

## 1 PURPOSE

To ensure Axial's minimum English language course entry levels are clearly defined.

## 2 POLICY

For international students who fall into one of the following categories, evidence of the minimum English language level is not required:

1. an applicant who is a citizen of, and who holds a valid passport issued by:
  - a. the United Kingdom;
  - b. the United States of America;
  - c. Canada;
  - d. New Zealand; or
  - e. the Republic of Ireland; or
2. an applicant who is enrolled in a principal course of study that is:
  - a. registered to be delivered in a language other than English;
  - b. a registered ELICOS course, as defined in regulation 1.03 of the Regulations;
  - c. a registered school course; or
  - d. a registered post-graduate research course; or
3. an applicant who is a:
  - a. Foreign Affairs student;
  - b. Defence Student; or
  - c. Secondary exchange student; or
4. an applicant, who, in the 2 years before applying for a Subclass 500 (Student) visa, has successfully completed:
  - a. the requirements for a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education, in a course that was conducted in Australia and in English; or
  - b. a substantial component of a course leading to a qualification from the Australian Qualifications Framework at the Certificate IV level or higher that was conducted in Australia and in English, while the applicant was holding a student visa; or
5. an applicant who has successfully completed a minimum of 5 years of study in English undertaken in one or more of the following countries;
  - a. Australia;
  - b. Canada;
  - c. New Zealand;
  - d. South Africa;

- e. the Republic of Ireland;
- f. the United Kingdom;
- g. the United States of America.

For all other students, the required minimum English language level for all Axial International College courses is one of the following:

Item	Test name	Acronym/ also known as	Minimum test score
1	International English Language Testing system	IELTS Test	(a) Overall band score 5.5; or (b) Overall band score 5 if packaged with at least 10 weeks' ELICOS; or (c) Overall band score of 4.5 if packaged with at least 20 weeks' ELICOS.
2	Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test	TOEFL iBT	(a) 46; or (b) 35, if packaged with at least 10 weeks' ELICOS ; or (c) 32, if packaged with at least 20 weeks' ELICOS.
3	Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test	Certificate in Advanced English	(a) 162; or (b) 154, if packaged with at least 10 weeks' ELICOS; or (c) 147, if packaged with at least 20 weeks' ELICOS.
4	Pearson Test of English Academic	PTE	(a) 42; or (b) 36, if packaged with at least 10 weeks' ELICOS; or (c) 30, if packaged with at least 20 weeks' ELICOS.
5	Occupational English Test	OET	a score of at least B for each test component of the OET.

The following conditions apply to the above guidelines:

- Original documentary evidence or certified copies must be provided.
- If the test is provided at the time the student submits their application, the test must have been taken within 2 years immediately before the date of the visa application.
- If the test is not provided at the time the student submits their application, the test must have been taken within 2 years immediately before Axial make the decision to accept the student's enrolment.
- The requirements set out above may not necessarily be the requirements a student must meet to obtain a student visa. Please refer to the Department of Home Affairs for specific information: [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au)
- Applications from students who do not provide evidence of English language level may be accepted upon verification of the current Student Visa requirements via the [Department of Home Affairs Document Checklist Tool](#).

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- Applicants whose passport is from a country that does not require evidence of English language level for their Visa application at the time of their application may be granted a letter of offer without the need to provide evidence of completing one of the English tests noted above.
- In this instance Axial may request the student undertake the Axial International College English Language Skills Placement Test to assist in determining if the student meets the required English level for their chosen course:  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Axial\\_International\\_College](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Axial_International_College)
- Applications whose educational background or other application information suggests that they may not meet the English language requirement of the course may still be required to provide the evidence of English language level as per the above guidelines.