

Updated 2026 TOEFL iBT Score Requirements for HCA Program Entry

Applicants to the HCA and HCA ESL programs may provide a TOEFL iBT or TOEFL iBT Home Edition (TOEFL) test result as evidence of meeting the [Minimum HCA Program Entry - English Language Competency Requirements](#).

On **January 21, 2026**, TOEFL introduced an updated score scale (from 1-6 in increments of 0.5) to align with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The updated score scale will be used for all tests taken on or after January 21, 2026.

In alignment with the updated score scale, the following cut scores have been set:

HCA Program	TOEFL iBT Test Scores (for tests taken <u>prior to Jan 21, 2026</u>)	TOEFL iBT Test Scores (for tests taken <u>on or after Jan 21, 2026</u>)
HCA REGULAR PROGRAM	Overall score of 76 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no score lower than 20 in S/L no score lower than 18 in R/W 	Overall score of 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no score lower than 4 in S/L no score lower than 3.5 in R/W
HCA ESL PROGRAM	Overall score of 56 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no score lower than 15 in S/L no score lower than 13 in R/W 	Overall score of 3.5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no score lower than 3.5 in S/L no score lower than 3 in R/W

TOEFL test scores are valid for 2 years.

These updated scores are effective immediately. Relevant updates will be made to the next iteration of the Minimum HCA Program Entry Requirements.

Further information about the updated score scale is available here: [TOEFL Score Scale Update: A Guide for Institutions](#)