

Demonstration of English-language proficiency

Proficiency in English can be demonstrated with the following degrees or studies:

- Upper secondary education in English in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, the United Kingdom, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Australia or New Zealand
- The International Baccalaureate (Diploma Programme or Career-related Programme) completed in English
- A degree completed at a Finnish university with the English language as the major subject

English-language proficiency can also be demonstrated with a degree meeting the following four conditions:

- The degree was awarded by a higher education institution operating in an EU or EEA country or one of the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Dominica, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
- It is a higher education degree in accordance with the country's official higher education system.
- The degree is equivalent to a first-, second- or third-cycle higher education degree in the Finnish education system.
- The applicant completed the degree in English.

English-language proficiency can also be demonstrated with the following completed studies (including incomplete degrees or qualifications):

- In the International Baccalaureate (Diploma Programme or Career-related Programme), English as language A1 with a minimum grade of 2
- In the International Baccalaureate (Diploma Programme or Career-related Programme), English as language A2 with a minimum grade of 5
- In the International Baccalaureate (Diploma Programme or Career-related Programme), English as language A (literature/language and literature/literature and performance) with a minimum grade of 2
- In the European Baccalaureate degree, English as language L1 with a minimum grade of 4 if completed before 2021, or with a minimum grade of 5 if completed in or after 2021
- In the European Baccalaureate, English as language L2 with a minimum grade of 7
- Foreign-language studies in English included in a Finnish higher education degree completed in Finland (Decree No 794/2004, section 6, subsection 1, or Decree No 1129/2014, section 7, subsection 1)

In addition, English-language proficiency can be demonstrated through the methods outlined in the table below:

Method	Required skill level or score	Test completed
National Certificate of Language Proficiency in which the applicant's English skills are assessed on the basis of six skill levels	At least 5 in all component tests	
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Internet-based Test	92, a minimum of 22 for written sections	Up to two years before the deadline for submitting application attachments
Cambridge English: C2 Proficiency (CPE)	Pass level A, B, C or Level C1 Certificate	Completed in or after 2005
Cambridge English: C1 Advanced (CAE)	Pass level A, B or C	Completed in or after 2005
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic	6.5, minimum 6.0 from the written section	Up to two years before the deadline for submitting application attachments
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic	62, a minimum of 54 for each communicative skills area (listening, reading, speaking and writing)	Up to two years before the deadline for submitting application attachments