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English Language Proficiency Guideline

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Overview

1. Where an applicant has not completed advanced studies involving demonstrating fluency in English, Governance Institute will require the applicant to demonstrate a satisfactory command of the English language.

Proof of proficiency

2. Applicants satisfy Governance Institute's English language requirements and do not have to provide further evidence of English language proficiency if they have studied a bachelor or higher degree qualification in English from one of the following countries:

American Samoa	Grenada	Samoa
Antigua and Barbuda	Guyana	Seychelles
Australia	Ireland	Sierra Leone
Bahamas	Jamaica	Singapore
Barbados	Kenya	Solomon Islands
Belize	Kiribati	South Africa
Bermuda	Lesotho	St Kitts and Nevis
Botswana	Liberia	St Lucia
Canada	Malawi	Tanzania
Cameroon	Maldives	Tonga
Cook Islands	Mauritius	Trinidad And Tobago
Dominica	Namibia	Uganda
Falkland Islands	Nauru	United Kingdom
Fiji	New Zealand	United States of America
Gambia	Nigeria	Vanuatu
Ghana	Papua New Guinea	Zambia
Gibraltar	Philippines	Zimbabwe

3. Applicants who hold a bachelor or higher degree qualification from a country not listed above but have completed the degree in English, will need to provide evidence from the institution that the language of instruction for the degree was English.
4. Applicants whose previous studies were completed in a language other than English must demonstrate a satisfactory command of English in one of two ways:
 - a. An English language test from an accredited testing organisation (completed within the last two years). Applicants should be proficient in written and spoken English, with a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 with no band less than 6.5.
 - b. Provide evidence of having lived and worked in a country from the above list for the five years prior to admission in a Governance Institute postgraduate course.

5. Failure to demonstrate satisfactory English language proficiency may result in the applicant being required to delay study until Governance Institute's English Language Proficiency requirements have been met.

Accredited testing organisations and minimum required standard

6. Below is a list of providers for English Language testing. This is not an exhaustive list.
 - a. IELTS – International English Language Testing System
Qualification: Academic IELTS
Minimum requirement: overall score of 7.0 with no band less than 6.5
Web – www.ielts.org
 - b. Cambridge English Language Testing
Qualification: Cambridge English Proficiency (CPE)
Minimum requirement: B pass
Web – www.cambridgeenglish.org
 - c. TOEFL
Qualification: TOEFL iBT (internet based test)
Minimum requirement: overall score of 94 with no band less than 21
Web – www.ets.org/toefl

Other Responsibilities

7. Applicants identified as not meeting the IELTS standard of 7.0, or equivalent, and have not been accepted into Governance Institute's postgraduate study can be referred to an accredited provider of English language teaching.
8. Students accepted into Governance Institute postgraduate study who are identified by their Subject Co-ordinator or assessment marker as not meeting the English Language Proficiency standards will be referred to an accredited provider of English language teaching.

Related Documents

- Governance Institute of Australia Admissions Policy