

EXPLANATION OF ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS

We know it can be confusing. But the team here at Choose New Zealand want to help you out! We have put together this diagram and a brief explanation to make it clear about your English qualifications. Proving your English level is a requirement and something you need to consider.*

The [International English Language Testing System](#) most commonly known as **IELTS** is the system referred to by Immigration New Zealand.

Below are other providers of English Tests and the equivalent to the **IELTS**.

[Cambridge ESOL Examinations](#), levels you need to know:

First Certificate in English (**FCE**), Certificate in Advanced English (**CAE**) Certificate of Proficiency in English (**CPE**).

[English Language proficiency test by Educational Testing Services \(TOEFL\)](#)

[New Zealand Certificate in English Language \(NZCEL\)](#)

[Pearson Test of English \(Academic\) \(PToE\)](#)

[International English for Speakers of Other Languages by City and Guilds \(IESOL\)](#)

Level of Study Programmes (NZ)	IELTS	TOEFL Paper-based pBT	TOEFL Internt-Based iBT	Cambridge ESOL	NZCEL	PToE	IESOL
5 Certificates Diplomas	5.5 (no lower than 5)	550 score 5 TWE**	46 writing score 20	FCE pass grade C or CAE 47	Level 4 with Academic Endorsement	42	B2 commu- nicator with a score of 42
6 + 7 Certificate/ Diploma Degree Graduate Cert. / Diplo- ma	6 (no lower than 5.5)	550 score 5 TWE**	60 writing score 20	FCE pass grade B or CAE 52	Level 5 with Academic Endorsement	50	B2 Commu- nicator with score of 66
8, 9 +10 Post-Grad- uate Honours Degree Masters Doctorate	6.5 (no lower than 6)	590 score 5.5 TWE**	79 writing score 21	FCE pass grade A CAE 58 CPE 45	Level 5 with Academic Endorsement	58	C1 Expert with a score of 42

*It is up to individual institutions discretion what they will accept regarding Proof of English. ** Test of written English

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