# English Language Proficiency Admission—Table 2: Designated Countries and Other Recognised English Language Proficiency Tests or Qualifications

## Part A: Designated countries

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| **All Programs** | | | |
| American Samoa | Falkland Islands | Kenya | Singapore |
| Australia* | Fiji | Lesotho | Solomon Islands |
| Bahamas | Gibraltar | Liberia | South Africa |
| Barbados | Ghana | Nauru | Trinidad & Tobago |
| Botswana | Grenada | New Zealand* | UK* |
| Bermuda | Guyana | Nigeria | USA* |
| Canada* | Ireland* | Papua New Guinea | Zambia |
| Cook Islands | Jamaica | Samoa | Zimbabwe |
| **Nursing & Midwifery Programs Only** | | | |
| Antigua & Barbuda | Canada | Isle of Man | South Africa^ |
| Anguilla | Cayman Islands | Jamaica | St Kitts & Nevis |
| Australia | Dominica | Jersey | St Lucia |
| Bahamas | Falkland Islands | Malta | St Vincent & |
| Barbados | Gibraltar | New Zealand | the Grenadines |
| Belize | Grenada | Ireland | Trinidad & Tobago |
| Bermuda | Guernsey | Saint Helena, Ascension | UK |
| British Indian Ocean | Guyana | and Tristan da Cunha | USA |
| Territory | | | US Virgin Islands |

**approved for professional accreditation requirements*

*^The final intake for which South Africa will be recognised as a designated country under Clause 11(b) for Nursing and Midwifery programs is Semester 1, 2026.*

# Part B: Other Recognised English Language Proficiency Tests or Qualifications

| Country/ International | Qualification | Conditions for minimum ELP programs | Conditions for higher-than-minimum ELP programs (unless specified otherwise in English Language Proficiency Admission—**Table 1**) |
|---|---|---|---|
| International | General Certificate of Education (GCE)/General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) O level<br>International GCSE (IGCSE)<br>(Must be endorsed by CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA or other UK authority. Independent and school-assessed A Levels are not sufficient.) | A grade C or better (or 4 or better) in:<br>› English Language, or<br>› English Literature, or<br>› English as a Second Language | A grade A or better (or 7 or better) in:<br>› English Language, or<br>› English Literature<br>A grade A* or better (or 9 or better) in:<br>› English as a Second Language |
| International | General Certificate of Education (GCE) A or AS Level<br>(Must be endorsed by CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA or other UK authority. Independent and school-assessed A Levels are not sufficient.) | A grade C or better in:<br>› English Language, or<br>› English Literature, or<br>› General Paper/General Studies | A grade B or better in:<br>› English Language, or<br>› English Literature, or<br>› General Paper/General Studies |
| International | International Baccalaureate Diploma | A grade of 4 or better in:<br>› Language A – Literature, or<br>› Language A – Language and Literature (previously English A1 and English A2) at HL or SL.<br>A grade of 5 or better in:<br>› Language B (previously English B) at HL or SL.<br>*Note – Literature and Performance is not accepted.* | A grade of 5 or better in:<br>› Language A – Literature, or<br>› Language A – Language and Literature (previously English A1 and English A2) at HL or SL.<br>A grade of 6 or better in:<br>› Language B (previously English B) at HL or SL.<br>*Note – Literature and Performance is not accepted* |
| Austria | Matura | A grade of satisfactory (befriedigend) or better in English | A grade of good (gut) or better in English |
| Australia | Group of Eight (Go8) Foundation programs | A grade in Academic English (or equivalent) accepted for entry by the institution that offers the foundation program | A grade in Academic English (or equivalent) which is comparable to high distinction. |
| Australia | UQ College Foundation Program | A grade of 5 in Academic English | A grade of 7 in Academic English |
| Australia | UQ College Tertiary Preparation Program | A grade of 4 in Academic English for University Studies | A grade of 7 in Academic English for University Studies |

| Country/ International | Qualification | Conditions for minimum ELP programs | Conditions for higher-than-minimum ELP programs (unless specified otherwise in English Language Proficiency Admission—**Table 1)** |
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| Denmark^ | Studentereksamen (Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination) or Hojere Forberedelsesekamen (HF) (Higher Preparatory Examination Certificate) | A grade of 4 of better in English A or a grade of 7 or better in English Level B | A grade of 7 or better in English A or a grade of 10 or better in English Level B |
| Finland | Lukionpaastotodistus (Upper Secondary School Diploma) | A grade of 8 or better in English A | A grade of 9 or better in English A |
| Germany | Abitur | A grade of 3 (or 'Satisfactory') or better in English | A grade of 2 (good) or better in English |
| Hong Kong | Hong Kong Examination Authority Advanced Level (HKALE) | A grade of C or better in 'Use of English' | A grade of B or better in 'Use of English' |
| | Hong Kong Diploma in Secondary Education (HKDSE) | A grade of 4 or better in core English language | A grade of 5* or better in core English language |
| India | All India Senior School Certificate (AISSCE) issued by CBSE | A grade of 65% or better in English | A grade of 81% or better in English |
| | Senior Secondary or Higher Secondary School Certificate issued by the State Boards of Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Karnataka | A grade of 65% or better in English | A grade of 81% or better in English |
| | Indian School Certificate (ISC) | A grade of 65% or better in English | A grade of 81% of better in English |
| Malaysia | Malaysian Certificate of Education/Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) | A grade of C1 in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) in English [1] | A grade of 2A or better in English (SPM 1119) |
| Netherlands | Voorbereidend Wetenschappellijk Onderwijs (VWO) Upper secondary school certificate | A grade of 8 or better in final year English | A grade of 9 or better in final year English |
| Norway^ | Vitnemål | A grade of 4 or better in English | A grade of 5 or better in English |
| Sweden^ | Slutbetyg | A grade of VG / C / 15 in English 6 or English B | A grade of B / 17.5 in English 6 or English B |
| Switzerland | Swiss Matura | A grade of 4.5 or better in English | A grade of 5 (good) or better in English |
| USA | USA Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations | English (AP)<br>A pass in English (Grade 3) | English (AP)<br>A pass in English (Grade 4) |

[1] Results prior to June 2021 will have a validity period of 5 years. A grade of 6C or better is required.

**Notes for Part A and Part B**

1. Results are generally valid for 5 years from the date of the qualification being granted to the commencement date at UQ. Citizens of designated countries listed in Part A of Table 2 are exempted from the 5-year validity period.
2. Countries marked with a '^' are exempted from the 5-year validity period.
3. It is assumed that the applicant will have completed the entire school qualification, where applicable, and the required results were achieved at year 12 (or equivalent).
4. Conditions for higher-than-minimum ELP programs apply only if English Language Proficiency Admission—Table 1 explicitly permits such application. Specific application of clause 8(c) of English Language Proficiency Admission Procedure provided for a program in English Language Proficiency Admission—Table 1 takes precedence over generic conditions for higher-than-minimum ELP programs provided in Other Recognised English Language Proficiency Tests or Qualifications Table above.