

Admission policy: Assessing whether overseas students' English language proficiency, educational qualifications or work experience is sufficient to enable them to enter the course.

Purpose

This document outlines the policy and procedure for assessing whether an overseas student's English language proficiency, educational qualifications or work experience is sufficient to enable them to enter the course in which they wish to enrol as set out in the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018, Standard 2.

Scope

This policy applies to all students who are enrolled in an ELICOS course at ELC and who hold a student visa.

Background

ELC delivers only English language courses. For these courses a pre-requisite for educational qualifications or work experience is not required. However, English language proficiency entry requirements are in place for some courses which lead to an internationally recognised English language examination or which form part of a pathway program to higher education.

Policy

1. General English

For General English classes no language proficiency pre-requisite is required since these classes are offered at levels from A1 (elementary) to C2 (advanced) and therefore cater to students of all English levels. A written placement test is conducted either online pre-arrival or in person on arrival and a spoken placement test is conducted on arrival. The student is placed in the appropriate class for their needs and goals.

2. Cambridge Assessment English and IELTS

Cambridge English: B2 First, C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency.

These courses are delivered at specific levels only and students are required to complete an English language placement test prior to acceptance on to the course and confirmation of enrolment.

Cambridge English students are provided with the ELC Cambridge placement test (for B2 First and C1 Advanced) or the ELC Cambridge Proficiency placement test (for C2 Proficiency) by

their agent or by our enrolment team. IELTS course students may complete ELC’s placement test or submit a recent IELTS test result (within the last 3 months).

A student must achieve a test result of:

- For acceptance into Cambridge B2 First: Cambridge B2/C1 placement test over 45%
- For acceptance into Cambridge C1 Advanced: Cambridge B2/C1 placement test over 65%
- For acceptance into Cambridge C2 Proficiency: Cambridge C2 placement test over 55%
- For acceptance into IELTS 1: ELC placement test result B2 or IELTS 5.5
- For acceptance into IELTS 2: ELC placement test result B2+ or IELTS 6.0

Based on their test results the student:

- is advised that they have been accepted onto the course
- is advised to enrol in a course more appropriate to their level

3. Academic English

Academic English students are provided with the ELC Placement Test by their agent or by ELC’s enrolment team. Students must also indicate if they wish to access a direct entry pathway through ELC to another educational provider and their preferred length of enrolment. ELC’s academic coordinator will assess each test and make a course level and length recommendation based on the test result and planned pathway. ELC only assesses the student’s language proficiency. The vocational or higher education provider assesses educational qualifications and/or work experience based on their own entry requirements.

A student must receive a test result of:

- For acceptance into EAP 1: ELC Placement test result B1+ or IELTS 5.0
- For acceptance into EAP 2: ELC Placement test result B2 or IELTS 5.5
- For acceptance into EAP 3: ELC Placement test result B2+ or IELTS 6.0

4. Summary of test results for placement into specific classes and levels

CEFR	Test results for <u>entry</u> into specific classes and levels				
		ELC placement test	ELC Cambridge test	IELTS	PTE -A overall
C1+	600	53-60	C2 proficiency 55% (CPE test)	7.0	66.3

C1	503 502 501	45-52	C1 Advanced 65%	6.5	58.5
B2 +	403	40-44 EAP3 IELTS 2	B2 First 45%	6.0	51.6
B2	402 401	35-39 EAP2 IELTS 1		5.5	45.4
B1+	303 302 301	25-34 EAP1		5.0	40.8
B1	203 202 202	14-24			
A2	100	0-14			

This document should be read in conjunction with:

- Testing and placement procedure