



**Commonwealth of Australia**

*Migration Regulations 1994*

**LANGUAGE TESTS, SCORE AND PASSPORTS 2015**  
(Regulations 1.15B, 1.15C, 1.15D and 1.15EA)

I, *MICHAELIA CASH*, Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, acting under regulations 1.15B, 1.15C, 1.15D, 1.15E and 1.15EA to the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations) and regulation 1.15E as kept in force by item 102 of Schedule 13 to the Regulations:

1. REVOKE IMMI 14/076 (F2014L01538) signed on 12 November 2014 specifying language test scores and passports for regulations 1.15B, 1.15C, 1.15D, 1.15E and 1.15EA; AND
2. SPECIFY, for applications lodged before 1 July 2012 tests, test scores and passports, as follows:
  - A. for subparagraph 1.15C(1)(a), the following language tests:
    - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
    - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET).
  - B. for subparagraph 1.15C(1)(c), the following scores:
    - i. an IELTS test score of at least 6 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
    - ii. a score of at least B in each of the four components of an OET.
  - C. for paragraph 1.15C(2), a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or Republic of Ireland, to a citizen of that country.
  - D. for paragraph 1.15D(a), the following language tests:
    - i. an IELTS test; or
    - ii. an OET.
  - E. for paragraph 1.15D(c), the following scores:
    - i. an IELTS test score of at least 7 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
    - ii. a score of at least B in each of the four components of an OET.

- F. for paragraph 1.15E(a), the following language test:
    - i. an IELTS test.
  - G. for paragraph 1.15E(c), the following scores:
    - i. an IELTS test average band score of at least 6 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.
  - H. for paragraph 1.15EA(a), the following tests:
    - i. an IELTS test; or
    - ii. an OET.
  - I. for paragraph 1.15EA(c), the following scores:
    - i. an IELTS score of at least 8 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
    - ii. a score of at least A in each of the four components of an OET.
3. SPECIFY for applications lodged on or after 1 July 2012, and before 23 November 2014 tests, test scores and passports as follows:
- A. for paragraph 1.15B(1)(a), the following language tests:
    - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
    - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET).
  - B. for paragraph 1.15B(1)(c), the following test scores:
    - i. an IELTS test score of at least 5 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
    - ii. a score of at least B in each of the four components of an OET.
  - F. for subregulation 1.15B(2), a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or Republic of Ireland, to a citizen of that country.
  - C. for paragraph 1.15C(1)(a), the following language tests:
    - i. an IELTS test; or
    - ii. an OET.
  - D. for paragraph 1.15C(1)(c), the following scores:
    - i. an IELTS test score of at least 6 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
    - ii. a score of at least B in each of the four components of an OET.
  - E. for subregulation 1.15C(2), a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or Republic of Ireland, to a citizen of that country.
  - F. for paragraph 1.15D(a), the following language tests:
    - i. an IELTS test; or
    - ii. an OET.

- G. for paragraph 1.15D(c), the following scores:
    - i. an IELTS test score of at least 7 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
    - ii. a score of at least B in each of the four components of an OET.
  - H. for paragraph 1.15EA(a), the following tests:
    - i. an IELTS test; or
    - ii. an OET.
  - I. for paragraph 1.15EA(c), the following scores:
    - i. an IELTS score of at least 8 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
    - ii. a score of at least A in each of the four components of an OET.
4. SPECIFY, for applications lodged on or after 23 November 2014, tests, test scores and passports as follows:
- A. for paragraph 1.15B(1)(a), the following language tests:
    - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
    - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET); or
    - iii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); or
    - iv. a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).
  - B. for paragraph 1.15B(1)(c), the following test scores:
    - i. an IELTS test score of at least 5 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
    - ii. an OET test score of at least B in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
    - iii. a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores in the four test components: 14 for speaking, 4 for reading, 14 for writing and 4 for listening; or
    - iv. a PTE Academic test score of at least 36 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.
  - C. for subregulation 1.15B(2), a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland, to a citizen of that country.
  - D. for paragraph 1.15C(1)(a), the following language tests:
    - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
    - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET); or
    - iii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); or
    - iv. a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).

- E. for paragraph 1.15C(1)(c), the following test scores:
  - i. an IELTS test score of at least 6 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
  - ii. an OET test score of at least B in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
  - iii. a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores in the four test components: 18 for speaking, 13 for reading, 21 for writing and 12 for listening; or
  - iv. a PTE Academic test score of at least 50 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.
- F. for subregulation 1.15C(2), a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland, to a citizen of that country.
- G. for paragraph 1.15D(a), the following language tests:
  - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
  - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET); or
  - iii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); or
  - iv. a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).
- H. for paragraph 1.15D(a), the following test scores:
  - i. an IELTS test score of at least 7 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
  - ii. an OET test score of at least B in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
  - iii. a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores in the four test components: 23 for speaking, 24 for reading, 27 for writing and 24 for listening; or
  - iv. a PTE Academic test score of at least 65 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.
- I. for paragraph 1.15EA(a), the following language tests:
  - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
  - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET); or
  - iii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); or
  - iv. a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).
- J. for paragraph 1.15EA(c), the following test scores:
  - i. an IELTS test score of at least 8 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
  - ii. an OET test score of at least A in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
  - iii. a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores in the four test components: 26 for speaking, 29 for reading, 30 for writing and 28 for listening; or

- iv. a PTE Academic test score of at least 79 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.
5. SPECIFY for applications lodged on or after 1 January 2015 tests, test scores and passports as follows:
- A. for the purposes of paragraph 1.15B(1)(a), the following language tests:
    - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
    - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET); or
    - iii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); or
    - iv. a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic); or
    - v. a Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test (also known as Certificate in Advanced English).
  - B. for the purposes of paragraph 1.15B(1)(c), the following test scores:
    - i. an IELTS test score of at least 5 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
    - ii. an OET test score of at least B in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
    - iii. a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores in the four test components: 4 for listening, 4 for reading, 14 for writing and 14 for speaking; or
    - iv. a PTE Academic test score of at least 36 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
    - v. a Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test score of at least 154 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking.
  - C. for the subregulation 1.15B(2), a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland, to a citizen of that country.
  - D. for paragraph 1.15C(1)(a), the following language tests:
    - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
    - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET); or
    - iii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); or
    - iv. a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic); or
    - v. a Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test (also known as Certificate in Advanced English).
  - E. for paragraph 1.15C(1)(c) the following test scores:
    - i. an IELTS test score of at least 6 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
    - ii. an OET test score of at least B in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
    - iii. a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores in the four test components: 12 for listening, 13 for reading, 21 for writing and 18 for speaking; or

- iv. a PTE Academic test score of at least 50 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
  - v. a Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test score of at least 169 in each of the four test components of listening, reading writing and speaking.
- F. for subregulation 1.15C(2), a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland, to a citizen of that country.
- G. for paragraph 1.15D(a), the following language tests:
  - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
  - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET); or
  - iii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); or
  - iv. a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic); or
  - v. a Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test(also known as Certificate in Advanced English).
- H. for paragraph 1.15D(c), the following test scores:
  - i. an IELTS test score of at least 7 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
  - ii. an OET test score of at least B in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
  - iii. a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores in the four test components: 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing and 23 for speaking; or
  - iv. a PTE Academic test score of at least 65 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
  - v. a Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test score of at least 185 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking.
- I. for paragraph 1.15EA(a), the following language tests:
  - i. an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; or
  - ii. an Occupational English Test (OET); or
  - iii. a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); or
  - iv. a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic); or
  - v. a Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test (also known as Certificate in Advanced English).
- J. for paragraph 1.15EA(c), the following test scores:
  - i. an IELTS test score of at least 8 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
  - ii. an OET test score of at least A in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
  - iii. a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores in the four test components: 28 for listening, 29 for reading, 30 for writing and 26 for speaking; or

- iv. a PTE Academic test score of at least 79 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking; or
- v. a Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test score of at least 200 in each of the four test components of listening, reading, writing and speaking.

This Instrument IMMI 15/005 commences the day after registration.

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