

Waikato Institute of Education Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL ENGLISH:

General English
NZCEL
High School Preparation
English for Migrants
English for Families
English for Au Pairs
English for Working Holiday

EXAM PREPARATION:

IELTS Preparation
OET Preparation
CAE Preparation
FCE Preparation
TOEIC Preparation

PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH:

Business English
English Studies for:
Nursing Registration (ESNR)
Early Childhood Education
Teachers (ESET)
Electronics Engineers (ESEE)
Aviation (ESA)
Restaurant Workers (ESRW)

ENGLISH + ACTIVITIES:

English + Rugby
English + Dance
English + Horse Riding
English + Golf
English + Surfing

PRIVATE TUITION:

One to One Tuition
Small Group Tuition

CONTACT US:

Level 1 Tower Bldg, Centre Place
48 Ward St, PO Box 773
Hamilton, New Zealand
07 838 2450
info@wie.ac.nz
www.wie.ac.nz



What Facilities do you have?

WIE has 10 modern, well lit classrooms which are equipped with TV's and computers. There is a common room with kitchen facilities where students can enjoy a hot lunch and spend time with friends. There is also table tennis, foosball and pool available so students can relax and have some fun with friends at lunch and after school. A computer room is available for those who need to use it and there is free high speed Fibre WiFi throughout the school.

What are your Teachers like?

WIE has an excellent pool of certified examiners on staff, including those with Cambridge, IELTS, OET and TOEIC experience. Enthusiastic and engaging, our teachers create a dynamic and professional learning environment and go the extra mile to help you achieve the results you want. All our teachers are fully qualified, native English speakers, most with over 15 years experience teaching.

How many Students do you have and Where are they From?

The number of International students at WIE varies based on the time of year, but it is usually between 45 and 80. These students come from 35 different countries around the world. Normally during May – August there is an increase in Middle Eastern students as it is their holiday period. Usually the percentages are about 20% Middle Eastern, 20% Chinese, 10% Japanese, 10% Latin American and the remaining 40% from a variety of other countries.

How Many Levels are there?

WIE has six levels of English, from Beginner (NZCEL level 1 foundation) to Advanced (NZCEL level 5). Each level has specific outcomes that a student must complete and a test at the end. Students receive a certificate for the level that they are in with the outcomes they have completed when they finish their course.

How Long do I need to Study?

How long you need to study depends on your English goals and your current level of English. It also depends on you individually and your commitment to your studies. Most students take 1 term (17 weeks) of full time study to complete one level, but some students take longer for a variety of reasons. Students are promoted based on merit, as determined by passing level tests, attendance, effort and completion of outcomes.

When Can I Start?

At WIE we have 3 17 week terms with a break at the end of the year for the holiday season. Students can start any Monday and finish any Friday during the term. This gives you the flexibility you need to study when you have time.

How do I Enroll?

To enrol you can complete our [online form](#) or email info@wie.ac.nz and our friendly staff will get back to you with more detailed information about your course. When you are selecting a start date please remember to allow three months if you need to apply for a visa as this process can take some time.

How can I make Payment?

Once we have received your enrolment application we will send you an invoice with the expected payment and our bank details. Payment can be made by direct deposit to our bank account, credit card payment [online](#) or cash at our office. If you choose to pay by credit card there is an extra 3% charge.

Choose Quality, Choose WIE.



WAIKATO INSTITUTE
OF EDUCATION

GENERAL ENGLISH:

General English
High School Preparation
English for Migrants
English for Families
English for Au Pairs
English for Working Holiday

EXAM PREPARATION:

IELTS Preparation
OET Preparation
CAE Preparation
FCE Preparation
TOEIC Preparation

PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH:

Business English
English Studies for:
Nursing Registration (ESNR)
Early Childhood Education
Teachers (ESET)
Electronics Engineers (ESEE)
Aviation (ESA)

ENGLISH + ACTIVITIES:

English + Rugby
English + Dance
English + Horse Riding
English + Golf
English + Surfing

PRIVATE TUITION:

One to One Tuition
Small Group Tuition

CONTACT US:

Level 1 Tower Bldg, Centre Place
48 Ward St, PO Box 773
Hamilton, New Zealand
07 838 2450
info@wie.ac.nz
www.wie.ac.nz

Pathways in New Zealand

English is the main language in New Zealand and having a strong foundation in English opens up pathways to further education, employment and immigration in New Zealand.

Further Education

WIE's NZCEL program offers students the opportunity for direct entry to Institutes of Technology or other private training schools. The level of program you can enter depends on the level of NZCEL you have completed. NZCEL level 3 can be used to enter certificate programs (Level 3 or 4), level 4 can be used to enter certificate, Diploma, or degree programs (Level 4 - 6) and level 5 for postgraduate and graduate programs. WIE also offers various exam preparation programs which can help you to get the scores you need for entry to tertiary studies in NZ and around the world. WIE is happy to help students apply for any further studies in New Zealand: High School, University, or Polytechnic.

Employment

Most jobs in New Zealand require at least an intermediate level of English (approx IELTS 5.0) to be sure that employees can function in an English speaking environment. WIE has Business English courses available which help students to learn the vocabulary and style of English used for business. WIE helps students looking for employment with CV's and cover letters and prepares students for working in NZ.

Immigration

Immigration New Zealand requires migrants to be proficient in English. The level of [English required](#) varies depending on the type of visa you are applying for, but all residence visas require some proof of proficiency in English. Currently Immigration New Zealand prefers IELTS scores that are less than two years old. WIE has IELTS preparation courses which can help you achieve the score you need for immigration. WIE is also approved for English for Migrants courses which are for students who have been required to pay money to immigration for English language tuition as they do not meet the minimum English language requirements.

Visa Questions

What Visa Can I Use to Study?

New Zealand has three temporary class visas that can be used to study: Visitor visa, Work visa, and Student visa. Visitor and Work visas allow you to study part time or full time for a maximum of three months. Student visas are for those who want to study full time for three months or more.

Requirements for Student Visas

To apply for a student visa you must be enrolled in a full time course that is 3 months or longer. You will need to prove that you have sufficient funds to pay for the course and for your living expenses (\$1250/month) while in New Zealand. You must also be able to show that you are of good character and health. Sometimes additional information is required to prove that you are coming to New Zealand to study and not for other purposes. New Zealand [immigration](#) has more information on visas.

Can I work on a Student Visa?

Yes, you can work on a student visa, but you must be enrolled in a course that is 6 months or longer and have a 5.0 in IELTS. You can work up to 20hrs per week during school terms and full time in the holidays. If you already have a student visa, you can apply for work rights once you meet these requirements, but there is a fee from immigration.

How do I apply for a Visa?

To apply for a visa you can contact [New Zealand Immigration](#) and download the necessary forms yourself or you can contact a local immigration agent. If you are from a [visa free country](#), you can come to New Zealand without applying for a visa and automatically receive a 3 month visitor visa on arrival. If you are already in New Zealand and would like to study at WIE, we may be able to help you complete the forms to apply for a student visa.

