

## Proof of English Proficiency (PEP) and Waivers

Upon receipt of proper documentation, students educated in the United States or any of the approved countries below may receive a Proof of English Proficiency requirement waiver. In order to qualify, students must do **one** of the following:

- Provide proof of graduation from an accredited U.S. college or university with a bachelor's degree or higher, or;
- Provide proof that their education has been completed in an approved English-speaking country.

Visiting exchange students should talk to their home institution's international office for specific requirements. Also read the instructions for [Incoming Exchange Students](#).

### Approved PEP Waiver Countries

Antigua & Barbuda	Grenada	Papua New Guinea*
Australia	Guyana*	Philippines*
Bahamas	Ireland	Sierra Leone*
Barbados	Jamaica	Solomon Islands
Belize*	Kenya*	South Africa*
Bermuda	Lesotho*	St. Christopher/St. Kitts
Botswana*	Liberia*	St. Lucia
Canada* (English provinces only)	Malawi*	St. Vincent
Cayman Islands	Malta*	Tanzania*
Dominica	Mauritius	Trinidad & Tobago
England (United Kingdom)	Natal*	Uganda*
Fiji*	Nauru	Zambia*
Gambia*	New Zealand	Zimbabwe*
Ghana*	Nigeria*	

\*Citizens of countries marked with an asterisk (\*) may be considered for a PEP waiver by presenting the following:

- **High school records:** For those countries that require students to pass a national examination, such as Nigeria, high school graduates must submit official national examination results. For example: West African Exam Council (WAEC), Nigerian Exam Council (NEC), or Kenya Exam Council (KEC). The results should have a mark of "Credit" or "Pass" in the English section.
- **University-level English:** Proof of completing at least one university-level English course at an accredited college or university.

Another option for PEP waiver consideration:

- **Associate's degree:** Completion of an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree from a regionally accredited U.S. post-secondary institution with a 2.5 or higher grade point average. Official U.S. collegiate transcripts must be sent directly to UNO, and include specified collegiate coursework completed with a grade of C or better. Additional requirements may apply. For more information on this option, contact [Undergraduate Admissions](#).



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