

English Language Equivalencies Last updated April 2022

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

<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Level required</i>		
IELTS (Academic version) (UKVI or non UKVI but only UKVI recognised as a SELT) 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
PTE Academic UKVI or non UKVI but only UKVI recognised as a SELT 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	65 (minimum 59)	71 (minimum 65)	76 (minimum 65) (7.5 IELTS with no less than 7.0 in each element requires 79 (minimum 76))
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)
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

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IGCSE Second Language English	B / 6	B / 6	A / 7
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
Study Group Foundation courses Marks shown are for Academic English Skills element	50% (min 40)	60% (min 50)	70% (min 50)
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

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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
Canada	English 11/English 12 (Alberta, New Brunswick, New Foundland, North West Territories, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan - General High School Diploma; British Colombia, Yukon - Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma; Manitoba - High School Graduation Diploma, Ontario	English 11 or 12 - 75%	English 11 or 12 - 75%	English 11 or 12 - 81%
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 Baccaureat (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 Bacclaureate (OIB)	12/20	12/20	12/20

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Germany	Abitur	12 (gut) Leistungskurse; 13 (sehr gut) Grundkurse when taken as an achievement/ main/ intensive course and examined in Abitur	12 (gut) Leistungskurse; 13 (sehr gut) Grundkurse when taken as an achievement/ main/ intensive course and examined in Abitur	13 (sehr gut) Leistungskurse; 14 (sehr gut) Grundkurse when taken as an achievement/ main/ intensive course and examined in Abitur
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	4	5
Iceland	Studentsprof	8 when taken as a compulsory language	8 when taken as a compulsory language	8 when taken as a compulsory language
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)
Italy	Diploma di Esame di Stato (formerly Diploma di Maturita)	80% in English as a second language	80% in English as a second language	90% in English as a second language
	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

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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	4	4	5
Scotland	Advanced Higher or Higher English	C	C	B
Singapore	O-Level	C	C	B
	Secondary Four English Language or Language Arts (for IP students)	C or CAP 2.0	C or CAP 2.0	B or CAP 3.0
South Africa	South African National Senior Certificate (SANSC – 'matric') IEB or gov board.	5 or C	5 or C	6 or B
Spain	Título de Bachillerato (or Curso de Orientación Universitaria / COU)	8/10 in English as a second language	8/10 in English as a second language	9/10 in English as a second language
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	US High School Diploma (English Grade)	Year 11 Grade C/2.0/70%	Year 11 Grade C/2.0/70%	Year 11 Grade B/3.0/80%
	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-nfo/index.aspx>