

English language requirements for subclass 457 visas

Specification of English language tests for applicants for Subclass 457 visas

- (a) International English Language Testing System (IELTS test);
- (b) Occupational English Test (OET);
- (c) Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test (TOEFL iBT);
- (d) Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE);
- (e) Cambridge English: Advanced test (CAE), where the test was completed on, or after 1 January 2015.

Specification of scores which must be achieved in the tests specified above

English test	Minimum band score	Minimum scores for English test components			
		Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
IELTS test	Overall band score 5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
OET	-	B	B	B	B
TOEFL iBT	Total band score 36	3	3	12	12
PTE	Overall band score 36	30	30	30	30
CAE	Overall band score 154	147	147	147	147

Specification of period of time within which the scores specified must be achieved by applicants for Subclass 457 visas is three years from the date of the visa application.

Specification of Subclass 457 applicants who are exempt from the requirement to undertake English language tests

- (a) an applicant who is a citizen of, and who holds a valid passport issued by one of the following countries:
 - (i) the United Kingdom
 - (ii) the United States of America
 - (iii) Canada
 - (iv) New Zealand
 - (v) the Republic of Ireland

- (b) an applicant who:
 - (i) has completed a minimum of five years of full-time study in a secondary and/or higher education institution where the instruction was delivered in English.