

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**.

- [Pearson Test of English \(Academic\) \(PToE\)](#)
- [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 \(NZCEL\)](#)
- [International English for Speakers of Other Languages by City and Guilds \(IESOL\)](#)

Level of Study Programmes (NZ)	IELTS (Academic)	Pearson Test of English (PTE) (Academic)	TOEFL Paper-based pBT	TOEFL Internet-Based iBT	Cambridge ESOL	NZCEL	IESOL
Level 5 Certificates Diplomas	5.5 (with no band score lower than 5)	42-50 (minimum score in communicative skills may be required, check with us when apply)	550 score 5 TWE**	46 writing score 20	FCE pass grade C or CAE 47	Level 4 with Academic Endorsement	B2 communicator with a score of 42
Level 6 & 7 Certificate/ Diploma, Bachelor Degree Graduate Cert. / Diploma	6 (with no band score lower than 5)	50-58 (minimum score in communicative skills may be required, check with us when apply)	550 score 5 TWE**	60 writing score 20	FCE pass grade B or CAE 52	Level 5 with Academic Endorsement	B2 Communicator with score of 66
Level 8, 9 & 10 Post-Graduate Honours Degree Masters Doctorate	6.5 (with no band score lower than 5)	58-65 (minimum score in communicative skills may be required, check with us when apply)	590 score 5.5 TWE**	79 writing score 21	FCE pass grade A CAE 58 CPE 45	Level 5 with Academic Endorsement	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