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**IU Bloomington School of Education**

Policy and Process for Request to Waive the Indiana Academic English Test (IAET) upon Graduate Admission.

An applicant may request that faculty seek waiver of the exam, or faculty may initiate a request for waiver. The request for waiver should come from a program coordinator or department chair using the Request for Waiver form.

Approval for a waiver will be based on one of the following bases:

Applicant’s first language is English,

Applicant has lived and worked in a country where English is the official language or an official language, not as an academic student or an intensive,

English student, for two or more contiguous years within the immediate past three years,

Certificate or MSED applicant has earned an undergraduate degree from a US institution within the previous two years, earning a 3.0 GPA or higher (if the applicant’s submitted transcript does not yet show the earned degree, final grades for the degree must be pending),

Doctoral applicant has earned a master’s degree from a US institution within the previous two years with a 3.5 GPA or higher (if the applicant’s submitted transcript does not yet show the earned degree, final grades for the degree must be pending).

Additional supporting information, including prolonged communication with the applicant in person or at a distance and/or a well-written candidate’s statement, are positive factors and may be deciding factors in an otherwise ambiguous case. They are not sufficient on their own. A case may be presented on other grounds by a member of faculty to cover unusual situations under which English fluency has been established. For example, when an applicant acquired fluency early in life and has retained it by means other than those listed above.