



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

All students, inclusive of International and domestic students are required to meet the minimum English language proficiency requirements for entry into Kent Institute Australia's (Kent) courses. There are a number of ways to demonstrate your English language proficiency.

Kent recognises a variety of formal English tests, which can be taken to meet Kent English language proficiency requirements. The following are the minimum scores required for Kent courses.

NB: English test scores are only valid if they are less than 2 years old at the commencement of the course.

English Test	Vocational Courses	Bachelor Degrees
IELTS Academic*	Overall band score of 6.0 (with no individual band score of less than 5.5)	Overall band score of 6.0 (with no individual band score of less than 5.5)
PTE Academic (Pearsons)	Overall score of 50 (with 42 or more in all communicative scores)	Overall score of 50 (with 42 or more in all communicative scores)
TOEFL IBT (Internet based)	Overall score of 60 (Writing/Speaking of 18+ and Reading/Listening of 12+)	Overall score of 60 (Writing/Speaking of 18+ and Reading/Listening of 12+)
Cambridge CAE & CPE	169+	169+

Other accepted forms of English testing, previous study or qualifications recognised by Kent are:

Previous Study or Qualification	Vocational Courses	Bachelor Degrees
International Baccalaureate Diploma	A grade of 3 or better in English A1, A2 or B at the Higher Level (HL). A grade of 4 or better in English A1, A2 or B at the Standard Level (SL).	A grade of 3 or better in English A1, A2 or B at the Higher Level (HL). A grade of 4 or better in English A1, A2 or B at the Standard Level (SL).
General Certificate of Education (GCE)/ General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) - O Level International GCSE (IGCSE)	Grade C or better in English Language, English Literature, or English as a Second Language	Grade C or better in English Language, English Literature, or English as a Second Language
General Certificate of Education (GCE) – A or AS Level	Grade D or better in an English Language or English Literature subject or (AS Level) General Paper/General Studies	Grade D or better in an English Language or English Literature subject or (AS Level) General Paper/General Studies
Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Certificate IV or higher (taught in English)	Completed within the last 2 years.	Completed within the last 2 years.

Successful completion of an Australian Foundation Program	Completed within the last 2 years.	Completed within the last 2 years.
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designed as a pathway to higher education		
1 Year of post-secondary education where the medium of instruction was English *	Successful completion	Successful completion
Transfer between Australian Higher Education Courses Undergraduate or Postgraduate where the medium of instruction is English	Completion of one trimester/semester of study within the last year, achieving a 50% or higher pass rate resulting in the minimum successful completion of 2 units.	Completion of one trimester/semester of study within the last year, achieving a 50% or higher pass rate resulting in the minimum successful completion of 2 units.
Completion of a recognised university degree** where the medium of instruction was English *	Successful completion	Successful completion
Kent English Pathway Partner Provider ***	Successful completion of recognised entry level relevant to partner provider as per current listing.	Successful completion of recognised entry level relevant to partner provider as per current listing.

Notes:

- * **Medium Instruction of English** is assessed against the Country Education Profiles (CEP) on the Australian Education International (AEI) National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) website, and will only be accepted if English is the recognised language of instruction for the relevant country, education level and/or institution.
- ** **Recognised University Degree** is assessed against the Country Education Profiles (CEP) on the Australian Education International (AEI) National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) website, and will only be accepted if deemed equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree for the relevant country, education level and/or institution.
- *** For a current list of approved **English Pathway Partner Providers**, Refer to Kent Website link: (Kent Website [MyKent Public Link](#) > Public Policies and Forms > DOC – English Pathways Agreements Register - Public Login 'public@kent.edu.au' and enter Password 'AccessKent!') please contact Kent admissions@kent.edu.au

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17/05/2019 – review and update

07/09/2020 – addition of IELTS Indicator acceptance as a guide to English Language Proficiency.

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22/03/2024 – Update VET English Language requirements to IELTS 6.0 as per new visa requirements and alignment with HED English Language Requirements.