

IELTS WAIVER FOR CANADIAN SCHOOLS

If you have been taught in English language, you can get an IELTS waiver when you apply to Canadian universities and colleges. Some schools waive this for Nigerian students outright, however, some other schools request for an English Proficiency Letter.

An English proficiency letter is an official IELTS exemption issued from the school where you have completed your studies in English language. The letter confirms that your primary medium of instruction was English medium.

Most Canadian schools waive IELTS if they know or you insist that you are from an English speaking country and you've studied in English during your undergrad. I'd advise you to contact the admissions office directly before applying to any Canadian school.

Check the website of your proposed Designated Learning Institution, they always list the countries that are exempted from IELTS.

How To Obtain The English Proficiency Letter

1. Go to exam and record in your Senate and request for the letter, then upload it in the column provided for it in your application.
2. Or prepare the attestation letter by yourself, take it to your school and let your faculty officer or registrar sign and stamp it.

Question and Answer Time:

Q: I applied to Memorial University because of its cheap tuition and already submitted online application for undergraduate degree program; I have my WAEC confirmation, transcript and proof of English proficiency

collected from my secondary school. However, they mailed me to send my test of English test score of either IELTS or TOEFL. But since Nigeria is considered as English speaking country, a letter should be issued from my secondary school which I did. Please your candid advice will be highly appreciated.

A: Memorial University of Newfoundland doesn't waive English Proficiency test

for undergraduate students. It's a compulsory requirement and you will have to sit for the exam and attain an overall 6.5 band in your IELTS exam. I would suggest you apply to other schools like University of Winnipeg or University of Regina, these schools are very fast in issuing acceptance to undergraduate students and they also DON'T require any English proficiency test.

Q: Can you please help me with a sample of IELTS exemption letter issued from a University?

A: You will need to write to your school registrar requesting for a Letter of Confirmation of Proficiency in English Language.

You will attach a photocopy of your Certificate and submit it together with the letter to your school registrar, and then your school will issue you the letter, stating your medium of instruction from your first year to final year is English language. That's the common procedures in getting such letter in most schools in Nigeria.

Find below a Sample Letter of Request for Confirmation in English Language (should be written to your school)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Sir/Madam,

CONFIRMATION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

~~TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE~~

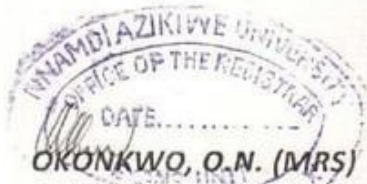
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I hereby, certify that the above-named was admitted in Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka for a five-year regular undergraduate programme in Radiography and Radiological Sciences in the 2009/2010 academic session.

He graduated from the Institution and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Radiography and Radiological Sciences with Second Class Honours (Lower Division) in the 2014/2015 academic Session

He was taught and examined in English Language.

Please accord him all the necessary assistance, he may desire from you.



OKONKWO, O.N. (MRS)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR (EXAMS)
FOR: REGISTRAR

Letterheaded Paper of School

(should have school logo, address and contact details)

Department of Y
Faculty of X
University of Toronto
27 Kings College Cir
Toronto ON M5S
Date

To Whom It May Concern:

IELTS WAIVER REQUEST AS AN ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

RE: Samuel Adegoke SA-UI-SD-009034

This is to certify that English is the medium of instruction at the University of XYZ. Hence, we hereby request for an IELTS waiver as an admission requirement for one of our students who graduated from the University.

Samuel Adegoke with student number SA-UI-SD-009034 was a student of Sociology Department in the Faculty of Social Sciences. He graduated on July 2019 after fulfilling all study and university requirements.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the office of the registrar.

Thanks, in anticipation of a favourable response.

Sincerely,

Signature and Stamp:

Name:

Position:

Registrar's Office

Q: Is IELTS compulsory for Canadian students' visa. If not, what other exam do they accept?

A: It's not a must even though some school requires it. Most school don't require IELTS exam from an English Speaking Country like Nigeria, Ghana. Its only when you are applying for Permanent Residency that you will be required to write IELTS General Training Test.

Q: Difference between IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training

A: IELTS Academic – This exam is for those planning to study for a higher education (university, college, etc.) or for those who wish to pursue work or training in a professional field such as medicine or engineering. As the name implies, this version assesses a candidate's readiness for academic studying or training in English.

IELTS General Training – You should consider the General Training exam if you are going to study, work or train in an English-speaking country, or if you are migrating to an English-speaking country. Candidates taking the IELTS General Training exam are tested on everyday use of the language, with content and questions focused on workplace and social situations