



# English Language Proficiency

A comprehensive guide on English language requirements for admission into **Vistula University**.



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# What are the requirements?

If a candidate wishes to study in the Vistula Group of Universities in the English language, they must provide, along with other application documents, an **English language certificate** (B2 level equivalent) such as TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS. For a student to be exempt from this, student must be a native **English language speaker\***. Diplomas from bilingual schools or English language-oriented schools are **not exempt**.

If the student submits an **English language certificate at a B1 level**, they will be enrolled to a program of study in English on the condition that the student attends English language lessons during their first year, and passes the **Final Exam on a B2 level** at the end of the 2nd semester. Additionally, the English Language Competency Declaration must be signed.

## No certificate? No problem!

If you do not hold an English certificate, do not let that discourage you. Upon reviewing your application, you'll be directed to undergo the Pippel English test, which incurs a fee of 24 euros.

**Pippel** is an online language evaluation service. It evaluates your professional language skills, both oral and written. The test, via your computer, will present you with scenario-based questions.

The test lasts about thirty minutes.

Some of the test's questions will require you to answer by speaking out loud. The remaining questions will require you to type using your keyboard (make sure that your keyboard allows you to successfully write in the letters and characters necessary in the given language).

All of the questions are timed and presented in an open-response format (no multiple-choice).

Your examiner will assess your responses paying special attention to:

- your pronunciation
- your ease and fluidity in speaking
- the coherence and cohesiveness of your responses
- your grammar and vocabulary

## Pippel Score Breakdown

**B2 and higher:** the candidate is accepted and to be enrolled into a program in English.

**B2-/B1-/B1:** the candidate will be accepted, under the condition they undergo a 2 month Summer Language Course.

**A2+ or less:** the candidate may take an additional course for a total of 6 weeks (starting from June 17th to July 26th, 2024) **OR** they may present the Pippel exam after the completion of an external course.

# Accepted **proof of language** proficiency

## *Certificates*

- First Certificate in English (FCE) (at least pass)
- Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) (at least pass)
- Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) (at least pass)
- Business English Certificate (BEC) Vantage (at least pass)
- Business English Certificate (BEC) Higher
- Certificate in English for International Business and Trade (CEIBT)
- TOEFL (IBT) at least 72 points
- TOEFL (CBT) at least 180 points
- TOEFL (PBT) at least 510 points
- TOEIC at least 700 points
- European Consortium for the Certificate of Attainment in Modern Languages (ECL)
- City & Guilds, (ESOL) – First Class Pass (Intermediate, Higher Intermediate, Advanced)
- City & Guilds, (IESOL) – level “Communicator” , level “Expert” , level “Mastery”
- City & Guilds (SET) for Business – Stages B, C
- City & Guilds English for Business Communications (EBC) – level 2, level 3
- City & Guilds English for Office Skills (EOS) – Level 2
- London Tests of English (levels 3, 4, and 5)
- Oxford Test of English at least 111 points
- LCCI – English for Business Levels 2, 3, 4
- LCCI – Foundation Certificate for Teachers of Business English (FTBE)
- LCCI – English for Tourism Level 2
- IELTS at least 5.5 points
- LanguageCert Certificate in ESOL International (Listening Reading) (LanguageCert Test of English) B2 – 60 points, conditional acceptance 50 points
- LanguageCert Level 1 Certificate in ESOL International (Listening, Reading, Writing) (Communicator B2) 603/1961/6, also known as:
  - ..... LanguageCert International ESOL Communicator B2 Listening, Reading, Writing
- LanguageCert Level 1 Certificate in ESOL International (Speaking) (Communicator B2) 603/1962/8, also known as:
  - ..... LanguageCert International ESOL Communicator B2 Speaking
- LanguageCert Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (Listening, Reading, Writing) (Expert C1) 603/1963/X, also known as:
  - ..... LanguageCert International ESOL Expert C1 Listening, Reading, Writing
- LanguageCert Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (Speaking) (Expert C1) 603/1964/1, also known as:
  - ..... LanguageCert International ESOL Expert C1 Speaking



- LanguageCert Level 3 Certificate in ESOL International (Listening, Reading, Writing) (Mastery C2) 603/1965/3, also known as:
  - LanguageCert International ESOL Mastery C2 Listening, Reading, Writing
- LanguageCert Level 3 Certificate in ESOL (Speaking) (Mastery C2) 603-1966/5, also known as:
  - LanguageCert International ESOL Mastery C2 Speaking
- Pipplet (only if issued by the Vistula Group of Universities), min. B2
- Foreign language certificate issued by the National School of Public Administration as a result of linguistic examination
- Certificate issued by the National School of Public Administration qualifying to work in a high state position

## Diplomas

- Philology of Foreign Languages and Applied Linguistics
- Foreign Languages Teacher Training College
- Higher Education or Postgraduate studies in English
- International Baccalaureate
- European Baccalaureate

## Exams

- Exam in the Ministry Affairs (Pass)
- Exam in the Ministry of Defense (Pass)

## Medium of Instruction

- Cambridge General Certificate of Education (English as First Language) is considered as Medium of Instruction

## Countries from which an **MOI letter** is required



Nigeria



Rwanda



Ethiopia



Kenya



Cameroon



Tanzania



Zambia

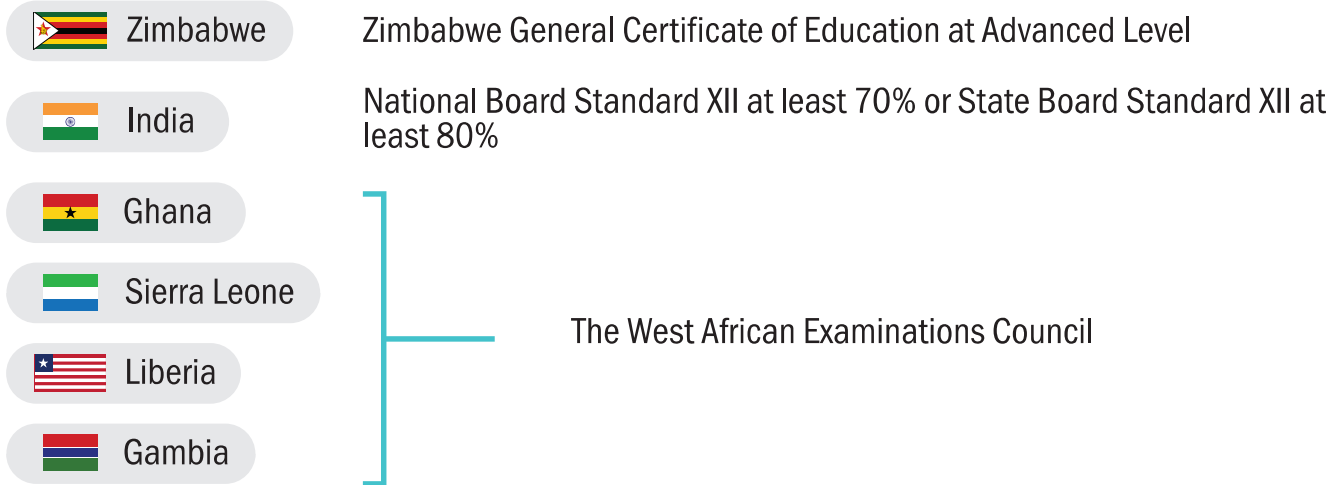


Malawi



Namibia

# Countries exempt from providing an **MOI letter**, but required to provide **other certificates**



## Candidates are **accepted unconditionally**, from:

-  United States of America
-  Canada
-  Jamaica
-  Ireland
-  Australia
-  New Zealand
-  United Kingdom
-  South Africa
-  Antigua and Barbuda
-  The Bahamas
-  Barbados
-  Belize
-  Dominica
-  Grenada
-  Malta
-  Singapore
-  St. Kitts and Nevis
-  St. Vincent and the Grenadines
-  Trinidad and Tobago
-  Uganda
-  St. Lucia



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## English language Competency Requirements for Admission to Vistula Group of Universities

A student who wants to study at Vistula Group of Universities in English language must normally provide, along with other application documents, an English language certificate (B2 level equivalent) such as TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, FCE, ESOL, IESOL, EBC, EOS, LCCI, CAE, CPE, BEC, CEIBT, CELS, Pipplet organized by Vistula University **only**, etc.)\* For a student to be exempt from this, student must be a native English language speaker.

The following rules must be read, understood, and confirmed by the applicant:

1. The student can begin to study at a chosen program directly if his/her English language test score is a min IELTS= 5.5, TOEIC =700, TOEFL=IBT 72 etc.
2. If the student does have a test score lower than the above given minimum scores, does not have a certificate or has something other than the above-mentioned test scores at the moment of application for admission, but still would like to finalize his/her application for program studies without an English language preparation, then there are two options:
  - 2.1. Student will take one of the tests mentioned above, acquire, and submit the score (with min scores indicated in #1 above) before the beginning of the studies to the Vistula University admissions office.
  - 2.2. If the student submits an English language certificate at a B1 level, he/she will be enrolled to a program of study in English on condition that the student attends English classes during the whole first year and passes Final Exam on B2 level at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
3. The University reserves the right to refuse an English language certificate exemption if we have concerns about an applicant's abilities. The University reserves the right to ask an applicant to retake the Pipplet test or sit another exam.

**I hereby declare that I understand and accept everything written above.**

Name and Surname of Candidate:

**Date:**

**Signature:**

\*The full list of acceptable certificates and diplomas can be found at:

<https://vistula.edu.pl/en/student/during-my-studies/foreign-languages/english/certificates/>

<https://vistulahospitality.edu.pl/en/student/during-my-studies/foreign-languages/english/certificates/>