

English Language Requirement for Registration

FACT SHEET

The ability to communicate in spoken and written English at a professional level with students, parents, teachers and other persons is a professional practice requirement for registration with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT).

The QCT applies an English language requirement which is nationally consistent and applied by other teacher registration authorities in Australia.

All applicants for registration are required to provide evidence of English language proficiency (ELP) with their application, except those who have completed the full four years of higher education study required for registration (or qualifications assessed as comparable) in English in:

- Australia
- United Kingdom
- Canada
- New Zealand
- United States of America
- Republic of Ireland

Who needs to provide evidence of ELP?

The requirement to provide English language test results as part of an application for registration applies to the following:

- Applicants who have completed all higher education qualifications in a non-exempt country (ie not listed above);
- Applicants who have completed an undergraduate degree in a non-exempt country, followed by a one or two year postgraduate initial teaching qualification in one of the exempted countries listed above;
- Applicants who have completed four years of higher education study in total, with some completed in an exempt country and some completed in a non-exempt country. This includes where credit or advanced standing has been granted for study completed in a non-exempt country;
- Other applicants on a case-by-case basis.

NOTE: The requirement to provide evidence of ELP in the form of English test results is based on the four years of study on which eligibility for registration is determined. Completion of additional postgraduate qualifications in English in an exempt country does not negate the requirement to provide English language test results.

Applicants who have completed some of their higher education studies in a non-exempt country and are uncertain whether the ELP requirement applies in their particular situation should contact the QCT for advice.

The ELP requirement may be met by obtaining the required scores in one of the following English language tests.

Recognised tests	Required Scores
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – Academic Module	An average band score of 7.5 across all four skill areas of <i>Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing</i> - with no score below 7.0 in any of the four skill areas and a score of no less than 8.0 in <i>Speaking and Listening</i>
International Second Language Proficiency Ratings (ISLPR)	A rating of at least 4 in each of the skill areas of <i>Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing</i>
Professional English Assessment for Teachers (PEAT)*	A result of Level A in each of the four skill areas of <i>Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing</i>

*If this has already been undertaken for employment in New South Wales

The date of the English language test must be no more than two years prior to the date of applying for registration. All test criteria must be met on an individual test. Certified copies of the test results are required.

Test Centre Details

- **IELTS** – IELTS is available at test centres around the world. Details of official test centres may be found on the IELTS website: www.ielts.org
- **ISLPR** – The QCT currently accepts ISLPR ratings from the following centre only:

ISLPR Language Services
First Floor
9 Gowrie Street
Mt Gravatt QLD 4122

Telephone: (07) 3420 0806
Website: www.islpr.org

Information about testing procedures and costs involved should be obtained from the test centres. You should make it clear to the centre before undertaking the test that the assessment is for the purpose of applying for registration with the QCT.

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