

## **Change to the English language criterion for AITSL skills assessment of school teacher occupations**

**Effective 22 April 2016**

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) wishes to advise of an amendment to the English language criterion for all school teacher occupations on the Skilled Occupation List (SOL) and Consolidated Sponsor Occupation List (CSOL) assessed by AITSL.

The following change will apply to all applications received from 22 April 2016.

### **Amendment: English language criterion**

#### Current

##### **{Emphasis added}**

English language proficiency demonstrated by one of the following:

- (i) An Academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test Report Form (TRF) that shows a score of at least 7.0 for both Reading and Writing; and a score of at least 8.0 for both Speaking and Listening.

*The IELTS test scores must appear on a single IELTS TRF and be the result of a test undertaken during the **12 month** period prior to submitting an application.*

Or

- (ii) An applicant has completed at least four full years of study in higher education (university) in Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America. This study must have resulted in award of qualification(s) comparable to the educational level of an Australian bachelor degree or higher and must include a recognised initial teacher education qualification.

#### New

##### **{Emphasis added}**

English language proficiency demonstrated by one of the following:

- (i) An Academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test Report Form (TRF) that shows a score of at least 7.0 for both Reading and Writing; and a score of at least 8.0 for both Speaking and Listening.

*The IELTS test scores must appear on a single IELTS TRF and be the result of a test undertaken during the **24 month** period prior to submitting an application.*

Or

- (ii) An applicant has completed at least four full years of study in higher education (university) in Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America. This study must have resulted in award of

qualification(s) comparable to the educational level of an Australian bachelor degree or higher and must include a recognised initial teacher education qualification.

*What does this mean?*

AITSL will now accept suitable Academic IELTS Test Report Forms for tests undertaken during the 24 month period prior to submitting an AITSL skills assessment application.

This is in keeping with the use of Academic IELTS for teacher registration purposes and the period IELTS can be verified.