

# English Language Requirements for Tertiary Studies in New Zealand

English is the language used for teaching in all programs at Institutes of Technology and Universities in New Zealand. In order to ensure that international students are able to participate fully while studying in New Zealand, all programs have a required level of English which students must demonstrate through achievement in an international English test or a recognised English language course. The level of English required depends on the level of the program the student wishes to study.

The requirements are outlined in the table below:



Programme Level	NZCEL	IELTS	TOEFL (Paper)	TOEFL (Internet)	Cambridge ESOL
Certificate at Level 3	Level 3 Academic, Workplace or General	Academic/ General 5.0 (no bands lower than 5.0)	Score of 500 (essay score of 4TWE)	Score of 35 (writing score of 20)	FCE with score of 50 or CAE with score of 41
Certificate at Level 4	Level 3 Academic, Workplace or General	Academic/ General 5.5 (no bands lower than 5.0)	Score of 530 (essay score of 4.5 TWE)	Score of 46 (writing score of 20)	FCE with a pass at C or CAE with score of 47
Certificate or Diploma at Level 5	Level 4 Academic	Academic 5.5 (no bands lower than 5.0)	Score of 550 (essay score of 5 TWE)	Score of 46 (writing score of 20)	FCE with a pass at C or CAE with score of 47
Certificate or Diploma at Level 6 or 7 Degree at Level 7 Graduate Certificate or Diploma at Level 7	Level 4 Academic	Academic 6.0 (no bands lower than 5.5)	Score of 550 (essay score of 5 TWE)	Score of 60 (writing score of 20)	FCE with pass at B or CAE with score of 52
Post-Graduate Diploma or Post-Graduate Certificate at Level 8 Bachelor Honours Degree at Level 8 Masters Degree Level 9 Doctoral Degree Level 10	Level 5 Academic	Academic 6.5 (no bands less than 6.0)	Score of 590 (essay score of 5.5 TWE)	Score of 79 (writing score of 21)	FCE with pass at A or CAE with score of 58 or CPE with score of 45

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