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English Language Requirements Policy

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This is the policy that establishes the minimum English language requirements for admission to George Brown College (GBC).

1. For admission to any GBC program or course delivered, all international applicants, must provide evidence that their English language ability meets the minimum requirements for admission.
2. The most recent evidence will be used as proof of English language proficiency.
3. GBC reserves the right to request that an applicant undergoes a GBC English placement test in addition to any other evidence of English proficiency provided.
4. If an offshore student has completed a placement test off site, then they will receive a conditional eCOE and will be required to pass an on-site placement test before commencing the course.
5. An eCOE will only be issued to onshore students if they will meet the English requirement of the college.
6. If found that a student is not meeting the minimum English entry requirement of the course, they will not be able to commence the course.

Satisfying English language requirements

Applicants may be deemed to have satisfied GBC's English language requirements if they can provide evidence that they meet one of the following criteria:

Citizenship status

Citizens of countries who have undertaken secondary and/or tertiary study in English in the national education system (or equivalent) and/or at a recognised local university.

Prior Australian study

Student has achieved intermediate level for Certificate II and III of Business and upper intermediate for Certificate IV and above courses from another college of Australia.
Student has completed minimum one lower-level qualification in Australia.

English Language Tests

- Have an Intermediate level attained from an English language proficiency test (IELTS 5.5, or equivalent) for Certificate II and Certificate III. For exemptions, please refer to our English entry requirement policy on our website.
- Have an Upper Intermediate level attained from an English language proficiency test (IELTS 6.0, or equivalent) for Certificate IV and above courses. For exemptions, please refer to our English entry requirement policy on our website.

NB: Results from multiple tests cannot be combined to meet requirements.

Conditional Offers

- Applicants who provide English test results that fail to meet the minimum standard required by GBC, or who fail to provide any evidence of English language proficiency but meet the academic requirements of the program may be issued with a Conditional Offer of admission. This means that the applicant is not permitted to commence the program of study and will have their English language proficiency reassessed.
- A full offer of admission will be issued only when English language proficiency requirements have been met.

Change History

Version	Approval date	Reviewed by	Approved by	Change
V.4	13 October 2019	General Manager	PEO	Development of policy
V.5	24 May 2023	General Manager	PEO	Changes made
V.6	18 November 2024	General Manager	PEO	Change of Address
V.7	7 August 2025	General Manager	PEO	Changes made to IELTS score