Frequently Asked Questions About the English Facility Requirements for Admission to the University of Toronto’s TESOL Certificate Program

Q: Who is exempt from having to submit English Facility test scores?

A: Candidates will be required to present proof of English facility if their mother tongue is not English and they have not:

a) Satisfactorily completed a minimum three-year Bachelor’s degree or a graduate degree with English as the language of instruction at a university in Canada. OR
b) Satisfactorily completed a minimum three-year Bachelor’s degree or a graduate degree in an English language school system* at a university outside Canada. OR
c) Satisfactorily completed grades 6-12 in Canada (each grade completed in one full school year), including minimum English Grade 12 score of at least 70%.

Q: What is an English Language School system*?

A: An English language school system is one that is located in a country where English is the official language for primary, secondary and tertiary levels of education, as well as for government and commerce, and where all instruction is in English, except for language courses. See below for a list.

Q: Which countries have English Language School Systems?

A: If you have studied on-site full time to complete a minimum three-year degree program with English as the language of instruction in one of the countries listed below, your degree/official transcript is your proof that you meet the English Language Proficiency requirements for the University of Toronto’s TESOL certificate program.

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Q: What if I completed my degree at a University in a country that is not listed above?

A: Applicants whose first language is not English and who have university degrees from universities that are not in English-speaking school systems listed above, are required to submit English language proficiency scores.

Q: Which test scores do you accept as proof of English facility?

A: If you must provide proof of English facility is demonstrated by achieving acceptable scores in one of the following five options:

1. **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** - TOEFL iBT: Minimum requirement is a total score of 103, with at least 24 in Reading, 24 in listening, 27 in speaking and 27 in Writing. The TOEFL Institution Code for the University of Toronto is 0982-00. You must list this code correctly, or we will not receive your result. Website: www.toefl.org

2. **International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Version** - The minimum requirement is an overall band of 7.5, an oral score of 8, with no band score below 7. Website: www.ielts.org

3. **Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)** - The minimum requirement is a score of at least 87 in composition, listening and reading. Candidates must also achieve at least 4 in speaking. Website: www.cambridgemichigan.org/melab

4. **Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)** - The minimum requirement is a score of at least 5 in listening, reading and writing, and 5 in speaking. Website: www.canptest.uottawa.ca

5. **Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)** - The minimum score required to meet our English facility requirement is an overall score of 70 and the following part scores: Listening: 70 Reading: 70 Writing: 70 Speaking: 70 Website: www.cael.ca

*Prospective students with disabilities that prevent them from taking language facility testing in regular conditions should contact the respective testing centres to inquire about their policies on special accommodations for students with disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to inquire about the policies of the testing institutions.

Q: For how long are scores valid?

A: Scores are valid for 2 years after the test date

Q: English is not my mother tongue, but I have a masters degree (full-time study of 1-2 years) from one of the countries listed above, am I exempt from having to submit English facility test scores?

A: No, to be exempt you would have had to complete at least a 3-year degree (3 years of full-time study) at a university in one of the counties listed above. One to two years of full-time student, regardless of the level of the degree does not meet the minimum 3-year requirement.

Q: I have completed a college diploma/professional certification and/or I have extensive working experience in one of the countries listed above, am I exempt from having to submit English facility test scores?

A: No, to be exempt you would have had to complete at least a 3-year degree at a university in one of the counties listed above.

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Q: I earned a bachelors/master degree from a university that wasn’t located in one of the countries listed above, but all of the instruction was in English, do I still have to provide English proficiency test scores?

A: Yes, to be exempt from having to provide English facility test scores you would have had to complete at least a 3-year degree (3 years of full-time study) at a university in one of the counties listed above.

Q: Could I be admitted to the program and submit English facility test scores at a later date?

A: No, applicants must meet the minimum English Facility Requirements in order to be considered for admission to the program.