

## **WACOT Membership Policy**

### **Section 9: English language requirements**

Australia's official language is English and it is therefore a requirement that persons who are college members and permitted to teach in Western Australian schools meet standards of competence in both written and oral communications in the English language. For the purposes of this section, "exempt" countries are: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States of America.

1. An applicant who has shown evidence of being a native English speaker by being born in and having undertaken secondary education in English in an exempt country will be deemed to have met the English language proficiency requirements of the Act.
2. An applicant who has met all qualification requirements for registration through studies, in English, in an exempt country will be deemed to have met the English language proficiency requirements of the Act.
3. Applicants from South Africa who have shown evidence that they are a native English speaker, have completed secondary education in a school with English being the primary language and has met all requirements for registration through qualifications completed in English, will be deemed to have met the English language proficiency requirements of the Act.
4. An applicant who has previously held registration as a teacher in any Australian State or Territory or in New Zealand will be deemed to have met the English language proficiency requirements of the Act.
5. All other applicants will be required to provide evidence of English language proficiency through one of the following ways (Note: the test submitted must be no more than two years old at the time of the application):
  - (a) Results from the academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with an overall band score being a minimum of 8. If one individual skill score is less than 8 it must be 7 or 7.5 in either reading, writing, speaking or listening.
  - (b) Results from International Secondary Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPR) with a test score of four in reading, speaking and listening and writing.
  - (c) Results from the Professional English Assessment for Teachers (PEAT) Test showing a test result of Band A in all four components of listening, reading, writing and speaking is required.
  - (d) Results from the paper-based test of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum required score of 500+. (Internet-based and computer-based tests are not accepted as valid tests).