

English Language Equivalencies Last updated March 2020

Highlighted qualifications are recognised as Secure English Language Test (SELT) by the UK Visas and Immigration

Qualification	Level required		
IELTS (Academic version) (UKVI or non UKVI) Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across a number of tests	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element	7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element
Trinity College London ISE (Integrated Skills in English) Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across a number of tests	ISE II Merit overall with no lower that ISE II Pass in any level	ISE II Distinction overall with no lower that ISE II Merit in any level	ISE III Pass overall
TOEFL (IBT) Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across a number of tests	79 (minimum 17 in writing and Listening, 18 in Reading and 20 in speaking)	87 (minimum 20 in Speaking and 19 in all other elements)	100 (minimum 20 in Speaking and 19 in all other elements)
PTE (Academic) Pearson Test of English Academic. Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across a number of tests	55 (minimum 51)	62 (minimum 55)	67 (minimum 55) (7.5 IELTS with no less than 7.0 in each element requires 73 (minimum 57))
GCE A Level English Language or English Literature	C	C	B
GCE AS Level English Language or English Literature	C	C	B
GCSE / IGCSE / O Level English Language or English Literature (Including as a first or second language – except for IGCSE as a second language – see below)	C / 4	C / 4	B / 6
IGCSE Second Language English	B / 6	B / 6	A / 7

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IELTS	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element	7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element
Cambridge International Level 2 Certificate Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across a number of tests	C	C	B
Cambridge Proficiency/Advanced test (CAE) (from January 2015) Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across a number of tests	169 with no element below 162	184 with no element below 169	190 with no element below 169 (7.5 IELTS with no less than 7.0 in each component requires 191 with no element below 185)
International Baccalaureate English A1 or A2 or English Literature (Standard or Higher Level)	4	4	5
International Baccalaureate English B (Higher Level)	4	4	5
International Baccalaureate English B (Standard Level)	5	5	6
European Baccalaureate (first or second language)	6	6	7
University of Nottingham Malaysia or China Campus	Satisfactory completion of 2 years at UNMC or UNNC	Satisfactory completion of 2 years at UNMC or UNNC	Satisfactory completion of 2 years at UNMC or UNNC
University of Reading TEEP	Confirmation of IELTS equivalent required from Reading	Confirmation of IELTS equivalent required from Reading	Confirmation of IELTS equivalent required from Reading
University Degrees from an overseas campus of a recognised University of a majority English Speaking country	These will be accepted on a case by case basis where the course at the overseas campus is taught and assessed entirely in English and awarded by the home university	These will be accepted on a case by case basis where the course at the overseas campus is taught and assessed entirely in English and awarded by the home university	These will be accepted on a case by case basis where the course at the overseas campus is taught and assessed entirely in English and awarded by the home university

Russell Group* Universities' English Language Assessments (CELE equivalent) * see below for Russell Group list	We accept other Russell Groups' English Language tests (CELE equivalents) on a case by case basis where there are clear IELTS equivalencies and testing in all four elements and this course is undertaken at the University and not an affiliated private provider	We accept other Russell Groups' English Language tests (CELE equivalents) on a case by case basis where there are clear IELTS equivalencies and testing in all four elements and this course is undertaken at the University and not an affiliated private provider	We accept other Russell Groups' English Language tests (CELE equivalents) on a case by case basis where there are clear IELTS equivalencies and testing in all four elements and this course is undertaken at the University and not an affiliated private provider
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Russell Group Institutions – correct at March 2020

University of Birmingham	King's College London	Queen Mary, University of London
University of Bristol	University of Leeds	University of Sheffield
University of Cambridge	University of Liverpool	University of Southampton
Cardiff University	London School of Economics & Political Science	University College London
Durham University	University of Manchester	University of Warwick
University of Edinburgh	Newcastle University	University of York
University of Exeter	University of Nottingham	
University of Glasgow	University of Oxford	
Imperial College London	Queen's University Belfast	

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IELTS		6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element	7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element
Austria	Matura / Reifeprüfung	2 (gut) when both written and oral exams have been taken	2 (gut) when both written and oral exams have been taken	2 (gut) when both written and oral exams have been taken
Belgium		8 / 80% or Grote avec grande distinction	8 / 80% or Grote avec grande distinction	8 / 80% or Grote avec grande distinction
Botswana	Botswana GCSE (BGCSE)	C	C	B
Brunei	O-Level	C	C	B
Cameroon	O level	C	C	B
Caribbean	CXC CSEC English A	3	3	2
Denmark	Studentereksamen	7	7	7
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)
France	French Baccalaureat (General)	14 (bien) where the co-efficient applied to the subject is greater than 1	14 (bien) where the co-efficient applied to the subject is greater than 1	14 (bien) where the co-efficient applied to the subject is greater than 1
	French Bacclaireate (OIB)	12/20	12/20	12/20
Germany	Abitur	12 (gut) when taken as an achievement/ main/intensive course	12 (gut) when taken as an achievement/ main/intensive course	13 (sehr gut) when taken as an achievement/ main/intensive course
Ghana	WAEC / WASSCE	C6	C5	B3
	NECO / iGCSE	C	C	B
Hong Kong	A-Level Use of English	C	C	B
	HKCEE	Taken pre-2007 - C Taken post-2007 - 3	Taken pre-2007 - C Taken post-2007 - 3	Taken pre 2007 - B Taken post-2007 - 4
	HKDSE - core English Language (from 2012)	4	5	5*
Iceland	Studentsprof	8 when taken as a compulsory language	8 when taken as a compulsory language	8 when taken as a compulsory language

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IELTS		6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element	7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element
India	Standard XII ISC and CBSE Boards only	70%	75%	80%
	Standard X ISC and CBSE Boards Only	61%-70% B2 7.0	71%-80% B1 8.0	71%-80% B1 8.0
Ireland	Leaving Certificate English (Higher or Ordinary)	H3	H3	H3 (H2 for IELTS 7.5 equivalencies)
Kenya / East Africa	KCSE / iGCSE (or equivalent)	C	C	B
Luxembourg	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	45 (bien)	45 (bien)	45 (bien)
Malaysia	UCLES 1119 Syllabus	6C or C	4B or B	1A or A
Malta	IGCSE or Secondary Education Certificate Secondary Education Certificate Examinations (SEC)	C / 4	C / 4	B / 2
Netherlands	VWO	8 (goed)	8 (goed)	8 (goed)
Nigeria / West Africa	WAEC / WASSCE	C6	C5	B3
	NECO / iGCSE	C	C	B
Norway	Vitemal	5	5	5
Scotland	Advanced Higher or Higher English	C	C	B
South Africa	South African National Senior Certificate (SANSC – 'matric') IEB or gov board.	5 or C	5 or C	6 or B
Sweden	Slutbetyg fran Komvux	VG (val godkant)	VG (val godkant)	VG (val godkant)
Switzerland	Maturita	5 (gut/bien/bene)	5 (gut/bien/bene)	5 (gut/bien/bene)

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Uganda	UCE / IGCSE (or equivalent)	6	5	3
USA	SATr Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Minimum score of 500	Minimum score of 500	Minimum score of 600
	ACT English	Minimum score of 26	Minimum score of 26	Minimum score of 27
	SAT Subject Test – English Literature	Minimum score of 600	Minimum score of 600	Minimum score of 650
	AP English Literature and Composition	Grade 3 or above	Grade 3 or above	Grade 4 or above
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If a country is not listed here please refer to the guidance at <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/international-applicants/country-info/index.aspx>

