



Commonwealth of Australia

Migration Regulations 1994

LANGUAGE TESTS, SCORE AND PASSPORTS
(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, 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 Instrument number IMMI 12/018 signed on 12 June 2012 specifying test scores for regulations 1.15B, 1.15C, 1.15D, 1.15E and 1.15EA, passports for regulation 1.15C and English tests for clause 487.215; AND
2. SPECIFY for applications lodged before 1 July 2012 tests, test scores and passports, as follows:
 - A. For subparagraph 1.15C(a)(i) the following language tests:
 - an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; and
 - an Occupational English Test (OET).
 - B. For subparagraph 1.15C(a)(iii) the following scores:
 - an IELTS test score of at least 6 for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - a score of at least B in each of the four components of an OET.
 - C. For paragraph 1.15C(b) 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:
 - an IELTS test; and
 - an OET.
 - E. For paragraph 1.15D(c) the following scores:
 - an IELTS test score of at least 7 for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - 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:
 - an IELTS test.
 - G. For paragraph 1.15E(c) the following scores:

- an IELTS test average band score of at least 6 for the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.

H. For paragraph 1.15EA(a) the following tests:

- an IELTS test; and
- an OET.

I. For paragraph 1.15EA(c) the following scores:

- an IELTS score of at least 8 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
- a score of at least A in each of the four components of an OET.

3. SPECIFY for applications lodged on and after 1 July 2012 tests, test scores and passports as follows:

A. For paragraph 1.15B(1)(a) of the Regulations the following language tests:

- an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; and
- an Occupational English Test (OET).

B. For paragraph 1.15B(1)(c) of the Regulations the following test scores:

- an IELTS test score of at least 5 for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
- a score of at least B in each of the four components of an OET.

C. 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.

D. For paragraph 1.15C (1)(a) the following language tests:

- an IELTS test; and
- an OET.

E. For paragraph 1.15C(1)(c) the following scores:

- an IELTS test score of at least 6 for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
- a score of at least B in each of the four components of an OET.

F. 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.

G. For paragraph 1.15D(a) the following language tests:

- an IELTS test; and
- an OET.

H. For paragraph 1.15D(c) the following scores:

- an IELTS test score of at least 7 for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
- a score of at least B in each of the four components of an OET.

- I. For paragraph 1.15EA(a) the following tests:
 - an IELTS test; and
 - an OET.
 - J. For paragraph 1.15EA(c) the following scores:
 - an IELTS score of at least 8 in each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - a score of at least A in each of the four components of an OET.
- 4 SPECIFY for applications lodged on and after 23 November 2014 tests, test scores and passports as follows:
- A. For the purposes of paragraph 1.15B(1)(a) of the Regulations the following language tests:
 - an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; and
 - an Occupational English Test (OET); and
 - a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); and
 - a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).
 - B. For the purposes of paragraph 1.15B(1)(c) the following test scores:
 - an IELTS test score of at least 5 for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - an OET test score of at least B for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores for the four test components: 14 for speaking, 4 for reading, 14 for writing and 4 for listening; or
 - a PTE Academic test score of at least 36 for the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.
 - 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:
 - an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; and
 - an Occupational English Test (OET); and
 - a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); and
 - a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).
 - E. For paragraph 1.15C(1)(c) the following test scores:
 - an IELTS test score of at least 6 for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - an OET test score of at least B for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores for the four test components: 18 for speaking, 13 for reading, 21 for writing and 12 for listening;

- a PTE Academic test score of at least 50 for 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:
- an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; and
 - an Occupational English Test (OET); and
 - a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); and
 - a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).
- H. For paragraph 1.15D(c) the following test scores:
- an IELTS test score of at least 7 for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - an OET test score of at least B for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores for the four test components: 23 for speaking, 24 for reading, 27 for writing and 24 for listening; or
 - a PTE Academic test score of at least 65 for the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.
- I. For paragraph 1.15EA(a) the following language tests:
- an International English Language Test System (IELTS) test; and
 - an Occupational English Test (OET); and
 - a Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT); and
 - a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).
- J. For paragraph 1.15EA(c) the following test scores:
- an IELTS test score of at least 8 for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - an OET test score of at least A for each of the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening; or
 - a TOEFL iBT test score with at least the following scores for the four test components: 26 for speaking, 29 for reading, 30 for writing and 28 for listening; and
 - a PTE Academic test score of at least 79 for the four test components of speaking, reading, writing and listening.

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