



## Information about the Australian Dental Council's English language testing requirements

### Overview

The ADC's requirements for English language are consistent with the registration requirements of the Australian national regulatory authority, which is the Dental Board of Australia (DBA). The DBA's requirements are published in its *English language skills registration standard* (see <http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx>).

In a limited number of circumstances an **exemption** from completing an English language test may be granted if the applicant's secondary and tertiary education is in English and undertaken in one of seven specified countries (see below).

### Introduction

Good communication skills are an essential attribute for dental practitioners working in the Australian community. English language proficiency is one aspect of good communication in the clinical practice context. All overseas qualified dental practitioners who are applicants for the ADC's practical examination must demonstrate that they have a level of English language competency to enable good communication in the delivery of dental and oral health care.

### The requirements

As part of eligibility to sit the ADC's practical examination, overseas qualified dental practitioners must successfully complete either of the following English language tests at the specified level:

- the **IELTS academic module**, with a minimum score of **seven** in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking); or
- the **OET**, with grades of **A or B** in each of the four sub-tests (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

All components or sub-tests of either test must be passed at the specified level in a **single sitting**.

A pass in the IELTS or OET (at the specified level) is valid for two years only, **from the date of the examination**.

Candidates must provide evidence that they hold a valid pass at the specified level in the IELTS or OET at the closing date for applications for the Practical Examination.

## Exemptions

An exemption from these English language requirements may be granted where the candidate provides satisfactory evidence that:

- a) he/she undertook and completed **secondary education** that was taught and assessed in English in one of the countries listed below; **and**
- b) his/her **tertiary qualifications** in the relevant professional discipline were taught and assessed in English in one of the seven countries listed below:
  - Australia
  - Canada
  - New Zealand
  - Republic of Ireland
  - South Africa
  - United Kingdom
  - United States of America.

The ADC reserves the right at any time to revoke an exemption and/or require an applicant to undertake a specified English language test.

## Further information

The IELTS and OET are administered independently of the ADC and further information can be found at:

- **IELTS** <http://www.ielts.org/>
- **OET** <http://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/>