

Schedule 1 English Language Requirements

The general English language requirements are outlined under Part 3, Section 1, Clauses 1.5–1.8

Applicants seeking admission under Part 3, Section 1, Clause 1.5.3 are required to provide proof of an acceptable pass/grade gained in an accepted English language test.

The preferred external test is the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic test. Candidates are graded on their performance, using scores from 1 to 9 for each part of the test – Listening (L), Speaking (S), Reading (R) and Writing (W). The results from the four parts then produce an Overall Band Score. All parts of the test and the Overall Band Score can be reported in whole and half bands. Applicants must normally have taken the IELTS test within two years of their application to a programme.

The University offers two qualifications that are recognised for English language proficiency, these are: Certificate in English for Academic Study (CertEAS, see page 651) and General English, IELTS and English for Academic Purposes (GIE).

The University also recognises other English language tests as stated on the University website. The English language requirements for all of the programmes offered by the University are specified in terms of the grading scale used for the IELTS test.

Details of English language tests and equivalences: www.aut.ac.nz

Note: IELTS must be used to demonstrate English language proficiency for entry to those programmes where professional bodies require IELTS to be used as the only measure of English language proficiency (e.g. clinical health sciences programmes).

Following are the IELTS admission scores and the CertEAS and GIE grades required for qualifications in general:

Qualification Level	Minimum IELTS Scores	Minimum Cert EAS Grades	Minimum GIE Grades
Doctorate	6.5 overall with 7 in Writing and all bands 6.0 or higher		
Postgraduate Programmes (Masters, Postgraduate Diplomas, Postgraduate Certificates and Bachelor with Honours)	6.5 overall with all bands 6 or higher	A overall with A or higher in Writing and all other grades B+ or higher	B+ overall with all grades B or higher
Graduate Diplomas and Certificates and Conjoint Programmes of Study			
Bachelor's Degree ^a	6 overall with all bands 5.5 or higher	B overall with B or higher in Writing and all other grades C+ or higher	B overall with all grades C+ or higher

Qualification Level	Minimum IELTS Scores	Minimum Cert EAS Grades	Minimum GIE Grades
Diplomas	Depending on particular diploma, either 6 overall with all bands 5.5 or higher, or 5.5 overall with all bands 5 or higher	Depending on particular diploma, either B overall with B or higher in Writing and all other grades C+ or higher, or C overall with C+ or higher in Writing and all other grades C- or higher	Depending on particular diploma, either B overall with all grades C+ or higher, or C+ overall with all grades C or higher
Certificates	5.5 overall with all bands 5 or higher	C overall with C+ or higher in Writing and all other grades C- or higher	C+ overall with all grades C or higher

a. This includes the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours).

Some programmes have different requirements for IELTS entry and these exceptions are listed in the table below. The table below also lists the requirements for IELTS entry for all diploma programmes.

Code	Qualification Title	Overall IELTS	Writing	Reading	Listening	Speaking
Postgraduate Programmes						
AK3518	Doctor of Philosophy – Engineering, Computing and Mathematical Sciences	6.5	6.5	6	6	6
AK1047	Master of Teaching and Learning	7	7	7	7	7
AK3830	Master of Nursing Science					
AK1044	Master of Laws	7	7	7	6.5	6.5
AK1050	Postgraduate Certificate in Law					
AK1323	Master of Communication Studies	7	7	6.5	6.5	7
AK1261	Bachelor of Communication Studies (Honours)					
AK1299	Postgraduate Diploma in Communication Studies					
AK1303	Master of Creative Writing					
AK3649	Master of Education	6.5	7	6	6	6
AK3696	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Education					
AK3743	Postgraduate Diploma in Education					
AK3744	Postgraduate Certificate in Education					
Graduate Diplomas and Certificates						
AK1013	Graduate Diploma in Health Science	For students undertaking clinical courses, requirements are as for the relevant Bachelor of Health Science subject area				
AK3757	Graduate Certificate in Health Science					
AK1288	Graduate Diploma in Arts – subjects Interpreting and Translation	7	7	7	7	7
AK3515	Graduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching ¹	7	7	7	7	7
Bachelor's Degrees						
AK3704	Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting)/(Translation)	7	7	6.5	6.5	7
AK3594	Bachelor of Education ([Specialty] Teaching) ¹	7	7	7	7	7
AK1035	Bachelor of Health Science (Midwifery)	7	6.5	6.5	7	7

¹ Some applicants may be exempt from this requirement, refer to www.teachingcouncil.nz

Code	Qualification Title	Overall IELTS	Writing	Reading	Listening	Speaking
AK3410	Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy)	7	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
AK3113	Bachelor of Health Science (Oral Health)					
AK3313	Bachelor of Health Science (Physiotherapy)					
AK3713	Bachelor of Health Science (Podiatry)					
AK3324	Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing)	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
AK3680	Bachelor of Health Science in Paramedicine					
AK3432	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science	6.5	6	6	6	6
AK3303	Bachelor of Communication Studies	6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
AK3619	Bachelor of Design					
AK3352	Bachelor of Visual Arts					
Diplomas						
AK1006	Diploma in Business	6 overall with all bands 5.5 or higher				
AK3768	Diploma in Māori Development					
AK3408	Diploma in Outdoor Recreation Leadership					
AK3750	Diploma in Applied Science	5.5 overall with all bands 5 or higher				
AK3714	Diploma in Culinary Arts					
AK3770	Diploma in English Language					
AK3429	Diploma in Japanese					
AK3731	Diploma in Patisserie					
AK3246	Diploma in Sport and Recreation	5.5 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in Writing and all other bands 5 or higher				
AK2001	Diploma in Arts					
Certificates						
AK2601	Certificate in Legal Studies	6 overall with all bands 5.5 or higher				
AK1007	Certificate in Business Studies					

1 Graduates of the Certificate in [Specialty] Education who staircase to the Bachelor of Education ([Specialty] Teaching) or Bachelor of Pasifika Education (Early Childhood Teaching) will need to provide evidence of meeting the IELTS requirements for those programmes unless they meet the exemption requirements of the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand (Teaching Council), <http://www.teachingcouncil.nz>