



What is the acceptable required standard for English language proficiency?

In accordance with the Passenger Transport Regulation 2007, applications for taxi drivers to drive within the Sydney metropolitan region must be supported by **ONE** of the following:

- An assessment of English language proficiency (IELTS General Training), certified by the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), that meets the required standard as set out in the table below (Please visit www.ielts.org to view assessment centres and book a test); **OR**
- An equivalent test as set out in the table below:
 - International Second Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPR)
 - Occupational English Test (OET)
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test (TOEFL iBT)
 - Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic test
 - Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test (which was conducted on or after 1 January 2015).

The required standards for English assessment:

Test component	IELTS	ISLPR	OET	TOEFL iBT	PTE Academic	Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)
Listening	6.0	3	B	12	50	169
Reading	5.0	2	B	4	36	154
Writing	4.0	1+	B	14	36	154
Speaking	5.5	2+	B	14	36	154

Other acceptable criteria

Roads and Maritime also accepts the following criteria as evidence that the applicant meets the required level of English competency:

- A certified copy of a passport in the name of the applicant from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom or the United States of America; **OR**
- Evidence you have completed the Year 12 NSW Higher School Certificate or equivalent, or completion of a tertiary degree where it was taught and assessed in English. Further information on accepted qualifications is provided on the following page.

What qualifications do Roads and Maritime require to show that English competency is met?

To show that an applicant meets the required level of secondary or tertiary education for the purpose of establishing English competency, **ONE** of the following is required.

- Certified proof of completion of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) from NSW; **OR**
- Certified proof of completion of senior secondary qualifications from another Australian state or territory which is equivalent to the NSW Higher School Certificate; **OR**
- Certified proof of completion of senior secondary qualifications from an international English-speaking school, together with a signed Statutory Declaration stating that the qualifications:
 - were taught and examined in English and
 - are the equivalent of the NSW Higher School Certificate; **OR**
- Certified proof of completion of a tertiary degree from an accredited Australian university; **OR**
- Certified proof of completion of a tertiary degree from an accredited international university together with a signed Statutory Declaration stating that the qualifications were taught and examined in English.

Where do I undertake my English language assessment?

There are many assessment centres across NSW and Australia and customers. IELTS testing centres can be booked by visiting www.ielts.org.

Information on assessment options is also available on the NSW Taxi Council website at www.nswtaxi.org.au.