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

Part A: Designated countries

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

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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 PPL 3.40.14d1—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.)	<p><u>A grade C or better (or 4 or better) in:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › English Language, or › English Literature, or › English as a Second Language 	<p><u>A grade A or better (or 7 or better) in:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › English Language, or › English Literature <p><u>A grade A* or better (or 9 or better) in:</u></p> <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.)	<p><u>A grade C or better in:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › English Language, or › English Literature, or › General Paper/General Studies 	<p><u>A grade B or better in:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › English Language, or › English Literature, or › General Paper/General Studies
International	International Baccalaureate Diploma	<p><u>A grade of 4 or better in:</u></p> <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. <p><u>A grade of 5 or better in:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Language B (previously English B) at HL or SL. <p><i>Note – Literature and Performance is not accepted.</i></p>	<p><u>A grade of 6 or better in:</u></p> <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. <p><u>A grade of 7 or better in:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Language B (previously English B) at HL or SL. <p><i>Note – Literature and Performance is not accepted</i></p>

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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/IES Foundation Year	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
Australia	NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC)	English Standard, English Advanced, English Extension 1 or 2 Achieved performance band 2 or better English as a Second Language will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater	English Standard, English Advanced, English Extension 1 or 2 Achieved performance band 2 or better English as a Second Language will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater
Australia	ACT year 12 Certificate	English; Language and Literature; World Literature (T Majors) Achieve 50% English as a Second Language will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater	English; Language and Literature; World Literature (T Majors) Achieve 50% English as a Second Language will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater
Australia	Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)	English, English Language, Literature' Achieved a study score of 25 or better English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as an additional language (EAL) will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater	English, English Language, Literature' Achieved a study score of 25 or better English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as an additional language (EAL) will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater

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Australia	Queensland Year 12 Certificate of Education	<p>English, Achieved 4 semesters of Sound Achievement or better</p> <p>English as a Second Language will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater</p>	<p>English, Achieved 4 semesters of Sound Achievement or better</p> <p>English as a Second Language will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater</p>
Australia	South Australian Certificate of Education	<p>English, English Studies, English Comm'n Achieved a C- or better (from publically assessed subjects only)</p> <p>English as a Second Language will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater</p>	<p>English, English Studies, English Comm'n Achieved a C- or better (from publically assessed subjects only)</p> <p>English as a Second Language will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater</p>
Australia	Tasmanian Certificate of Education	<p>English; Literature; Writer's W'shop; World Lit; English Studies; English Comm'n or English Writing Achieve a SA or better</p> <p>English as a Second language (ESL) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater</p>	<p>English; Literature; Writer's W'shop; World Lit; English Studies; English Comm'n or English Writing Achieve a SA or better</p> <p>English as a Second language (ESL) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater</p>
Australia	Western Australian Certificate of Education	<p>English, English (stage 2 or 3), English Literature, English Course</p> <p>50% or better (Subject scaled mark)</p> <p>English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater</p>	<p>English, English (stage 2 or 3), English Literature, English Course</p> <p>50% or better (Subject scaled mark)</p> <p>English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) will be accepted with an overall High Achievement (or equivalent) or greater</p>

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Canada	Alberta High School Diploma	English 30, English language Arts 30 A grade of 60% or higher in the final year	English 30, English language Arts 30 A grade of 75% or higher in the final year
Canada	British Columbia Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma	English A grade of 60% or higher in the final year	English A grade of 67% or higher in the final year
Canada	Nova Scotia High School Completion Certificate	English A grade of 60% or higher in the final year	English A grade of 70% or higher in the final year
Canada	Ontario Secondary School Diploma	English A grade of 60% or higher in the final year	English A grade of 70% or higher in the final year
Denmark [^]	Studentereksamen (Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination) or Hojere 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 6C or better in English (SPM 1119)	A grade of 2A or better in English (SPM 1119)

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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
Singapore	Singapore-Cambridge GCE A Levels	A Grade of C or better in the General Paper or Knowledge and Inquiry subject. A grade of C or better in H2 English Language and Linguistics or Literature in English	A Grade of B or better in the General Paper or Knowledge and Inquiry subject. A grade of B or better in H2 English Language and Linguistics or Literature 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)

Notes for Other Recognised English Language Proficiency Tests or Qualifications Table

1. Results are generally valid for 5 years from the date of the qualification being granted to the commencement date at UQ.
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 [PPL 3.40.14d1—Table 1](#) explicitly permits such application. Specific application of section 3.2(c) of [PPL 3.40.14b—Procedures](#) provided for a program in [PPL 3.40.14d1—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.
5. From 2019 applicants with grades in the high school subject English for ESL Learners (or equivalent) must achieve an overall 'High Achievement' (or equivalent) or greater for entry into all UQ programs.