

# **ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PAA CERTIFICATION**



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## **APPLICANT GUIDELINES PEDORTHIC ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

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### 1. English Language Requirements

This document outlines the English language requirements for overseas-qualified pedorthists who are seeking to obtain certification as an Australian Certified Pedorthist. Certification is managed by the Pedorthic Association of Australia subcommittee, the Australian Pedorthists Registration Board (APRB) Committee.

Competence in verbal, written and scientific use of the English language is essential to the practice of pedorthics in Australia.

All pedorthists who are applying for a skills assessment for the purpose of migration or an Assessment of Eligibility to sit an APRB Committee Panel for Pedorthic Certification must prove English Language Proficiency.

The English Language Proficiency Test is waived where applicants have either completed a tertiary education program of at least four years (or equivalent) leading to a degree or post-graduate diploma in pedorthics in one of the following countries:-

United States of America

United Kingdom

New Zealand

Ireland

Canada

South Africa

**OR**

If you do not meet the above criteria, you will need to successfully pass the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) as defined below. The demonstration of English language proficiency is only required upon initial certification.

## **2. English Language Proficiency Exam**

The Pedorthic Association of Australia accepts the IELTS examination (Academic Module) as evidence of English language proficiency.

Applicants must achieve an overall score of 7 with a minimum score of 7 achieved in all four components (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking).

Test results will only be accepted from one test sitting or a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if the applicant achieves:

A minimum score of 7 in each sitting

A minimum score of 7 in each component across two sittings

No score in any test component of the test is below 6.5.

Applicants are responsible for meeting all costs associated with the IELTS test.

Applicants must complete the IELTS no more than two years prior to submitting an application, unless the applicant can demonstrate that:

They have been in continuous employment as a certified practitioner (which commenced within 12 months of the date of the test) in one of the recognised countries where English was the primary language of practice. These countries include United States of America, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada, South Africa.

The application date for certification must be lodged within 12 months of finishing the last period of employment.

## **3. Evidence of IELTS**

Pedorthic Association of Australia requires that applicants submit either original documents or certified copies of IELTS results as evidence of English language proficiency.

Results must be provided as part of a person's initial application for certification as an Australian Certified Pedorthist and must have been completed no more than two years from the date of application. In the event an applicant relies on test results from two sittings, the two years begins on the date of the earlier sitting.