• Can I gain admission to a college or university without the test of English as a foreign language IELTS / (TOEFL)?

All Canadian universities require **evidence of proficiency in the language** of instruction, either English or French. When applying, ask the university if a test is required.

Most universities require the IELTS or TOEFL for foreign students from countries where the medium of instruction is not English. By preparing for and taking the IELTS / TOEFL, you will know your level of standard spoken English, and also have a chance to improve your English language skills before going to Canada. Good English is a very important factor in success at an English medium Canadian college or university.

While TOEFL is the standard test used, most graduate schools also consider and accept other internationally recognized English language tests such as IELTS, MELAB and CAEL (The Canadian Academic English Language Assessment). However, you must make sure that the university will accept a particular test before submitting the scores in place of a TOEFL result.

A few universities will conditionally admit students without a TOEFL score, but these students must sit for an English examination at the university before they can enroll in classes. If their scores are not high enough, they must take English as a Second Language (ESL) courses before they can enroll in a degree program. These courses are expensive and can delay the start of your degree program by as much as one year.

• What score do I need on the IELTS / TOEFL to be admitted?

Test scores required vary. IELTS band of 6.0 - 6.5 or TOEFL scores of 213 - 237 are accepted. (Always check with the institution also).

What other examinations do I need to take?

Each university or college decides what tests it requires. In addition to the TOEFL exam, tests frequently required depending on the subject and degree applied for may be:

SAT, The Graduate Record exam (GRE), The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), Law School Admission Test (LSAT).



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