## ENGLISH PROFICIENCY POLICY



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Since all instruction at InFocus Film School is conducted in English, it is essential that all students possess strong writing, reading, listening and speaking skills in English. Students must prove their English proficiency, which can be done by any of the following means:

- Submission of High School transcripts showing that 3 years of full-time secondary education (Grades 8-12) have been successfully completed in English in a country where English is one of the principal languages. Transcripts should show successful completion of English Language Arts courses at the Grade 10, 11, or 12 level. This may include successful completion of an Adult Graduation program; or
- Submission of transcript showing at least 2 years of full-time study at a post-secondary institution have been completed in English, in a country where English is one of the principal languages. Language development courses (*ei. ELL*) will not be counted toward the requirement. Students must submit transcripts showing an average grade of at least 70%; or
- 3. Submission of official test scores from any of the standardised tests listed below. Test scores must reflect Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking skills and meet or exceed:
  - IELTS Academic Level; overall score of 5.5
  - TOEFL score of 46 internet based (IBT)
  - CAEL overall score of 40
  - CELPIP score of Listening 6; Speaking 6; Reading 5; and Writing 5
  - Duolingo English Test (DET) score of 95
  - Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic; overall score of 43
  - Cambridge English equivalency of FCE 160 or "C"
  - Cabridge Linguaskill overall Level B2
  - LanguageCert Academic overall Level B2
  - Michigan English Test (MET) overall Level B2
  - CEFR overall Level B2
  - iTEP Academic overall score of 3.5
  - EIKEN placement of Grade Pre-1
  - TOEIC score of 700

For Canadians applying as a mature student, where none of the above are available one the items below may be provided as an alternative:

- 4. Submission of proof that the student has been employed in a job or profession where their main working language was English. The student must:
  - Submit a record of employment (ROE) showing that the student has been employed in a fulltime position for a minimum of 2 consecutive years (24 months), with an end date of employment no more than 2 years prior to the date of application; **or**
  - Submit an official letter of recommendation from their employer. The letter must be addressed to InFocus Film School and explicitly attest that the student's writing, reading, listening and speaking of English is equal to that of a native English speaker. The letter must also contain the employer's current contact information including phone number and email address.

All documents (transcripts, test scores, ROEs, letters of recommendation etc.) must be submitted in English.

To qualify as a mature student, you must be at least 25 years old at the time of application, and must not have been enrolled in post-secondary studies within the previous 2 years.