

Guideline Language Requirement English

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Design Academy Eindhoven has signed the Code of Conduct for International Students. This Code of Conduct guarantees the quality of higher education for international students. According to Dutch immigration legislation, the inclusion of an institution in the Code of Conduct Register is a requirement for attracting international students from outside the EU. Additionally, only students who enroll in an educational institution that has signed the 'Code of Conduct for International Students in Dutch Higher Education' (also known as the Code of Conduct) are eligible for a study visa. By signing the Code of Conduct, the educational institution is obliged to adhere to the provisions outlined therein.

Language Test

In addition to assessing language proficiency during the admission interview, the English language requirement for international students is designed to ensure the quality of education that future students at DAE can expect. The language requirement for international students applying to DAE is a certificate from a language test with a minimum score as outlined below. The scores for each educational level in the overview below are the minimum requirements of DAE for the English language test for prospective students.

Name	Type	Minimum score BA & MA
TOEFL Certificate*	iBT Test at a test centre	80
	iBT Test on paper	80
IELTS*	Academic	6.0
TOEIC	Listening and Reading Test + Speaking and Writing Test	Listening and Reading: 865 Speaking and Writing: 335
Cambridge English	English First (FCE)	Grade B (scale 173 - 175)
	First (FCE)	Grade C (scale 169 - 172)
LanguageCert	LanguageCert Academic	65
Pearson	PTE Academic	61

*TOEFL Home Edition and IELTS (Academic) Online are not accepted.

Exemption from Language Test

DAE exempts international students who have completed their prior education in English from taking a mandatory language test. This also applies to certain categories of students who provide other proof of sufficient English education in the programs they completed before enrolling at DAE. Below are the exemptions from the language test that DAE applies per program.

Exemptions from the English language test for admission of students to the Bachelor:

- Students who have obtained a secondary education diploma in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, or Australia.
- Students who have achieved the South African National Senior Certificate with English as their home language.
- Students with an accredited international American high school diploma or British international GCSE/A-levels.
- Students with the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma, the Caribbean Examinations Council certificate, or the European Baccalaureate with English as the first or second language.
- Students with a secondary education diploma listed in the Nuffic Diploma List (see Appendix 1), including English as part of the curriculum. This applies only if you have actually taken English as an exam subject in your final year.

All other students must submit proof of English proficiency by providing one of the above-mentioned certificates from an English language test. The costs for potentially needing to take a language test are the responsibility of the student.

Exemptions from the English language test for admission of students to the Master:

- Students who have obtained their bachelor's degree in the Netherlands.
- Students who have obtained their bachelor's degree in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, or Australia.
- Students with a bachelor's degree from an English-taught program may apply for an exemption.
- Students with an accredited international American or British Bachelor diploma.

All other students must submit proof of English proficiency by providing one of the above-mentioned certificates from an English language test. The costs for potentially needing to take a language test are the responsibility of the student.

If the international student does not meet the requirements set by the educational institution, the institution will notify the international student in writing and explain any refusal to admit or enroll the student. The institution will also indicate what legal remedies the international student can pursue regarding the refusal. This will be elaborated upon later.

Procedure of Introducing the Language Requirement at DAE

Each year, Student Administration will check based on the completed form filled out by prospective students whether they meet the language requirement based on previous education.

For the Bachelor, the deadline for submitting information for assessment of compliance with the language requirement is April 14. For the Master, this deadline is April 21.

After that, it is procedure that students who do not meet the language requirement are informed and subsequently submit their language test results via OSIRIS. When reviewing diplomas submitted later, the English language requirement (or test result) must also be checked by Student Administration.

Appendix I – Nuffic List

Name diploma	Name exam	Country
<i>Diploma van secundair onderwijs</i>	<i>Examen Algemeen Secundair Onderwijs, derde graad (ASO)</i>	Belgium (Flanders)
<i>Diploma van secundair onderwijs</i>	<i>Examen Kunst- en Technisch secundair onderwijs, derde graad (KSO/TSO)</i>	
<i>Studentereksamenbevis (STX)</i>	<i>Studentereksamen (STX)</i>	Denmark
<i>Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF)</i>	<i>Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF)</i>	
<i>Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife</i>	<i>Abiturprüfung Gymnasium</i>	Germany
<i>Fachhochschulreife</i>	<i>Hochschulreifeprüfung Berufsoberschulen</i>	
<i>Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus</i>	<i>Riigieksamid Gümnaasium</i>	Estonia
<i>Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/ Studentexamenbevis</i>	<i>Ylioppilastutkinto/ Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination)</i>	Finland
<i>Matriculation Examination Certificate</i>		
<i>Gimnáziumi Érettségi Bizonyítvány</i>	<i>Érettségi vizsga (Matura Examination)</i>	Hungary
<i>Szakközépiskolai Érettségi-képesítő Bizonyítvány</i>	<i>Érettségi vizsga (Matura Examination)</i>	
<i>Atestāts par Vispārējo Vidējo Izglītību (Certificate of Secondary Education)</i>	<i>Centralizētais eksāmens (National Examination)</i>	Latvia
<i>Brandos Atestata (Maturity Certificate)</i>	<i>Brandos Egzamino (Final Matura Examination)</i>	Lithuania
<i>Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires</i>	<i>Examen de fin d'études secondaires</i>	Luxembourg
<i>Vitnemal for Videregående Skole (Secondary School Certificate)</i>	<i>Eksamen fellesfag ENG 1002/1003 (Vg1)</i>	Norway
	<i>Eksamen programfag SPR3008 (Vg2), SPR3010 (Vg3), SPR3012 (Vg3)</i>	
<i>Reifezeugnis/ Reifeprüfungszeugnis</i>	<i>Reifeprüfung Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule (AHS)</i>	Austria
<i>Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis</i>	<i>Reifeprüfung Berufsbildende Höhere Schule (BHS)</i>	
<i>Diploma de Bacalaureat</i>	<i>Examenul de Bacalaureat</i>	Romania
<i>Vysvedčenie o Maturitnej skúške obtained at a Gymnázium</i>	<i>Maturita</i>	Slovakia
<i>Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan</i>	<i>Eksamen English 5, English 6, English 7</i>	Sweden