English Proficiency Requirements

Johnson & Wales University recognizes a number of examinations as proof of English proficiency. Acceptable proof of English proficiency may include one of the following comparable English proficiency examinations (English proficiency examinations cannot be older than two years). Please note that total exemption from ESL may require meeting both the overall score and individual subscores.

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<th>Examination</th>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Undergraduate Graduate</th>
<th>Undergraduate Graduate Subscores (recommended)</th>
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<td>IELTS (International English Language Testing System, Cambridge)</td>
<td>6.0</td>
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<td>Duolingo English Test (DET)</td>
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<td>TOEFL iBT (Test of English as Foreign Language, Internet, ETS)</td>
<td>75</td>
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<td>PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English)</td>
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<td>TOEFL PBT (Paper-based) NEW</td>
<td>20 on each of the Reading, Listening &amp; Writing tests</td>
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<td>TOEFL PBT (Paper-based — discontinued)</td>
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<td>Kaplan International Advanced Certificate</td>
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<td>ELS — Certificate of Completion</td>
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<td>CAE (Certificate in Advanced English, Cambridge)</td>
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<td>PTE General (formerly London Test of English) Level 4 (C1 Advanced)</td>
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<td>MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery)</td>
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<td>S.T.E.P. Eiken (Society for Testing English Proficiency) Grade 1</td>
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SAT Evidence: 500
Based Reading and Writing
ACT English 19 (average of Language Arts English scores)
ACT English Section scores and Reading of 19 in each

To meet English proficiency requirements, all English language examination results must be submitted on an official test transcript that is no more than two years old. TOEFL scores must be received as official ETS scores. The Johnson & Wales University Designated Institution (DI) code is 3465. Students should use this code on their TOEFL registration form so that their scores will be sent directly to Johnson & Wales University. Legible copies of IELTS Test Reports may be verified through the IELTS verification service.

Students may be exempted from individual ESL classes based on their individual test section scores. Johnson & Wales University also reserves the right to require a student to take ESL classes to increase proficiency in a particular area, regardless of total test scores.

Other English language examination results will also be considered, and experience studying in the English language, as documented through school transcripts, will be taken into consideration.

Additional qualifications that meet English proficiency requirements include the following:

**For Undergraduate Study**
- GCSE, CIE, IGCSE or Singapore/Cambridge O Levels
  - Grade of 4, or Grade of C or higher in English Language
- International Baccalaureate Examinations — IBO.org
  - Grade of 4 or higher in English SL/HL
- Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)
  - Grades I–III in English Language

**For Graduate Study**
- Nigeria — completion of an accredited university program
  - Level acceptable for graduate school admission
- Ghana — completion of an accredited university program
  - Level acceptable for graduate school admission

**Majority English-Speaking Countries**

Applicants from the following countries where English is the dominant native language and the primary language of instruction (and submit an official transcript from one of these countries) are not required to submit English language test scores:

- Anguilla (ANG)
- Antigua & Barbuda (ANT)
- Australia (AUS)
- Bahamas (BAH)
- Barbados (BAR)
- Bermuda (BER)
- British Virgin Island (BVI)
- Canada (except Quebec) (CAN)
- Cayman Island (CAY)
- Dominica (DOM)
- Falkland Island
- Fiji (PJI)
- Gibraltar (GIL)
- Grenada (GRN)
- Guam (GUM)
- Guyana (GYU)
- Ireland (IRE)
- Jamaica (JAM)
- Kiribati (KIR)
- Malta (MLT)
- Marshall Islands (MRI)
• Micronesia, Fed States (MIC)
• Montserrat (MNT)
• New Zealand (NWZ)
• Scotland (SCO)
• Seychelles (SEV)
• St. Helena
• St. Kitts & Nevis (STR)
• St. Lucia (STL)
• St. Vincent and the Grenadines (STV)
• Trinidad and Tobago (TRT)
• Turks and Caicos Island (TCI)
• United Kingdom (UNK)
• Virgin Islands