

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Proficiency in English

Please be informed that University officials must take the General Rules pertaining to English Proficiency requirements into account before admitting students, particularly foreign students. For your convenience I have listed the requirements below.

4.4 Proficiency in English

4.4.1 All *applicants* for *admissions* (with the exception of those referred to in G4.4.2) to any *curriculum* leading to a *qualification* must have passed English as a first or second language (higher grade) at *matriculation* or passed English home language or first additional language in the NSC or NC(V) or at a level considered equivalent by the *Senate* or deemed to be equivalent by legislation.

4.4.2 Immigrants of less than five years' residence in South Africa who have passed English at the standard grade at *matriculation* or who have passed English in the NSC or NC(V) will be considered for *admission*.

4.4.3

Notwithstanding G4.4.1 and G4.4.2, the *Senate* recognises the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum test score of seven (7) for admission. In exceptional cases, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) may be recognised by the University with a minimum test score of 600 for admission.

G4.4.3

A pass in English at the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), or the General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary level is considered equivalent to a pass in English at NSC or NC(V) level or at the higher grade at *matriculation* level.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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