

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
- A higher education degree completed in a country belonging to the EU or EEA or one of the following countries if the degree corresponds to a first-, second- or third-cycle degree in the Finnish education system and was unequivocally completed in English: 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 and Zimbabwe

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	Lowest accepted skills level or score	Test completed
National Certificate of Language Proficiency	Skills level 5 in reading comprehension, written skills and oral skills	
Language test organised by Language Services at the Language Centre of the University of Helsinki with sections on reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary as well as written and oral skills	Average skills level 5 (C1) on a scale of 1 to 6	
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Internet-based Test	92, a minimum of 22 for written sections	Completed no more than two years before the end of the application period
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Paper-delivered Test	Subsections as follows: reading, a minimum of 20, listening, a minimum of 20, and writing, a minimum of 22	Completed no more than two years before the end of the application period
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	Completed no more than two years before the end of the application period
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic	62, a minimum of 54 for each communicative skills area (listening, reading, speaking and writing)	Completed no more than two years before the end of the application period