

SMC Proof of English Proficiency for F-1 Visa Applicants

Applicants can demonstrate English Proficiency by fulfilling one of the following criteria:

- TOEFL 450 PBT, 133 CBT, 45 IBT, 450 ITP or higher on the International TOEFL. Send official TOEFL scores directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS). For test sites and schedules, visit <https://www.ets.org/toefl/>
Institution Code: 004691.
- iTEP: 3. Send an official score report. For test sites and schedules, visit <https://www.itepexam.com/>.
- IELTS: 5.0. Send an official score report. For test sites and schedules, visit <https://www.ielts.org/>.
- Duolingo: 75 or higher. <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>
- HKDSE English Language Subject Test: Score of 3 4 or 5
- Pearson Test of English: 39 or higher. For test sites and schedules, visit <https://www.pearsonpte.com/>.
- STEP Eiken: Grade 2 with at least 75% and Results Pass. Send an official report. For more information, visit <http://www.stepeiken.org>.
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) score of “C” or better. Submit an official score report. For more information, visit <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/>.
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) score of “C” or better. Submit an official score report. For more information, visit <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/>.
- Language Cert Academic- 54 or higher. For more information, please visit:
<https://www.languagecert.org/en/language-exams/english/languagecert-academic/academic>.
- Oxford ELLT – Level 4 or higher
- Skills for English – Exam Level B1, Pass with Merit, Exam Level B2, C1 or C2 Pass or Pass with Merit
- Successful completion of the appropriate ESL level or higher at these language schools:
 - American English College – ESL Level 6
 - American English Language School (AELS) – Level 5
 - Adams College – General ESL Advanced I or TOEFL iBT Range 2
 - Aston International Academy – Advanced Level
 - AF International College – ESL Program Level 6
 - Cal America – Level 5 plus IBT TOEFL Prep Course
 - California Language Academy – Level 5
 - Columbia West College – Level VI
 - Converse International School of Languages – CEFR Level B2 and completion of English for Academic Purposes
 - EC USA – Upper Intermediate/B-2
 - EF International Language Schools –Level B2
 - ELS Language Schools – Level 109
 - Elite Language School – Level 3 with score of 80

- English Language Center – Level 600A
- FLS – Level 14
- GEOS Language Plus – Level 6
- ILSC – Level Intermediate 3
- Kaplan/Aspect – Higher Intermediate
- Language Systems – Level 6
- LASC – ESL Level 7
- Mentor Language Institute – ESL Program- Level 6
- Poly Language Institute – Level 6, Advanced
- USC International Academy – Level 5

U.S. Education

Send official transcript from all U.S. schools attended mailed to the International Education Center at Santa Monica College directly from the college or university showing completion of college level English in the United States with a grade of “C” or higher, or minimum of one year of high school English (no ESL or equivalent) with a grade of “C” or higher.

Secondary Education

Official high school completion diploma from accredited institutions in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, or United Kingdom indicating a passing score in English.

- Nordic institutions: English 1007 with a score of 3, 4, 5 and 6. English 1009 with a score of 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- Singapore: Completion of “N” Level or higher.
- The Netherlands: VOM English with minimum score of 7.

International Schools

Upload a letter from school counselor indicating that medium of instruction in all classes is English. Upload high school transcripts showing attendance at the school for minimum of one year and showing passing grades in high school English classes (No ESL or equivalent.)