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ACPSEM English Language Policy



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1 Purpose

A minimum standard of command of the English language is required in order to practice Medical Physics and Radiopharmaceutical Science in the health care environment in Australia and New Zealand. This policy specifies the standard required by the ACPSEM.

2 Scope

This policy details the minimum English language requirements for all ACPSEM services where English ability language is assessed.

3 Roles and Responsibilities

A minimum level English language ability is required across a variety of assessments, services and training programs offered by the ACPSEM.

Responsibility for the application of this policy and assessment of English language standards is lies with the panel or committee with responsibility for the specific task being performed.

4 Policy/Procedure Statements

English language ability can be demonstrated via education being completed in or by recent work experience in nominated English speaking countries, or by achieving minimum scores in an English language test accepted by ACPSEM.

However, it should be noted that if ACPSEM has any doubt about a person's English language ability, ACPSEM reserves the right to request that an approved English language test is taken.

4.1 Education and work experience that demonstrates suitable English language ability

- all secondary education was completed in a nominated English-speaking country ¹

OR

- one or all professional qualifications in a nominated English-speaking country ¹

AND

you were resident in that country for the period in which the qualification(s) were completed;

OR

- At least 2 years relevant work experience in the past 5 years in a nominated English speaking country ¹

A written statement on letterhead of the educational institution or place of employment, plus contact details of the person providing the statement, is considered suitable evidence of English language-based education or employment.

¹ A nominated English-speaking country is any of Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada or the United States of America



4.2 Demonstration of English language ability via an English language test

Achievement of the required minimum scores in one of the English language tests accepted by ACPSEM in Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking and meet the requirements for test results as outlined in Table 1.

Accepted English Language tests are:

- IELTS Academic (International English Language Testing System Academic)
- TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test)
- PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English Academic)
- CAE (Cambridge English Advanced)

Detailed information regarding the IELTS, TOEF iBT, PTE Academic & CAE is available from the individual websites.

The original Test Report Form must be posted to ACPSEM or ACPSEM provided with access to the online Test Report form.

NOTE: ACPSEM will only accept test results:

- From one test sitting; or
- a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period for selected tests, as long as certain minimum scores are achieved in each sitting, see Appendix A: Explanation on Maximum Two Test Sittings for English Language Requirements

Test results are only accepted if they were obtained within two years before the date of lodging application where English language ability is a mandatory requirement.

Table 1. Minimum English Language Component Test Scores

English Language proficiency level	Test component	IELTS Academic	TOEFL iBT	PTE Academic	Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)
Proficient	Listening	7.0	24	65	185
	Reading	7.0	24	65	185
	Writing	7.0	27	65	185
	Speaking	7.0	23	65	185



5 Appeals

Any decision relating the assessment of English language ability will be a subset of assessments, services and training programs offered by the ACPSEM.

Details of the appeal processes will be covered in the relevant policy for which English language assessment covered by this policy is a requirement.

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Appendix A: Explanation on Maximum Two Test Sittings for English Language Requirements

5.1 IELTS

A maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period can be accepted only if:

- a minimum overall score of 7 in each sitting is achieved, and
- a minimum score of 7 in each component across the two sittings is achieved, and
- no score in any component of the test is below 6.5 in either sitting

5.2 TOEFL iBT

A maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period can be accepted only if:

- a minimum total score of 94 is achieved in each sitting, and
- minimum scores in the following categories are achieved across the two sittings:
 - 24 for listening
 - 24 for reading
 - 27 for writing
 - 23 for speaking

and

no score in either sitting is below:

- 20 for listening
- 19 for reading
- 24 for writing
- 20 for speaking

5.3 PTE Academic

A maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period can be accepted only if:

- a minimum overall score of 65 is achieved in each sitting, and
- you achieve a minimum score of 65 in each of the communicative skills across the two sittings, and
- no score in any of the communicative skills is below 58.