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## **A guide to meeting English language entry requirements**



## To be successful in your chosen programme of study at Ara, a good understanding of English is essential.

If English is not your first language when you apply to study with us you will need to provide a result from a test or qualification on the acceptable alternatives English Proficiency Outcomes Chart.

### **if you're a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident:**

- complete an Ara Study Application Form (and we will contact you to arrange a free assessment)

### **Or if you're NOT a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident**

- take an IELTS, PTE (Academic) or other test through the Ara English Examination Centre or in your home country.

## **Notes about IELTS and PTE (Academic)**

- IELTS and PTE scores must be taken from a single Test Report Form.
- IELTS and PTE results are valid for two years from the date of the test.
- If the IELTS/PTE requirements for your chosen programme of study are the minimum needed by NZQA and you have achieved NCEA Level 3 University Entrance, then you don't need to provide additional evidence of English Language Skills.

- If the IELTS/PTE requirements for your chosen programme of study are higher than the minimum set by NZQA, even if you have achieved NCEA Level 3 University Entrance you may still need to provide evidence of English Language skills at a higher level.

## **Notes about special admissions**

- If you're an international student and you don't meet the English language entry requirements for your chosen programme of study, special admission is not permitted (as specified in Rule 18 of the NZQAF Programme Approval and Accreditation rules).
- If you want to know more about our English language entry requirements, and how to meet them, please contact us.

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