

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

Applicants whose first language is English must have an Irish Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) with a Grade O6 or better in Ordinary Level English. Applicants 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.¹ The relevant certified documentation to support this must 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 attained at the one time;

ENGLISH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS AND TESTS RECOGNISED BY CARLOW COLLEGE²

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	O Level English at Grade C or above English Language at Grade C or above English Literature at Grade C or above CSE Grade I Pass in English
TOEFL Paper Based Test	570
TOEFL Computer Based Test	233

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

² In exceptional circumstances, results in examinations other than those published may be accepted as proof of competence in English language. This may include non-native speakers of English who have completed their education through the medium of English in a country where English is the official language. Applicants should check with the International Office for more details.

TOEFL Internet Based Test	A minimum score of 90 on TOEFL (IBT) with no less than 21 in writing and at least 19 in all other sections
IELTS (Academic version)	6.5 With no less than 6.0 in any one component of the exam.
DuoLingo	Minimum of 120 with 110 in each sub-score
ESOL	39-50 ³
Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic)	63 ⁴ With a minimum of 59 in all components.
Trinity ISE 3	Minimum of a Merit in each skill category
Oxford Test of English	Minimum score of 130 overall with a minimum score of 125 in each skill
UCLES - University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate:	English at grade C or above (incorporating the Oxford Examining Body's English as a Foreign Language (Higher Paper); Malaysia Cambridge English language – B4 or better.
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)
Cambridge, First Certificate	Grade A (CEFR Level C1)
EU Countries' Matriculation/School Leaving Examination:	Matriculation/School Leaving Examination from European countries where English is presented as a subject and an acceptable level is achieved. Where the examination has been taken more than two years previously candidates may be required to take a proficiency test. Where an English proficiency test which is scored on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is presented as part of a school-leaving qualification, the grade must be C1/C2.
English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes (ETAPP)	Grade C1 or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)

³ This test is only applicable to EEA Applicants.

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 <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-study-in-ireland/english-language-requirements-for-study-visas/#minimum> for visa requirements.

LanguageCert Academic	LanguageCert Academic 70 overall, with min 65 in each skill
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