

English Language Skills Tests conversion table – Overall scores

IELTS Academic	TOEFL PB	TOEFL IBT	PTE Academic	Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) Pre-2015	Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE) Pre-2015	Cambridge English scale: CAE and CPE (from 2015)	
5.5	506	62	46	47	-	162	
6.0	534	73	54	52	-	169	
6.5	565	85	61	58	45	176	
7.0	592	96	68	67	51	185	
7.5	615	105	76	74	56	191	
8.0	635	112	79	80	60	200	
8.5	651	117	84	87	-	205	
9.0	664	120	88	93	96	209	
English language <i>Individual skills tests</i>							
R/L/S/W	TWE	R/L/S	Writing	Section Minimum	Section Minimum	Section Minimum	Section Minimum
5.5	4	14	16	46	n/a	n/a	162
6.0	4.5	17	19	54	Borderline	n/a	169
6.5	4.5	20	22	61	Borderline	Weak	176
7.0	5	23	25	68	Good	Weak	185
7.5	5.5	25	27	76	Good	Weak	191
8.0	6	27	29	79	Exceptional	Borderline	200
8.5	6	29	30	84	Exceptional	Good	205
9.0	6	30	30	88	Exceptional	Exceptional	209

**IELTS band descriptors:**

**BAND 5: Modest User** – has partial command of the language, coping with overall meaning in most situation, though is likely to make many mistakes. Should be able to handle basic communication in own field.

**BAND 6: Competent User** – has generally effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings. Can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.

**BAND 7: Good User** – has operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings in some situations. Generally handles complex language well and understands detailed reasoning.

**BAND 8: Very Good User** – has fully operational command of the language with only occasional inaccuracies and inappropriate usage. Misunderstandings may occur in unfamiliar situations. Handles complex detailed argumentation well.

**BAND 9: Expert user** - has fully operational command of the language: appropriate, accurate and fluent with complete understanding.

\*the listed band descriptors have been adapted from the IELTS website, [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

## Undergraduate English Requirements for applicants who have not undertaken a secondary qualification in English

**Table 1**  
Concordance estimates for qualifications used to provide evidence of English language proficiency<sup>8</sup>

IELTS Score	UK A Level English <sup>9</sup>	Singapore-Cambridge A Levels <sup>10</sup>	HKDSE <sup>11</sup>	STPM <sup>12</sup>	UK A Levels Humanities <sup>13</sup>	UK AS Level English <sup>14</sup>	IGCSE English <sup>15</sup>	IB English A	
								Higher level	Standard level
5.5	E	E	3	E	D	D	C		3
6.0	D	D	4	D	C	C	A/B	3	4
6.5	B/C	B/C	5	B/C	A/B	A/B		4	5
7.0	A	A	5*	A				5	6
7.5	A*		5**					6	7
8.0								7	
8.5									

**Notes:**

- 8 Concordances approved by the Users Committee at its 28 March 2014 meeting  
 9 Subject must have been undertaken at full Advanced (A2) level.  
 10 A Level: English Language and Linguistics  
 11 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education, English Language and Literature in English  
 12 Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia, Literature (920)  
 13 Humanities subjects: History, Humanities, Philosophy – Critical Thinking, Politics, Law, Religion, Sociology and Psychology  
 14 English Language and Literature, English Language  
 15 IGCSE First language English, IGCSE Second language English, IGCSE Literature, Singapore-Cambridge O-level, UK OCR level English

**Table 2**  
Subject and grade requirements guide for accepted secondary qualifications not undertaken in English

Qualification/subject	Grade requirement
Denmark Studentereksamen	8 in English A or 10 in English B
Finland Upper Secondary School Certificate	8 in English or English A Language
Germany Abitur	3 in Advanced Level English (LF)
Netherlands VWO	8 in Level 6 High School English
Norway Vitnemal	4 in English
Sweden Avgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg	VG or C in English