

Ashton College English Language Requirements

To enrol in Ashton College VET courses, applicants are required to provide evidence of their English language ability.

Ashton College English language test scores Entry Requirements				
	Test name	Minimum test score	Minimum test score: if principal course is accompanied by at least 10 weeks of an ELICOS	Minimum test score: if principal course is accompanied by at least 20 weeks of an ELICOS
1	International English Language Testing system (IELTS Test)	Overall band score 6.0	Overall band score of 5.5	Overall band score of 5.0
2	Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE)	50	42	36
3	Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test/ Certificate in Advanced English	169	162	154
4	Occupational English Test (OET)	a score of at least B for each test component	a score of at least B for each test component	a score of at least B for each test component
5	Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test (TOEFL iBT)	64	46	35

The applicant must have undertaken the above test within the following period:

- (i) if evidence of the test is provided at the time the applicant makes an application for a Subclass 500 (Student) visa—the 2-year period immediately before the day on which the visa application is made; or
- (ii) if evidence of the test is not provided at the time the visa application is made—the 2-year period immediately before the day on which a decision to grant or refuse to grant the visa is made.

English language test requirements Exemptions:

English language test requirements do not apply to the following classes of applicants:

- (a) an applicant who is a citizen of, and who holds a valid passport issued by, one or more of the following countries:
 - (i) Canada;
 - (ii) New Zealand;
 - (iii) the Republic of Ireland
 - (iv) the United Kingdom;
 - (v) the United States of America;
- (b) an applicant who is enrolled in one of the following courses, where that course is the only course of study enrolled in for the purposes of the Subclass 500 (Student) visa application:
 - (i) a course of study that is registered to be delivered in a language other than English;
 - (ii) an ELICOS;
 - (iii) a registered school course;
 - (iv) a registered post-graduate research course;
- (c) an applicant who is:
 - (i) a Foreign Affairs student; or
 - (ii) a Defence Student; or
 - (iii) a Secondary exchange student;
- (d) an applicant, who, in the 2 years before applying for a Subclass 500 (Student) visa, has successfully completed:
 - (i) the requirements for a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education, in a course that was conducted in Australia and in English; or
 - (ii) 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;
- (e) an applicant who has successfully completed a minimum of 5 years of study in English undertaken in one or more of the following countries;
 - (i) Australia;
 - (ii) Canada;
 - (iii) New Zealand;
 - (iv) South Africa;
 - (v) the Republic of Ireland;
 - (vi) the United Kingdom;
 - (vii) the United States of America.