

English Language Requirements

Summary

All health profession national boards require minimum standards in English proficiency to ensure health practitioners maintain open, clear communication for safe and competent practice. This registration standard identifies Australian Recreational Therapy Associations (ARTA) minimum requirement for certified members in relation to English Language Requirements.

Background

This registration standard is based on AHPRA English language skills registration standard (1 July 2015) <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Standards/English-language-skills.aspx>

This registration standard sets out how an applicant for certified membership can demonstrate to the ARTA that their competency in speaking and communicating in English is sufficient to practice the recreational therapy.

English language requirements

This standard applies to all applicants for initial registration. It does not apply if you are applying for associate or affiliate membership. If you are applying for *initial registration*, you must demonstrate your English language competency in one of the following ways:

English Proficiency	Evidence required
English primary language	All high school and university in English Some high school all university in English 6 years education in English Or pass one of the following English Language tests
IELTS modules	A minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking) Only accepted if from one test sitting, or a maximum of two test sittings in a six month period only if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you achieve a minimum overall score of 7 in each sitting, and • you achieve a minimum score of 7 in each component across the two sittings, and no score in any component of the test is below 6.5
OET NOTE: OET is not applicable for chiropractic, osteopathy and	minimum score of B in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking). Only accept test results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. from one test sitting, or ii. a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if:

<p>psychology as OET has not yet developed a specific test for these professions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you are tested in all four components in each sitting, and • you achieve a minimum score of B in each component across the two sittings, and • no score in any component of the test is below C.
<p>PTE Academic</p>	<p>A minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in each of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking). Only accept test results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. from one test sitting, or ii. a maximum of two test sittings in a six month period only if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a minimum overall score of 65 is achieved in each sitting • you achieve a minimum score of 65 in each of the communicative skills across the two sittings, and <p>no score in any of the communicative skills is below 58</p>
<p>TOEFL iBT TOEFL iBT means the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test.</p>	<p>With a minimum total score of 94 and the following minimum score in each section of the test: 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing, 23 for speaking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. from one test sitting, or ii. a maximum of two test sittings in a six month period only if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a minimum total score of 94 is achieved in each sitting, and you achieve a minimum score of 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing and 23 for speaking across the two sittings • no score in any of the sections is below: 20 for listening, 19 for reading 24 for writing, and 20 for speaking
<p>Others</p>	<p>Other English language tests approved by the Board from time to time and published on the Board's website with the required minimum scores.</p>

Recognised country for English means one of the following countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Republic of Ireland
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- United States of America.



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Please refer to ARTAs Policies and guidelines for more information on the English Language Requirements.