Upon confirmation of the degree awarded, applicants who hold the equivalent of a U.S. Bachelors, Masters, or Doctoral degree from an accredited institution in one of the following countries are automatically exempt from submitting the English language proficiency requirements (TOEFL/IELTS) for graduate admission consideration at Texas State University:

- American Samoa
- Anguilla
- Antigua/Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- Canada (except for Quebec)
- Cayman Islands
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guam
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Liberia
- Montserrat
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- U. S. Pacific Trust
- United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales)
- United States of America (does not include Puerto Rico)
- Virgin Islands

*Exception: Due to the requirements of the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the following programs do not recognize the exemptions above and would require a degree from an accredited U.S. institution in order to waive the English proficiency requirements for graduate admission consideration:

- All Teacher Certification programs
- Elementary Education (CMED, Master Math, and TRP only)
- Secondary Education (CMED and TRP only)
- Physical Education (MAC only)
- Special Education (CASE only)