



International Students

Admissions English Equivalence List – Master Degree

Applicants will be deemed to have satisfied the English Language requirements for entry into Master Degree programs if they can provide evidence that they meet one of the following criteria:

- English language test
- Prior study in the English medium
- Other English language study

In all cases, test results or study must not be more than **2 years** prior to study at RCDC.

English language tests

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| IELTS | 6.5 (Academic Module) with no band lower than 6.0 |
| TOEFL | Computer Based – 230 Internet Based – 90 Paper Based – 573 (minimum 4.5 in Test of Written English TWE) |
| CET (Cambridge English Test) | C+ or higher in CPE |

Prior study in the English medium

- Completed tertiary studies (eg university or TAFE) of at least two year’s length in Australia.
- Completed tertiary studies of at least two year’s length where the sole language of instruction and assessment was English.

Other English language study

RCDC accepts English language assessments from the following English language providers:

| Institution | Course |
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| ACL | Diploma of EAP – 65% pass |
| Aspect | EAP 3 – 61% pass |
| Greenwich College | Cert IV in EAP – distinction |
| Milton College | EAP (Distinction) |
| SELC | EAP Lower Advanced |
| UEC | EAP 3 (A grade) |

Students without evidence of their English level

Students unsure of their current English level can do an RCDC English test.

Students who don't meet the English entry requirements

As a general rule, students should estimate that they will need 10-12 weeks of English study in an English-speaking country to raise their level by IELTS 0.5.

Students needing extra English can apply for a “package” of English study + study at RCDC by applying to study English at one our recognised English language providers (see above).

Student visa requirements

Students applying for Bachelor Degrees will be applying for a Student Visa Subclass 573 – Higher Education.

As a requirement of this visa, students under Assessment Levels 3 & 4 must show that they have completed an IELTS test within two years of the date of their application.

See www.immi.gov.au for a list of the Assessment Levels by country.

DIAC regulations for students from AL3 & AL4 – If applying:

- for direct entry into a course, the student must have an IELTS score of 6.0 or above
- to do a foundation course (but not ELICOS) before the main course, the student must have an IELTS score of at least 5.5
- to do an ELICOS course before the main course, the student must have an IELTS score of at least 5.0. The student can study a preliminary English course for up to 30 weeks.

Sources:

DIAC - <http://www.immi.gov.au/>

UNSW - <http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/future/entry/entryenglish.html>

MQ - http://www.international.mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/application_info.aspx#entry

RMIT - <http://www.rmit.edu.au>

Swinburne Uni - <http://www.international.swinburne.edu/courses/requirements/index.html>

Uni of Wollongong - <http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/english/qualifications.html>