



**International Students**  
**Admissions English Equivalence List – Vocational**

Applicants will be deemed to have satisfied the English Language requirements for entry into Vocational 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
- Other studies

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

English language tests

IELTS	5.5 (Academic Module) with no band lower than 5.0
TOEFL	Computer Based – 196 Internet Based – 71 Paper Based – 525
CET (Cambridge English Test)	C+ or higher in FCE

Prior study in the English medium

- Completed Year 12 in Australia with a pass in English
- Completed secondary studies in a country where English is the official language, with a pass in final year English.
- Completed tertiary studies (eg university or TAFE) of at least one 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:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Course</b>
ACL	Certificate IV in EAP
Aspect	EAP 1 – 61% pass
Greenwich College	Cert IV in EAP – pass OR IELTS Preparation – pass
Milton College	APP (Modules 1&2) or EAP (Credit)
SELC	EAP Upper Intermediate
UEC	EAP 2 (B grade)

Other studies

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Minimum Requirement</b>
Foundation Year	70% or Grade B in English
International Baccalaureate	3 in English A1 or A2
GCE O Levels	C6 grade in English
GCE AS / A Levels	C6 grade in a Humanities subject*
Hong Kong A Levels	D grade in the Use of English paper
Denmark - Upper Secondary (Studentereksamen)	B Level English (only) – min grade of 9 B Level AND A Level English – min grade of 7
Germany – Upper Secondary (Abitur)	Grade 3 in English
Norway - Upper Secondary (Vitnemal)	Grade 4 in English
Sweden - Upper Secondary (Avgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg)	Very Good (VG) in English

\*Humanities - an Arts or Social Science subject that is conducted in English and requires substantial reading, as well as essay writing, in written examinations.

**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 of our recognised English language providers (see above).

**Student visa requirements**

Students applying for Vocational study will be applying for a Student Visa Subclass 572 – Vocational Education and Training.

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](http://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 5.5 or above
- to do an ELICOS course before the main course, the student must have an IELTS score of at least 4.5. 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](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>