

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY WAIVER FOR CANADIAN SCHOOLS

There is not one method to get English proficiency waiver into designated learning institutions in Canada. You can use the following for that:

1. If you have studied in an English medium school for the last four years, then you can apply to some of the universities.
2. If the country that you are from speaks English as their native language, then you can apply for different courses at Canadian universities.
3. You agree to attend Canadian language school for at least a semester or a full year (mostly for non-native English speakers)

Students who apply to universities in Canada that do not demand the submission of IELTS scores, however, need to submit certain documents to support their claim of English language proficiency.

These may include requisite certificates, documents stating that the medium of instruction in the first or last obtained a degree was English, transcripts and the likes.

English Proficiency Letter:

English proficiency letter is the letter which is used for IELTS exemption. This letter is issued from that school where you have completed your studies. And in this letter, you have to show that your medium of instruction was English medium.

English proficiency certificate is NOT an exam you prepare and write (like IELTS, TOEFL, etc.). It is merely an official letter written by your undergrad institution attesting that English was the primary means of communication while you were receiving your undergraduate education. Check the website of your proposed Designated Learning Institution, they always list countries that are exempted to write the IELTS or just submit the proficiency letter.

How To Get English Proficiency Letter/Certificate

1. Go to exam and record in your Senate and request for the letter, then upload it in the column for it.
2. Or Prepare the attestation letter by yourself, take it to your school and let your faculty officer or registrar sign and stamp it.
3. Or approach the university professor where you had your undergraduate studies and request for an English Proficiency Waiver letter.

NOTE:

1. Most Canadian schools waive IELTS if they know or you insist that you are from an English speaking country and you've studied in English during your undergrad. I'd advise you to contact the admissions office directly before applying to any Canadian school.
2. When applying to get admission, I'd advise you to select 3-10 schools and you can eventually apply to at least 1 or 2 schools that waive all the unnecessary requirements for you i.e IELTS, GRE, TOEFL. This way, you are not putting all your eggs in one basket.
3. Both Diploma graduates and Masters graduates have access to the same job opportunities. It all boils down to your skill sets. Unlike most African countries, where a Masters graduate is treated as Boss irrespective of his ignorance.

ADDITIONAL LIST OF SCHOOLS THAT DON'T REQUIRE IELTS

Kindly check with the school for latest admission requirement but I can confidently say you won't be required to submit beyond English proficiency certificate or letter

University of Northern British Columbia

University of Alberta

University of Manitoba

Northern Alberta Institute Of Technology

Southern Alberta Institute Of Technology

Mount Allison University

Thomas Rivers University

Simon Fraser University

Seneca College

Cambrian College

Okanagan College

Brock University

University of Winnipeg

McMaster University

Brandon University

Concordia University

University of Regina

Athabasca University

George Brown College

University of Windsor

Dalhousie University

Mount Royal University

University of Calgary

University of Saskatchewan

Carleton University

McGill University

University of Toronto

York University

Waterloo University

Ryerson University

Queens University

Memorial university

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q: I applied to Memorial University because of its cheap tuition and already submitted online application for undergraduate degree program; I have my WAEC confirmation, transcript and proof of English proficiency collected from my secondary school. Please the issue I have now is that they mail me to send my test of English test score of either IELTS or TOEFL since Nigeria is considered as English spoken country so a letter should be issue from my secondary school to cover up the IELTS , TOEFL , which I did. Please your candid advice will be highly appreciated.

ANSWER: Memorial University of Newfoundland doesn't waive English Proficiency test for undergraduate students per se. It's a compulsory requirement and you will have to sit for the exam and attain an overall 6.5 band in her IELTS exam. I would suggest you apply to other schools like University of Winnipeg or University of Regina, these schools are very fast in issuing acceptance to undergraduate students and they also DON'T require any English proficiency test.

Q: Can you please help me with a sample of IELTS exemption letter issued from University?

ANSWER: You will need to write to your school registrar requesting for a **Letter of Confirmation of Proficiency in English Language**.

You will attach a photocopy of your Certificate and submit it together with the letter to your school registrar, and then your school will issue you the Letter, stating your medium of instruction from your first year to final year is English language. That's the common procedures in getting such letter in most schools in Nigeria.

Find attached a Sample Letter of Request for Confirmation in English Language (should be written to your school)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Sir/Madam,

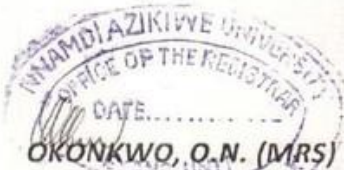
CONFIRMATION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION
~~TO THE REGISTRAR, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka~~
~~REG. NO.: 2009047700~~

I hereby, certify that the above-named was admitted in Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka for a five-year regular undergraduate programme in **Radiography and Radiological Sciences** in the 2009/2010 academic session.

He graduated from the Institution and was awarded a **Bachelor of Science** degree in **Radiography and Radiological Sciences** with **Second Class Honours (Lower Division)** in the 2014/2015 academic Session

He was taught and examined in **English Language**.

Please accord him all the necessary assistance, he may desire from you.


DATE.....
OKONKWO, O.N. (MRS)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR (EXAMS)
FOR: REGISTRAR

Q: Is IELTS exam a must for Canadian students' visa. If not what other exam do they accept?

ANSWER: It's not a must even though some school requires it. Most school don't require IELTS exam from an English Speaking Country like Nigeria, Ghana.

Its only when you are applying for the likes of Permanent Residency (EXPRESS ENTRY, PNP etc.) **you will be required to write IELTS General Training Test** and you don't need any huge score band since you are now in Canada

You just get an English Test Waiver/Exemption letter from the school you graduated from i.e. LETTER OF CONFIRMATION OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Q: Difference between IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training

ANSWER: IELTS Academic – This exam is for those planning to study for a higher education (university, college, etc.) or for those who wish to pursue work or training in a professional field such as medicine or engineering. As the name implies, this version assesses a candidate's readiness for academic studying or training in English.

IELTS General Training – You should consider the General Training exam if you are going to study, work or train in an English-speaking country, or if you are migrating to an English-speaking country. Candidates taking the IELTS General Training exam are tested on everyday use of the language, with content and questions focused on workplace and social situations.

SAMPLE LETTER REQUESTING FOR IELTS WAIVER

Letterheaded Paper of School

(should have school logo, address and contact details)

Department of Y
Faculty of X
University of Toronto
27 Kings College Cir
Toronto ON M5S
Date

To Whom It May Concern:

IELTS WAIVER REQUEST AS AN ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

RE: Samuel Adegoke SA-UI-SD-009034

This is to certify that English is the medium of instruction at the University of XYZ. Hence, we hereby request for an IELTS waiver as an admission requirement for one of our students who graduated from the University.

Samuel Adegoke with student number SA-UI-SD-009034 was a student of Sociology Department in the Faculty of Social Sciences. He graduated on July 2019 after fulfilling all study and university requirements.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the office of the registrar.

Thanks, in anticipation of a favourable response.

Sincerely,

Signature and Stamp:

Name:

Position:

Registrar's Office

You'll Testify,

Victor Ola.