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POLICY
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRANCE
(05.003)

POLICY

Northland Polytechnic requires that students from non-English speaking backgrounds have appropriate levels of English language skills to enable them to successfully undertake their programme of study and this is demonstrated and documented before enrolment.

PURPOSE

This policy describes the English language standard required to enable students from non-English speaking backgrounds to successfully complete mainstream programmes at Northland Polytechnic.

APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This policy applies to all Northland Polytechnic programmes, except English language programmes.

DEFINITIONS

- *IELTS*
  International English Language Testing System.
- *TOEFL*
  Test of English as a Foreign Language. TOEFL is an independent objective and worldwide English language testing system which originated in United States of America.
- *ESOL*
  English as a second language

COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS

Responsibility	Director Education Services
Approval dates	October 2008
Next Review	October 2011

OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

1.0 Each programme will follow the English language entrance requirement as set for certificates, diplomas and degrees as specified in Schedule A attached.

2.0 The Academic Board may vary these entry requirements in individual cases.

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3.0 In addition to IELTS and TOEFL scores, other documented English language proficiency will be considered as a means to assess the students' readiness to undertake a programme/course at Northland Polytechnic.

4.0 For Students from non-English speaking backgrounds the method of assessment of English competence and the outcome of this assessment shall be recorded and retained in their student file

KEYWORDS

Non English Speaking Background (NESB)
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
English as a Second Language (ESOL)
International students
English

SIGNED: *R Scobie* **Date:** *July 2010*

Director Institutional Quality under delegation from Academic Board

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SCHEDULE A
IELTS LEVELS FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING STUDENTS

This schedule applies both to International Students and non-English speaking New Zealand residents. It sets out the minimum IELTS score for student entry requirements that may be included in programme approval documents. Individual programmes may specify higher scores in student entry requirements.

PROGRAMMES	**IELTS SCORE (minimum)** **Academic modules**
Foundation Programmes which include communication skills	5.0
Certificate Programmes	5.5
Diploma Programmes	6.0
Bachelor Degrees	6.0

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