



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

Part A: Designated countries

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 International GCSE (IGCSE) (Must be endorsed by CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA or other UK authority. Independent and school-assessed A Levels are not sufficient.)	<u>A grade C or better (or 4 or better) in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › English Language, or › English Literature, or › English as a Second Language 	<u>A grade A or better (or 7 or better) in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › English Language, or › English Literature <u>A grade A* or better (or 9 or better) in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › English as a Second Language
International	General Certificate of Education (GCE) A or AS Level (Must be endorsed by CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA or other UK authority. Independent and school-assessed A Levels are not sufficient.)	<u>A grade C or better in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › English Language, or › English Literature, or › General Paper/General Studies 	<u>A grade B or better in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › English Language, or › English Literature, or › General Paper/General Studies
International	International Baccalaureate Diploma	<u>A grade of 4 or better in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Language A – Literature, or › Language A – Language and Literature (previously English A1 and English A2) at HL or SL. <u>A grade of 5 or better in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Language B (previously English B) at HL or SL. <i>Note – Literature and Performance is not accepted.</i>	<u>A grade of 5 or better in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Language A – Literature, or › Language A – Language and Literature (previously English A1 and English A2) at HL or SL. <u>A grade of 6 or better in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Language B (previously English B) at HL or SL. <i>Note – Literature and Performance is not accepted</i>
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)
Denmark [^]	Studentereksamen (Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination) or Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF) (Higher Preparatory Examination Certificate)	A grade of 4 or 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 Wetenschappelijk 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) A pass in English (Grade 3)	English (AP) 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.
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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.