



## English Language Requirements for Admissions to Carlow College, St. Patrick's

Students whose first language is English must have an Irish Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) with a Grade O6 or better in Ordinary Level English. Students whose first language is not English must be able to provide evidence that their spoken and written level of English is adequate for the programme for which they have applied.<sup>1</sup> The relevant certified documentation to support this shall be provided as part of the application process:

1. An approved English language qualification or test result (see below for list of approved qualifications and test results). The qualification or test result shall have been awarded no more than two years prior to the proposed date of enrolment;  
AND/OR
  2. Satisfactory completion of an interview process for entry onto the programme.
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS AND TESTS RECOGNISED BY CARLOW COLLEGE, ST. PATRICK'S<sup>2</sup>

English Proficiency Qualifications	Minimum Achievement Level Required for Level 6 – 9 Entry
Irish Leaving Certificate	Grade O6 or better in Ordinary Level English
High School Diploma (United States)	Grade C or better in English (senior year results)
GCSE	Grade C or better in English
TOEFL Paper Based Test	570
TOEFL Computer Based Test	233
TOEFL Internet Based Test	90
IELTS (Academic version)	6.5* <sup>3</sup>
Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic)	63 <sup>^4</sup>
Trinity ISE II	Distinction
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English	Grade C (CEFR Level C1 or C2)
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English	Grade C (CEFR Level C1 or C2)
English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes (ETAPP)	Grade C1 or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)
* With no less than 6.0 in any one component of the exam.	
<sup>^</sup> With a minimum of 59 in all components.	

**Note 1:** In accordance with *Policies and Criteria for the Validation of Programmes of Education and Training* (2017), the minimum requirement for a non-native English speaker is greater or equal to B2+ in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This must be evidenced by one of the standards listed above.

**Note 2:** In certain circumstances results in examinations other than those outlined above may be accepted as proof of competence in the English language. However, the results obtained in such other examinations must indicate competency to one of the standards outlined above. Applicants should check with the International Office for more details.

**Note 3:** Please also note that IN ALL CASES the English language certification must have been obtained within TWO YEARS prior to the application to Carlow College, St. Patrick's.

**Note 4:** Visa-required nationals should note that to comply with current immigration procedures, results of recent IELTS or TOEFL exams must accompany visa applications; please see <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Study> for visa requirements.