

Documents to demonstrate English language ability for subclass 457 visa application

To facilitate electronic lodgement of your application, you must provide a scanned copy of each individual document.

You should retain the original documents in the event original or certified copies are requested at a later date by the immigration department.

Provide one of the following documents:

- ☐ Letters from educational institutions confirming successful completion of at least five cumulative years of full-time secondary or higher education where all instruction was delivered in English. The letter from each educational institution should include the following details (refer to page 2 for a template which may assist):
- name of course;
 - duration of study including dates commenced and completed; and
 - confirmation that study was full-time and that all instruction was delivered in English; or

Please note that under the Australian education system, secondary education is considered to be high school education from age 12 onwards. Education undertaken before you are 12 years old is considered primary education and cannot be counted towards the 5 years. You will need to obtain letters from your educational institutions which include the name of your course, duration of study including dates commenced and completed, confirming study was full-time and that all instruction was delivered in English. A template letter is attached.

- ☐ [International English Language Testing System](#) (IELTS) test result of test conducted no more than 3 years before visa application with overall band score of 5 and score of at least 4.5 on each of the four components of the General test - reading, writing, listening and speaking; or
- ☐ [Occupational English Test](#) (OET) test for health professionals, result of test conducted no more than 3 years before visa application with score of at least B on each of the four test components of reading, writing, listening and speaking; or
- ☐ [Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test](#) (TOEFL iBT) test result of test conducted no more than 3 years before visa application with total band score of 36 and score of at least 3 for listening, 3 for reading, 12 for speaking and 12 for writing; or
- ☐ [Pearson Test of English](#) (PTE) Academic test result of test conducted no more than 3 years before visa application with an overall band score of 36 and a score of at least 30 on each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
- ☐ [Cambridge English: Advanced](#) (CAE) test result of test conducted no more than 3 years before visa application with an overall band score of at least 154 and a score of at least 147 on each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.

The following websites have detailed information including practice material and how to make an appointment:

IELTS:

<http://www.ielts.org/>
<http://www.ieltsessentials.com/home.aspx>

OET:

<http://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/>

TOEFL iBT:

<https://www.ets.org/toefl/>

PTE Academic test:

<http://pearsonpte.com/>

CAE:

<http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/advanced/>

TEMPLATE LETTER WHICH MAY ASSIST EDUCATION INSTITUTION

Dear Sir/Madam

We confirm that [NAME], completed the following full time education at [INSTITUTION], where all instruction was delivered in English:

1. [NAME OF COURSE] : [MONTH/YEAR] - [MONTH/YEAR]
2. [NAME OF COURSE] : [MONTH/YEAR] - [MONTH/YEAR]

If you have any questions, please contact me on [CONTACTNUMBER].

Kind regards

[NAME]
[POSITION AT INSTITUTION]