

Meeting the English language requirements for Postgraduate Study at the University of Otago

If your first language is not English you must provide evidence of a satisfactory level of English language proficiency. You can submit your application without an English result and provide this at a later date. Any offer made will be conditional until the English requirement has been met.

The English language tests we recognise are as follows:

- University of Otago Foundation Studies Ltd: Completion of 'English for Postgraduate Academic Purposes' with a grade of C or higher
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6.5 in the academic module (with no individual band below 6.0)
- Paper-based TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 587 with TWE (Test of Written English) 4.5
- Internet-based TOEFL score of 95 with a minimum writing score of 22
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) – Overall score of 176 (with no individual band below 169)
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) – Overall score of 176 (with no individual band below 169)
- APIEL Advanced Placement International English Language Examination - Grade 4 or higher
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic - Overall score of 64 with no communicative skills score below 57

The following programmes require higher levels of achievement than the minimum requirements listed above:

- Postgraduate Diploma/Master/PhD in Public Health - IELTS of 7.5 - must be provided before applications will be considered
- Master of Teaching and Learning - IELTS of 7.5 in the academic module with no individual band below 7.5
- Postgraduate Accounting and Finance - IELTS of 7.0 in the academic module
- Postgraduate Marketing - IELTS of 7.0 in the academic module
- Postgraduate Dentistry, Law, and Surveying courses -
 - Internet-based TOEFL - 102 or better with a minimum of 24 in each section
 - Paper-based TOEFL - 600 or better with a TWE (Test of Written English) of 5.0 or better
 - IELTS (Academic) of 7.5 overall with a minimum of 7 in each band
- Master of Dietetics – IELTS 7.5 in the academic module with no individual band below 7.0

Students enrolling in courses leading to the Diploma for Graduates (regardless of content or endorsement) must meet the standard postgraduate English requirements above.

The University of Otago TOEFL institution code is: 9483