

2.3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

English is the language of instruction and communication at Brandon University. An applicant whose **primary language** (is used in the home, communities and daily commerce in their native country) is not English, or whose previous education has been conducted in another language, must demonstrate a command of English sufficient to meet the demands of classroom instruction, written assignments and participation in discussions.

The English Language Proficiency Requirement applies to **all** applicants:

1. Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents whose primary language is English

All such applicants are deemed to meet the English language proficiency requirement by virtue of having lived and been educated in a country where English is a common or primary language.

2. Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents whose primary language is NOT English

All such applicants must provide proof of English proficiency or obtain an English Language Waiver as described below.

3. International Applicants (Study Permit)

All applicants who are NOT Canadian citizens or permanent residents and whose primary language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency or obtain an English Language Waiver as described below.

2.3.1 PROOF OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

English proficiency is proven through submission of acceptable official examination results as listed below. Individual programs may require minimum scores higher than those indicated. Consult individual program sections of this Calendar for detailed information. Examination results must be no more than two years old.

Examination	Minimum Score Required
C2 Proficiency (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English)	176; Minimum 170 on each
CAEL (Canadian Academic English Language Assessment)	60
CanTEST (Canadian Test for English for Scholars and Trainees)	4.5 Reading/Listening; 4.0 Speaking/Writing
EAP (English for Academic Purposes at Brandon University)	Successful completion of Tier 4
IELTS (International English Language Testing System (Academic))	6.5 overall; Minimum 6.0 on each
PTEA (Pearson Test of English Academic)	58
TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	86 overall; Minimum 20 on each
TOEFL Revised Paper-delivered Test (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	Minimum 20 on each section

2.3.2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE WAIVER

In lieu of providing proof of English proficiency, students may obtain an English Language Waiver by meeting one of the following conditions:

- successful completion of a three year secondary school program in Canada or the United States, or successful completion of an accredited three year post-secondary program in Canada or the United States, or any combination of three successful years of secondary and post- secondary education in Canada or the United States. Overall post-secondary cumulative GPA must be a minimum of 2.0;
- graduation from a Manitoba high school with at least one Grade 12 40S English credit with a minimum grade of 70% or better;
- graduation from a Canadian high school (outside Manitoba) with at least one Grade 12 English credit equivalent to Manitoba 40S with a minimum grade of 70%;
- completion of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level (HL) English course with a score of four or greater;
- completion of Advanced Placement (AP) English, Literature and Composition or Language and Composition with a score of four or greater;
- completion of an accredited first undergraduate degree from an English-speaking institution;
- residence in Canada for a minimum of 10 consecutive years. The period of residency will be the time between the "Landed On" date on the Record of Landing Document and the first day of classes in the term the applicant intends to register. The Record of Landing Document must be presented to the Admissions Office.

Note: Where high school English courses are referenced in the foregoing, courses with an "E" designation or any equivalent designation are not acceptable. Also, any "EAP" "EAL", "ESL", or equivalent courses or programs completed at another post-secondary institution are not acceptable for the purpose of being granted a waiver of the English Language Proficiency Requirement.