

FACTSHEET - English proficiency requirements (Sydney Campus only)

All teaching at Australian Learning Group (ALG) is conducted in English. If you are an international student and English is not your native language, you will need to provide evidence that you have the required level of English proficiency before commencing your course.

The following table outlines our English proficiency and evidence requirements:

Course Level	Proficiency level and evidence required prior to course commencement*
Certificate III Certificate IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent), with no individual band under 5.0; or ALG in-house English Proficiency test equivalent to IELTS 5.5; or a Certificate IV level qualification (or higher) completed in Australia within 2 years of commencing your course with ALG
Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent), with no individual band under 5.5; OR ALG in-house English Proficiency test equivalent to IELTS 6.0; OR a completed Certificate IV level qualification (or higher) completed in Australia within 2 years of commencing your course with ALG

Please note that you may need additional and/or different English proficiency and evidence to the ones above when you apply for a student visa. For more information, please visit <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

English proficiency – acceptable evidence

1. Official English language tests

ALG accepts English proficiency results from the following official tests, subject to the test results being no more than two years old at the commencement of the course:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – General
- Test of English as a Foreign Language internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT)
- Cambridge English: Advanced (also known as Certificate in Advanced English - CAE)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) - Academic
- Occupational English Test (OET)

Official test provider	Minimum test score	Minimum test score
IELTS	5.5 (with no individual band under 5.0)	6.0 (with no individual band under 5.5)
TOEFL Internet Based	46	60
Cambridge English CAE	162	169
PTE Academic	42	50
OET	B	B

2. ALG in-house English proficiency test

ALG offers an in-house English proficiency test for students that need to evidence their English proficiency and that do not meet any of ALG's alternative evidentiary requirements. The test is free of charge for the first attempt and you can book an appointment to complete the placement test on-campus.

Offshore applicants will be able to complete the ALG in-house English proficiency test online. ALG reserves the right to require such students to undertake a further confirmatory test on-campus before the commencement of their course.

For any further information, please contact our Admissions team at admissions@alg.edu.au.

3. Australian vocational qualifications

Students that provide a completed Certificate IV level qualification (or higher) from the Australian Qualifications Framework completed in Australia within two years of the commencement of your studies with ALG, are not required to provide further evidence of their English proficiency.

4. Students already enrolled with ALG and moving to a higher-level qualification

If you have successfully completed a qualification with ALG and wish to enrol in a higher-level qualification with us that requires a higher IELTS or equivalent, you may be exempt from these requirements based on your academic record.

5. Completion of ELICOS program before you start your ALG course

As an international student, you may package your intended course at ALG with a English language course from an ELICOS provider. Under a packaged program, you may apply for a student visa for the combined duration of the ELICOS and ALG course.

Please note that completion of your ELICOS program is not sufficient evidence of your English proficiency in terms of ALG's entry requirements. You will be required to undertake an ALG in-house English proficiency test to evidence your proficiency before commencing your course at ALG.

6. Exemption of English proficiency evidence

If you are a citizen and hold a passport from the UK, the USA, Canada (excluding Quebec), NZ or the Republic of Ireland, you are not required to present evidence of your English proficiency as part of your application.

Regardless of ALG's English proficiency requirements, all international applicants should be aware that they must satisfy the Department of Home Affairs evidentiary requirements in relation to their student visa application, which may differ to ALG's.

Details of the Department of Home Affairs requirements can be found at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

Conditional Letter of Offer (LoO) and Conditional Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

A Conditional LoO and Conditional CoE may be issued if you have not yet provided evidence of your English proficiency. Students must satisfy all of the conditions specified in their Conditional CoE before commencing their course.

For the avoidance of doubt, where subsequent evidence is required under a Conditional LoO or CoE, ALG will rescind the LoO or CoE and/or not allow the student to commence the course if the requirements are not fulfilled.