

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS POLICY

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Introduction

English language requirements refer to the minimum level of English language competency required for overseas qualified practitioners seeking Clinical Certification with ACAud Inc HAASA. These requirements are intended to ensure practitioners are able to communicate effectively and undertake clinical practice safely and competently within the Australian healthcare environment.

These requirements are intended to ensure practitioners are able to communicate effectively and undertake clinical practice safely, respectfully and competently within the Australian healthcare environment, including across culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Purpose

This policy outlines the minimum English language requirements that must be met by applicants unless an approved exemption applies.

Policy

All applicants seeking Clinical Certification with ACAud Inc HAASA must demonstrate English language competency through completion of one of the following approved English language tests, unless exempt under this policy:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Occupational English Test (OET)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE)
- Another approved equivalent English language assessment

All test results must assess the four components of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Speaking

Applicants must achieve the minimum required score in each component.

Minimum Requirements

Applicants must achieve a minimum overall IELTS score of 7.0 (or equivalent), with no individual component score below 6.5.

ENGLISH LEVEL	IELTS	OET	CEFR	PTE (obtained before 7 August 2025)	PTE (obtained from 7 August 2025 onward)			
	Each skill	Each skill	All bands	All bands	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Vocational	5.0	D	B1	45	33	36	29	24
Competent	6.0	C	B2	60	47	48	51	54
	6.5	C+	B2					
Proficient	7.0	B	C1	65	58	59	69	76
	7.5	B	C1					
Superior	8.0	A	C1	79	69	70	85	88

Exemptions

An applicant may be exempt from English language testing requirements where they have completed either:

- a course delivered in Australia and accredited by the relevant professional body with which certification is sought; or
 - a relevant vocational or tertiary qualification completed in English in one of the following recognised countries:
 - New Zealand
 - Canada
 - Republic of Ireland
 - South Africa
 - United Kingdom
 - United States of America
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Evidence and Recency

Applicants must provide original English language test results issued by the testing body, or a certified copy of those results, at the time of application for Clinical Certification.

The results of the English language test must clearly show that the test was completed no more than two (2) years prior to the certification application date. In the event an applicant relies on test results from two sittings, the two-year period begins on the date of the earlier sitting.

If more than two years, the applicant must be able to demonstrate:

- they have been continuously employed as a certified practitioner, with that employment commencing within 12 months of the date of the English language test, in a recognised country where English was the primary language of practice; and
- the application for certification is lodged within 12 months of completing the most recent period of employment.

Related Documents

- Membership Application Procedure
- Certification and Examination Policy
- Professional Competency Standards
- Scope of Practice
- Cultural Safety and Inclusive Practice Policy