

## English Proficiency Exemption Request Form

International applicants must provide proof of English proficiency as part of their application to Texas Tech University Graduate School programs.

Measures of English Proficiency Accepted	Minimum Score Requirement
<b>TOEFL</b> (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	79 (iBT), 550 (PBT), or 60 (Paper-Delivered)
<b>IELTS</b> (International English Language Testing Service)	6.5 (Academic version only)
<b>PTE Academic</b> (Pearson Test of English Academic)	60
<b>C2 Proficiency</b> Cambridge English Test)	180 Score
<b>C1 Advanced</b> Cambridge English Test)	175 Score
<b>ELS EAP</b> (ELS English for Academic Purposes)	Completion of Level I   2

International applicants may request an exemption from the English proficiency requirement if:

- They are **citizens from countries exempted** by the Texas Tech University Board of Regents from the English proficiency requirement. **Proof of citizenship must be submitted** to receive the exemption.
- They **have completed** or **will complete a university-level degree** (associate's, bachelor's, master's, etc.) or who have completed **at least four consecutive semesters** of non-developmental, non-intensive English coursework at a regionally accredited college or university in the United States of America or at a ministry-recognized college/university in a country exempted by the Texas Tech University Board of Regents from the English proficiency requirements. **Transcripts from the institution(s) attended must be submitted to receive the exemption.**
- They are applying for **conditional admission for English proficiency** through the university's English language instruction partner, ELS. Students admitted with this exemption must provide proof of **completion of ELS' English for Academic Purposes** prior to being allowed to register for their degree coursework.

To view the list of exempt countries visit our website at [choosegrad.ttu.edu/exemptcountries](http://choosegrad.ttu.edu/exemptcountries)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Application #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting an exemption of the English proficiency requirement because:

I am a citizen of one of the countries exempted from the English proficiency requirement by the Texas Tech University Board of Regents.

I understand that I must submit proof of citizenship under the "Other" document type in the online application.

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed or will complete a university-level degree (associate's, bachelor's, master's, etc.) or have completed or will complete at least four consecutive semesters of non-developmental, non-intensive English coursework at a regionally accredited college or university in the United States of America or at a ministry-recognized college/university in a country exempted by the Texas Tech University Board of Regents from the English proficiency requirements.

I understand that I must submit transcripts from this/these institution(s) under the "Unofficial Transcripts" item in the online application.

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for conditional admission for English proficiency through the university's English language instruction partner, ELS.

I understand that I must submit a letter from ELS University Admissions or my current ELS center's director or international student advisor confirming that I am applying for conditional admission for English proficiency through ELS and that this letter must be submitted under the "Other" document type in the online application.

I understand that if I admitted for conditional admission for English proficiency, I will not be allowed to submit another measure of English proficiency instead of completing ELS English for Academic Purposes' level 112.

I also understand that if admitted for conditional admission for English proficiency, I must provide proof of completion of ELS' English for Academic Purposes prior to being allowed to register for their degree coursework.

I will provide all required information for the exemption I am seeking by submitting it to the online application. I understand if I fail to do so, my request will be denied and that I will be required to submit one of the six measures of English proficiency accepted by Texas Tech University Graduate School.

I certify that the information I have provided is complete and correct, and I understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment and/or appropriate disciplinary action. I authorize the Office of Graduate Admissions to verify the information I have provided.

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Applicant Signature

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Date