

English Proficiency

International Observers must provide proof of English language proficiency. Please refer to the list of approved exams and minimum score requirement below:

***Proficiency Exams/Minimum Score:**

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):	80
American Examination of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS):	6.5
Duolingo English Test:	110

English proficiency exemptions:

- Applicants who are U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents;
- Applicants who have earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S.;
- Applicants who have earned the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree or higher from an international institution that is officially recognized by that country, and the country is on the [English-Speaking Country and Territory List](#);
- Applicants who are citizens from a country or territory listed on the [English-Speaking Country and Territory List](#).

We recommend achieving acceptable scores prior to submitting your application. **Scores must be no more than two years old on the day you are scheduled to begin your observer appointment.** *Failure to satisfy the English Language Proficiency requirement will impact our ability to review an application.*

English Speaking Country and Territory List

International applicants who are citizens from one of the qualifying countries are exempt from the English proficiency requirement.

- American Samoa
- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- Canada (except the Province of Quebec)
- Cayman Islands
- Dominica
- Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)
- Ghana
- Gibraltar
- Grenada
- Guam
- Guyana
- Ireland, Republic of
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Micronesia Islands, Federated States of
- Montserrat
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Philippines
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Helena
- South Africa
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales)
- United States
- Virgin Islands
- Zimbabwe