Policy on Waiver of Language Proficiency Examinations

U.S. citizens and applicants with permanent resident status are not required to provide test scores (TOEFL, IELTS, PTE) showing English-language proficiency. In addition, the following categories of applicants are not required to provide test scores (TOEFL, IELTS, PTE) showing English-language proficiency:

1. International applicants whose native language is English.
2. International applicants who have received a degree from an international post-secondary institution whose language of instruction for the entire degree is English. Official documentation will be required from the institution’s Registrar’s office stating that the medium of instruction for the degree received was English.
3. International applicants who have completed one year or more of full-time coursework at a post-secondary institution in the United States (30 credits undergraduate work or 18 credits graduate level work). The total amount of academic work completed must be officially graded by the registrar of that institution and have a cumulative GPA value of 3.0 or higher.

All other applicants are required to provide evidence of English-language proficiency.

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