

This document covers the admission requirements for the New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 3)

For the full Terms and Conditions of this programme download the following:

- [Certificate Generic Regulations](#)
- [Programme \(Specific\) Regulations](#)
- [Admission Requirements Policy](#)

To be eligible for admission, you must meet two admission requirements:

- Requirements for either general admission or discretionary admission
- English language requirements

Most domestic (NZ) students enter through general admission. If you do not meet the requirements for general admission or discretionary admission may be available.

General Admission

All applicants must:

- be at least 16 years of age on the date of the programme's commencement for the semester in which they wish to enrol (or provide a completed Early Release Exemption form)
- have English as an additional language; and
- be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident; or
- hold a Certificate of Refugee Status and provide evidence of eligibility to study for the duration of enrolment; or
- have a student visa.

Special Admission

Applicants may be granted Special Admission if:

- Attained the age of 20 on or before the first day of the semester in which study for certificate is to commence; AND
- Provided evidence of aptitude or appropriate work or other life experience that would indicate a successful outcome in the qualification

Discretionary Admission

In exceptional cases an applicant who does not meet the general admission requirements and who has not reached the age of 20 on or before the first day of the semester in which study for the Certificate is to commence may apply for discretionary admission.

In assessing whether to grant discretionary admission in exceptional cases, the primary focus will be on the applicant's level of preparedness for study at the required level.

English Language Requirements

To be admitted to this programme, all applicants must meet the following English Language requirements:

- a. hold a NZCEL (Level 2) or equivalent; or
- b. achieve an appropriate score on the Department of Language Studies English Language test.