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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: If a non Muslim wants to accept Islaam is it obligatory for two Muslims to witness it or is it enough if only one Muslim is a witness?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: This is not a condition, they pronounce the two testimonies of faith (I bear witness that nothing has the right to be worshipped except Allaah and I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah) and they enter into Islaam and there is no need for witnesses. But from the angle of confirmation only, witnesses are only for confirmation but witnesses are not a condition for the testimonies of faith to be valid.

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him