

GUIDELINES – PROOF OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

FOR THE ADMISSION TO HOCHSCHULE FRESENIUS

Important: the following guidelines refer solely to the recognition of foreign languages for the start of studies at Hochschule Fresenius.

RECOGNITION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Work experience abroad

In case you can provide proof of work experience in an English-speaking country, we are able to waive the language requirements under the following two conditions: -3 years' work experience abroad - B2 Level-5 years' work experience abroad - C1 Level Please note that you need to provide a confirmation from the employer with the start and end date of your employment.

Semester abroad

In case you can provide proof of a semester studied abroad in an English-speaking country, we are able to recognise your English language proficiency at the level of B2. Important requirement: It must be specified that the medium of instruction during the semester abroad was English.

Native speakers / Nationality

Claiming that you are using English on a native-speaker level is not enough for us to recognise your English language proficiency. Evidence is required in the form a school certificate or diploma, proof of a longer stay in an English-speaking country, or via proof of an English language test (minimum level B2 - see requirements below).

Exception: The nationality of exclusively English-speaking countries (UK, USA, New Zealand, Ireland and Australia) will be accepted as a proof of English language proficiency.

We might also be able to waive the language requirements, in case you apply from a country where English is the official and educational language. The proof of English language proficiency might thus be waived for application with a citizenship of one of the following countries:

- American Samoa
- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Bermuda
- Botswana
- British West Indies
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada
(if earlier education is taught in English)
- Cayman Islands
- Channel Islands
- Christmas Islands
- Cocos Islands
- Cook Islands
- Dominica
- England
- Eritrea
(if earlier education is taught in English)
- Eswatini / Swaziland
- Ethiopia
(if earlier education is taught in English)
- Falkland Islands
- Fiji
- Gambia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guam
- Guyana
- Heard Island
- Ireland
- Isle of Man
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Leeward Islands
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Malta
- McDonald Island
- Montserrat
- Namibia
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Niue
- Norfolk Island
- Northern Ireland
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
(if earlier education is taught in English)
- Pitcairn Islands
- Rwanda
(if earlier education is taught in English)
- St. Helena
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent
- Scotland
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- South Africa
- The Grenadines
- Tanzania
- Tonga
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uganda
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- US Virgin Islands
- Wales
- Western Samoa
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Please note: For countries where English is an official language or the official language of education, you need to provide evidence of the length of your studies in that particular country. Example: In the form of a confirmation of the medium of instruction. Once provided, we are able to recognise your language skills or English language proficiency

Foreign degrees

In case you can provide a school or University degree from an English-speaking country, we are able to recognise your English language proficiency as follows:

- Elementary school – **B2 Level**
- Secondary school – **B2 Level**
- University degree (graduated) – **C1 Level**

Other cases (primarily for applicants from German schools)

- Proof of English as a foreign language course (at least 3 school years) - **Level of A2**
Please note: The final or average grade of the last 2 years of the language course needs to correspond to at least the German grade 4 - sufficient (ausreichend) or carry at least 5 points
- Proof of English as a foreign language course (at least 4 school years) - **Level of B1**
Please note: The final or average grade of the last 2 years of the language course needs to correspond to at least the German grade 4 - sufficient (ausreichend) or carry at least 5 points
- Proof of English as a foreign language course (at least 3 school years) -
English language course was attended up until the graduation which then led to a University entrance - **Level of B1**
Please note: The final or average grade of the last 2 years of the language course needs to correspond to at least the German grade 4 - sufficient (ausreichend) or carry at least 5 points
- Proof of English as a foreign language course (at least 5 school years) -
English language course was attended up until the graduation which then led to a University entrance - **Level of B2**
Please note: The final or average grade of the last 2 years of the language course needs to correspond to at least the German grade 4 - sufficient (ausreichend) or carry at least 5 points
- Proof of English as a foreign language course (at least 5 school years) -
English language course was attended up until the graduation which then led to a University entrance - **Level of C1**
Please note: The final or average grade of the last 2 years of the language course needs to correspond to at least the German grade 2 - sufficient (good) or carry at least 11 points.
For the basic course the final grade needs to correspond to at least the German grade 1 – very good, or carry at least 11 points

Special cases

- Teachers of English as a foreign language will be recognized as having an English language proficiency level of B2.
- Students with a masters degree in „English language“ (also as a minor) will be recognized as having an English language proficiency level of C1.

Valid Tests and their Scores (minimum level of B2)

- IELTS: Minimum Overall Score 6.0
- TOEFL iBT: Minimum 70/120 Points
- Duolingo: Minimum 95/160 Points
- OET (Occupational English Test): Minimum Overall Score 250
- Pearson PTE: Minimum 67/90 Points
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: Minimum 169/210 Points