

English language test results for the Accredited Employer Work Visa



Meeting INZ's English language requirements for the AEWV

If you are applying for an AEWV for a job that is at [ANZSCO](#) level 4 or 5 you must show that you can speak and understand English.

You can meet INZ's English language requirements through:

- your citizenship, where you studied and the qualifications you gained
- English language tests.

There are no English language requirements if you are applying for an AEWV for a job that is at ANZSCO level 1 to 3.

English ability from citizenship, working and studying

There are 3 scenarios where your citizenship, work and study gives INZ confidence that your English language ability is at the level INZ requires.

Scenario one: You are a citizen of 1 of these countries:

- Canada
- Ireland
- United Kingdom
- United States.

You have spent at least 5 years working or studying in person in 1 of those countries or in Australia or New Zealand.

Scenario 2: You have a qualification that is comparable with a New Zealand level 7 bachelor's degree gained in:

- Australia
- Canada
- Ireland
- New Zealand
- United Kingdom
- United States.

You studied for at least 2 years in any of these countries while being physically located there to get that qualification.

Scenario 3: You have a qualification that is comparable with a New Zealand postgraduate qualification at level 8 or above gained in:

- Australia
- Canada
- Ireland
- New Zealand
- United Kingdom
- United States.

You studied for at least 1 year in any of these countries while being physically located there to get that qualification.

How to provide evidence

INZ can see evidence of your citizenship through the passport details you supply. You do not need to provide any more evidence of citizenship or where you have lived, unless INZ specifically ask for it.

For evidence of your qualifications and where you studied, INZ need a copy of your qualification certificate and academic transcript.

English ability by language tests

Another way to show your English language ability is through getting an acceptable result in an English language test.

Your result must be no more than 2 years old at the time you apply.

English language tests and scores acceptable by INZ

Test	Minimum score
<u>IELTS — General or Academic module</u> <u>IELTS — One Skill Retake (OSR)</u>	4 overall
<u>Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFLiBT)</u>	31 overall
<u>Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE academic)</u>	29 overall
<u>Cambridge English B2 First</u>	142 overall
<u>Cambridge English B2 First for Schools</u>	142 overall

<u>Occupational English Test (OET)</u>	Grade D or higher in all 4 skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking.
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- **IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR)**

In 2023 the International English Language Test System (IELTS) provider introduced a One Skill Retake option for both their Academic and General Training tests. The IELTS One Skill Retake must be completed within 60 days of the original test date.

- **Cambridge language assessments**

The Cambridge English: First (FCE) is now called B2 First.
The Cambridge English: First for Schools (FCE) is now called B2 First for Schools.

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