

Native English Proficiency

Applicants who completed both primary and secondary education in one of the following countries can claim native English proficiency:

- Australia
- Bahamas
- Belize
- Canada (English-speaking provinces)
- Ireland
- Kenya
- Malawi
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Applicants must provide the names and dates for all the primary and secondary schools they attended along with the rest of their application materials.

Before registering for classes, applicants allowed to claim native English proficiency will complete a self-assessment of their English proficiency through the campus testing office, a process called Directed Self Placement (DSP). DSP is a short survey in which admitted students answer a series of questions, look at readings and student writing samples, and determine for themselves which English class is appropriate. More information on DSP is provided with the acceptance materials.

To waive the DSP requirement and receive a direct college placement in advance, native English speakers can submit proof of English proficiency, as explained in the "College Degree Programs" section of our webpage, <https://intl.seattlecolleges.edu/english-proficiency>.