



**J Exchange Visitor English Language Proficiency Requirements
Supplement to IS-200 and IS-201 Request for DS-2019**

The U.S. Department of State recently revised Subpart A of the J-1 Exchange Visitor Regulations which modified the English language proficiency requirements for incoming J1 exchange visitors effective January 5, 2015. Universities must now retain proof of English language proficiency for incoming J1 exchange visitors which meet the following requirements:

- A recognized English language test;
- Signed documentation from an academic institution or English language school; or
- A documented interview conducted by the sponsor either in-person or by videoconferencing, or by telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option

The English Language Proficiency Requirement can be satisfied by submitting documentation of at least one of the following:

1. Minimum Test Score on Recognized English Language Test

Test must have been taken within the last 5 years. Applicants must submit a copy of their score(s) with the DS-2019 application materials. Only scores from one of the tests below is necessary for the DS-2019 application.

TOEFL iBT	15 on Speaking and Listening Sections	https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about
TOEFL PBT	477 minimum	https://www.ets.org/toefl
IELTS	5 on Speaking and Listening Sections	http://www.ielts.org
Cambridge English: First (FCE)	Pass	http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/first
Cambridge English Advanced (CAE)	Pass	http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/advanced
TOEIC	Combined Score of 550	https://www.ets.org/toEIC
MELAB	64 minimum	http://www.michigan-test.com/melab

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2. Documentation that the prospective J-1 exchange visitor is a native English speaker from Australia, Belize, Botswana, Canada (except Quebec), Commonwealth Caribbean, Ghana, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Nigeria, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Zimbabwe.
3. Copy of diploma from U.S. institution or foreign institution where instruction occurred in English.
4. A signed letter from an academic institution or English language school that is internationally recognized indicating the prospective exchange visitor's level of English language proficiency. Printed on institutional letterhead, dated within the last two years and stating at minimum an intermediate level of proficiency obtained in studies.
5. J-1 English Language Proficiency Interview Attestation Form affirming that the J-1 exchange visitor has "sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, successfully to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis." [22 CFR 62.11(a)(2)]

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Prospective Exchange Visitor's Name: _____

The U.S. Department of State requires scholars to possess “sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, successfully to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis.

Check One:	Indicate how the academic department has certified English language proficiency for the prospective exchange visitor.	
	Certification by recognized English language proficiency exam scores	A copy of the test score is provided. The test must have been taken within the past 5 years. Test scores must align with minimum scores noted in page 1 of this form.
	Documentation of native English speaker based on country of origin.	Copy of birth certificate or passport showing country of origin.
	Certification by an academic institution or English language school	Must be on letterhead, issued within the last two years, and attesting that an intermediate level of proficiency was obtained.
	J-1 English Language Proficiency Interview Attestation Form	Interview date, time, duration, medium (in person, videoconference, telephone), and results.



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J-1 English Language Proficiency Interview Attestation Form

Prospective Exchange Visitor Name: _____

Host Faculty Name: _____

Host Department: _____

Interview Date: _____

Interview Duration: _____

Interview Method: In Person Videoconference Telephone

Host Faculty's Overall Assessment of English Language Proficiency:

I attest that I have interviewed the prospective exchange visitor, and I have verified that scholar's English language proficiency is sufficient to function daily in their Clemson University program and within the local U.S. community.

Host Supervisor Signature

Date