



## Graduate School Announcement, Khon Kaen University

(No. 77/2023)

### On English Proficiency Test Criteria for Doctoral Students

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To ensure that the examination of admission and graduation qualifications of doctoral students is complete and effective; by the virtue of Section 40 of Khon Kaen University Act B.E. 2558 and the Regulations of Khon Kaen University on Graduate Education Level, B.E. 2566 Article 34.6, Article 35, and Article 56.3. Adhere to the agreement of Committee Board of Graduate School Meeting at the 6/2023 on June 1, 2023, has therefore issued this announcement as follows:

**Article 1** This announcement shall be called “Graduate School Announcement (No. 77/2023) on English Proficiency Test Criteria for Doctoral Students”

**Article 2** This announcement shall come into effect as from the day of its issuance.

**Article 3** The previous Graduate School Announcement, Khon Kaen University No. 136/2019 on English Proficiency Test Criteria for Doctoral Students is no longer applied.

**Article 4** To meet the admission criteria for doctoral level, applicants are to complete the one of English proficiency test results as follows:

4.1 English proficiency test result is to be issued by the following language testing centers and must not exceed 2 years from the testing date:

TOEFL (Paper Based)	the minimum score of 400 or
TOEFL (Internet Based)	the minimum score of 32 or
TOEFL (Institutional Testing Program)	the minimum score of 400 or
IELTS (Academic Module)	the minimum score of 4.0 or
TU-GET (Max. 1000 Points)	the minimum score of 400 or
CU-TEP (Max. 120 Points)	the minimum score of 45

4.2 Khon Kaen University Academic English Language Test (KKU – AELT) result provided by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The result must not exceed 2 years from the testing date and the result must be as follows:

4.2.1 In case of submitting the result of 5-band system:

Reading skill      Level 2 or above, and

Writing skill      Level 2 or above

4.2.2 In case submitting the result of 7-band system:

Overall score      Level 2 or above

4.3 If the test result is below the defined level in No. 4.2, applicants can enroll in training course(s) provided by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Applicants can enroll only the skills that are lower than the admission required score criteria. After that submit the result in No. 4.2 with the result of the training course which does not exceed 2 years from the passing date. The details of course enrollment are as follows:

Skill below the criteria	Result (Band)	Topic to enroll
Reading skill	1	Academic Reading for Doctoral Students I
Writing skill	1	Academic Writing for Doctoral Students I

4.4 EnglishScore result provided by Graduate School, Khon Kaen University. The result must not exceed 2 years from the testing date and the result must be as follows:

Core skills test      the minimum score of 200, and

Writing test      the minimum score of 200

**Article 5** Applicants are to submit the result according to No. 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, or 4.4 to the Graduate School before the first day of their enrolled semester.

**Article 6** To meet the graduation criteria for doctoral students, students are to complete the one of English proficiency test results as follows:

6.1 English proficiency test result is to be issued by the following language testing centers and must not exceed 2 years from the testing date:

TOEFL (Paper Based)      the minimum score of 543 or

TOEFL (Internet Based)      the minimum score of 72 or

TOEFL (Institutional Testing Program)      the minimum score of 543 or

IELTS (Academic Module)      the minimum score of 5.5 or

TU-GET (Max. 1000 Points)      the minimum score of 550 or

CU-TEP (Max. 120 Points)      the minimum score of 70

6.2 Khon Kaen University Academic English Language Test (KKU – AELT) result provided by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The result must not exceed 2 years from the testing date and the result must be as follows:

6.2.1 In case of submitting the result of 5-band system:

Reading skill      Level 4 or above, and

Writing skill      Level 4 or above

6.2.2 In case of submitting the result of 7-band system:

Overall score      Level 5 or above

6.3 If the test result is below the defined level in No. 6.2, students can enroll in training course(s) provided by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Students can enroll only the skills that are lower than the required score criteria and submit the result in No. 6.2 with the result of the training course which does not exceed 2 years from the passing date. The details of course enrollment are as follows:

6.3.1 In case of submitting the result of 5-band system:

Skill below the criteria	Result (Band)	Topic to enroll
Reading skill	1 - 2	Academic Reading for Doctoral Students I and Academic Reading for Doctoral Students II
	3	Academic Reading for Doctoral Students II
Writing skill	1 - 2	Academic Writing for Doctoral Students I and Academic Writing for Doctoral Students II
	3	Academic Writing for Doctoral Students II

6.3.2 In case of submitting the result of 7-band system:

Skill below the criteria	Result (Band)	Topic to enroll
Reading	1 - 3	Academic Reading for Doctoral Students I and Academic Reading for Doctoral Students II
	4	Academic Reading for Doctoral Students II
Writing	1 - 3	Academic Writing for Doctoral Students I and Academic Writing for Doctoral Students II
	4	Academic Writing for Doctoral Students II

**Article 7** Doctoral students are to submit the result according to No. 6.1, 6.2 or 6.3 to Graduate School before applying for thesis/independent study examination. Graduate School is to further issue the English Proficiency Test Result Announcement for Doctoral Students to all concerned.

**Article 8** In case applicants/students have the nationality of the following English-speaking countries; Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, The British Overseas Territories, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, and United States of America, they will be exempt from submitting English language test results for doctoral students.

**Article 9** If any dispute arises regarding this announcement, the Dean of the Graduate School has final authority as regards arbitration and his/her decision is final.

Announced on June 2, 2023

(Signed)

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Dean of Graduate School

For the President of Khon Kaen University