



English Language Proficiency Test Conversions

The equivalencies are based on the results of initial research (sources provided in the footnotes). It should also be noted that these tests take very different approaches in their operationalization of the construct of academic English. The approach to scoring is also different. Therefore, these equivalencies only enable broad comparison to be made.

CAEL	TOEFL iBT ¹	IELTS ²	Pearson ³	CLB ²
10-40 ⁴	0-67	1.0-5.5	<60	1-5
50	68-76	6.0		6
60	77-86	6.5		7
70	87-96	7.0	60+	8-9
80	97-120	7.5-9.0		10-12
90				

¹ This concordance is based on TOEFL iBT scores reported by 564 CAEL test takers in the period 2011-2015. Paragon Testing Enterprises (2016). *Internal Report: CAEL correspondences*. Vancouver, BC: Paragon Testing Enterprises.

² Paragon Testing Enterprises (2016). *Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Assessment Test Score and Users' Guide*. Vancouver, BC: Paragon Testing Enterprises.

³ Based on a study by Fox, J., and Fraser, W. (2014). *Research Note: Setting university language proficiency entry requirements on the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) in relation to performance categories on the Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Assessment*. Available from: http://pearsonpte.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Research-Note_Fox-Fraser-2.pdf [Accessed 5 February 2016].

⁴ Bands 10-40 are combined in the table because they are typically not critical cut scores for entry to postsecondary programs.