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The School of Political Science and Economics
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Changes to English Language Proficiency Test Score Exemption Requirements for the English-Based Degree Program AO Admissions (from 2028 Intake Onwards)

We would like to inform prospective applicants of an important update to the English language proficiency test score exemption criteria for the English-based Degree Program AO Admissions at the School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University.

After a thorough review of our admissions process, effective from the 2028 Admissions, the exemption from submitting English language proficiency test scores will apply only to the following applicants (changes are underlined and highlighted in red):

- (1) applicants whose first language is English; and/or
- (2) applicants who, in at least three of the four years prior to the time of their enrollment at Waseda University, will have studied full-time in a high school, college, or university where the sole language of instruction is English except for foreign language classes.

* Applicants who submit only standardized test scores that include predicted grades are required to submit English language proficiency test scores, even if they meet exemption criteria (1) and/or (2). In test formats where predicted and final scores are mixed across subjects (e.g., GCE/IGCSE A Levels), any inclusion of a predicted score will render the applicant ineligible for exemption. However, if an applicant submits multiple standardized test scores and at least one of them does not include predicted grades (e.g., SAT or ACT) the exemption may still apply.

Note: We use the term “First Language” to refer to the language in which the applicant has the greatest proficiency and/or which they use most often.

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