.5	Overall: 100 Writing: 24 All other sub-bands: 21	Overall: 600 Writing: 61/5* All other sub-bands: 56	Overall: 72 All sub-bands: 64	Overall: 185 All sub-bands: 176	Not accepted
Laws and dual variations	Overall: 7.0 Writing & Speaking: 7.0 Reading & Listening: 6.0	Overall: 100 Writing: 27 Speaking: 23 Reading & Listening: 19	Overall: 600 Writing: 64/6* All other sub-bands: 54	Overall: 72 Writing & Speaking: 72 Reading & Listening: 60	Overall: 185 Writing & Speaking: 185 Reading & Listening: 169	Not accepted
Advanced Finance & Economics (Hons) Clinical Exercise Physiology (Hons) Exercise & Sport Sciences (Hons) Dental Science (Hons) Midwifery Nursing Occup. Therapy (Hons) Physiotherapy (Hons) Social Work (Hons) Doctor of Medicine	Overall: 7.0 All sub-bands: 7.0	Overall: 100 Reading & Listening: 25 Writing: 27 Speaking: 23	Overall: 600 Writing: 64/6* All other sub-bands: 59	Overall: 72 All sub-bands: 72	Overall: 185 All sub-bands: 185	Not accepted
Speech Pathology (Hons)	Overall: 7.0 Speaking: 8.0 All other sub-bands: 7.0	Overall: 100 Speaking: 27 Writing: 27 Reading & Listening: 25	Overall: 600 Speaking: NA Writing: 64/6* Reading & Listening: 59	Overall: 72 Speaking: 82 All other sub-bands: 72	Overall: 185 Speaking: 200 All other sub-bands: 185	Not accepted
Master of Teaching (Primary) Master of Teaching (Secondary)	Overall: 7.5 Speaking & Listening: 8.0 Writing & Reading: 7.0	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Bachelor of Education (Primary and dual Secondary programs)	Overall: 7.5 Speaking & Listening: 8.0 Writing & Reading: 7.0	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Bachelor of Health, Sport & PE (Hons)	Overall: 7.5 Speaking & Listening: 8.0 Writing & Reading: 7.0	Overall: 108 Speaking: 27 Listening: 29 Writing: 27 Reading: 25	Overall: 627 Speaking: NA Listening: 65 Writing: 64/6* Reading: 59	Overall: 78 Speaking & Listening: 82 Reading & Writing: 72	Overall: 191 Speaking & Listening: 200 Reading & Writing: 185	Not accepted
All other undergraduate programs	Overall: 6.5 All sub-bands: 6.0	Overall: 87 Listening, Reading & Speaking: 19 Writing: 21	Overall: 570 Speaking: NA Listening & Reading: 54 Writing: 59/5*	Overall: 64 All sub-bands: 60	Overall: 176 All sub-bands: 169	Overall: 149

* TOEFL Paper-based Writing consists of two scores: Structure & Written Expression (graded 31–68) and the Test of Written English (graded 0–6)