

TOEFL Waiver Procedure for Admissions 3.9.22

List 1) Countries **completely exempt** from submitting English proficiency documentation:

- Australia
- Barbados
- Bermuda
- Botswana
- Canada, unless from Quebec
- Cayman Islands
- Dominica
- Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)
- United Kingdom
- Ghana
- Ireland
- Malawi
- Malta
- New Zealand
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United States, unless from Puerto Rico

List 2) Countries that **may be exempt** from submitting English proficiency documentation:

- Antigua
- Bahamas
- Belize
- Guyana
- Grenada
- Jamaica
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Solomon Islands
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Fiji
- Gambia
- Kenya
- Mauritius
- Nauru
- Nigeria
- Zimbabwe
- St. Christopher

Applicants from List 2 should be evaluated by their admissions counselor, not in a formal interview but through typical admissions communications. **Obvious cases of English proficiency can be exempt. Any cases in which the counselor feels unsure should be referred to the ELL Specialist for further evaluation,** in most cases in the form of a brief conversation rather than a formal TOEFL Waiver interview.

If an applicant is from a country that is **not on List 1 or 2**, they must:

- Submit TOEFL (79+), IELTS (6.5+), WESLI (700-level course completion), or BIR (completion)
 - (Duolingo is not preferred - 105)*

*Scores for **PhD programs** and **MA Clinical Psychology** are now:
TOEFL (85+), IELTS (7+), Duolingo (110)

Or have 24 credits of successful U.S. academic coursework **AND** a 3.0+GPA in that coursework.

- If they don't have a 3.0+ GPA, they can submit an older language proficiency test score that meets the requirements, and/or participate in an interview with the ELL Specialist.
- If an applicant does not want to submit such a score, or their score is too low, please send them the TOEFL Waiver Request Form, and CC the ELL Specialist. Let applicant know the ELL Specialist will respond to them within 48-72 hours. <https://www.stitch.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Keep in touch with the ELL Specialist about any language-related red flags.
- The ELL Specialist will set up an interview with the applicant upon receiving the Request Form.
- The ELL Specialist will return the completed Request Form and a Score Report to Admissions when the interview is complete, marked as "waived" or not.
- Upload the documents to Slate and waive (or not) the English Language Proficiency requirement in Slate.