



# ENGLISH REQUIREMENT CHANGES

## English requirement changes to visa subclasses 485, 476 and 457

On 18 April 2015 the migration regulations were modified to reflect new lowered English level requirements for visa **subclasses 485, 476 and 457**. Please refer to the tables below for the minimum results on each of the five approved tests, that you will need to obtain to meet these requirements.

- For visa **subclasses 485 and 476**, tests must have been undertaken within 3 years preceding the date of application.
- Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) tests must have been taken on or after 1 January 2015
- The IELTS, PTE:Academic, CAE and TOEFL iBT test results must achieve the minimum requirements in a single sitting

It still remains the case that if you hold a passport from the United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland or New Zealand, you do not need to provide an English test result.

### 485 and 476 Visas

Test	Minimum Overall Score	Total Overall Score	Listening (Minimum)	Reading (Minimum)	Speaking (Minimum)	Writing (Minimum)
IELTS	6		5	5	5	5
OET	B		B	B	B	B
TOEFL iBT		64	4	4	14	14
PTE: Academic	50		36	36	36	36
CAE: Advanced	169		154	154	154	154

### 457 Visas

Test	Minimum Band Score	Listening (Minimum)	Reading (Minimum)	Speaking (Minimum)	Writing (Minimum)
IELTS	Overall score of 5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
OET		B	B	B	B
TOEFL iBT	Total score of 36	3	3	12	12
PTE: Academic	Overall score of 36	30	30	30	30
CAE: Advanced	Overall score of 154	147	147	147	147