

ADVANCE NOTICE

CHANGES TO AITSL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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From **1 January 2013** the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) will introduce changes to the assessment criteria for English language proficiency to be consistent with teacher registration requirements in Australian states and territories.

All applicants applying for a skills assessment against one of the following school teacher occupations (for the Skilled Migration program) are required to provide evidence of English language proficiency:

ANZSCO Code

241111	Early Childhood (pre-primary school) teacher
241213	Primary school teacher (Consolidated Sponsored Occupation List (CSOL) Schedule 2- July 2012)
241411	Secondary school teacher
241511	Special needs teacher
241512	Teacher of the hearing impaired
241513	Teacher of the sight impaired
241599	Special education teachers (not elsewhere classified)

English language proficiency requirements from 1 January 2013

1. An Academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test Report Form (TRF) that shows:
 - a score of at least 7.0 for Reading and Writing; and
 - a score of at least 8.0 for Speaking and Listening.

The IELTS test scores must appear on a single IELTS TRF and be the result of a test undertaken during the 12 month period prior to submitting an application.

OR

2. An applicant has completed study assessed by AITSL as comparable to at least four years of full-time (or part-time equivalent) higher education (university) study, that results in a qualification/s comparable to the education level of an Australian bachelor degree or higher, (must include a recognised initial teacher education qualification) undertaken in Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America.

All applications received by AITSL post-marked from 1 January 2013 will be assessed against the new English language proficiency requirements.

The English language proficiency changes only apply to AITSL and do not impact on other assessment authorities. The AITSL educational and professional criteria remain unchanged.

For information relating to English language proficiency requirements email overseasquals@aitsl.edu.au or freecall 1800 337 872.