

## English Language Equivalencies: Last updated November 2023

### Secure English language tests – SELTs

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Level required</b>		
<b>IELTS for UKVI Academic</b> Must have been taken within the last two years. Will accept IELTS One Skill Retake	<b>6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element</b>	<b>6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>	<b>7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>
<b>Language Cert SELT</b> We do not accept non SELT Language Cert.	SELT B2 Communicator - no less than 33 in any skills (out of 50)  SELT B2 Communicator – 65 overall with no less and 60 in any skill (Out of 100)	SELT B2 Communicator - no less than 33 in any skills (out of 50)  SELT B2 Communicator – 70 overall with no less and 65 in any skill (Out of 100)	SELT C1 Expert - no less than 33 in any skills (out of 50)  SELT C1 Expert – 75 overall with no less and 65 in any skill (Out of 100)
<b>PTE Academic UKVI</b> Must have been taken within the last two years.	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)}
<b>Trinity College London ISE (Integrated Skills in English)</b> Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across multiple 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

## Non country specific English language tests

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<b>IELTS</b>	<b>6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element</b>	<b>6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>	<b>7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>
<b>GCE A Level English Language or English Literature</b>	C	C	B
<b>GCE AS Level English Language or English Literature</b>	C	C	B
<b>Cambridge International AS Level English General Paper</b>	C	C	B
<b>Cambridge International Level 2 Certificate</b> Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across multiple tests	C	C	B
<b>Cambridge Proficiency/Advanced test (CAE) (from January 2015)</b> Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across multiple 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)

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<b>GCSE / IGCSE / O Level English Language or English Literature</b> (Including as a first or second language – except for IGCSE as a second language – see below)	C / 4	C / 4	B / 6
<b>IELTS (Academic version taken in person)</b>  Must have been taken within the last two years.  <b>IELTs One Skill Retake is accepted</b>  <b>IELTs Online is not accepted</b>	<b>6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element</b>	<b>6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>	<b>7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>
<b>IGCSE Second Language English</b>	B / 6	B / 6	A / 7
<b>International Baccalaureate English A1 or A2 or English Literature (Standard or Higher Level)</b>	4	4	5
<b>International Baccalaureate English B (Higher Level)</b>	4	4	5
<b>International Baccalaureate English B (Standard Level)</b>	5	5	6

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<b>European Baccalaureate (first or second language)</b>	6	6	7
<b>Kaplan Foundation English Test (KITE)</b> When taken as part of full Kaplan academic programme. Marks shown are for Academic English element.	60% (min 55%)	65% (min 60%)	70% (min 60%)
<b>Occupational English Test (OET)</b>	250 in each element	300 in each element	350 in each element
<b>PTE Academic</b> Must have been taken within the last two years. We do not accept 'best scores' i.e the best scores in each element across multiple 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))
<b>Study Group Foundation courses</b> Marks shown are for Academic English Skills element	50% (min 40)	60% (min 50)	70% (min 50)
<b>TOEFL (IBT)</b> Must have been taken within the last two years. We do <b>not</b> accept: TOEFL Home Edition	80 (minimum 17 in Writing and Listening, 18 in Reading and 20 in speaking)	90 (minimum 19 in Writing and Listening, 20 in Reading and 22 in Speaking)	100 (minimum 19 in Writing and Listening, 20 in Reading and 22 in Speaking)
<b>University of Nottingham Malaysia or China Campus</b>	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
<b>University of Reading TEEP</b>	Confirmation of IELTS equivalent required from Reading	Confirmation of IELTS equivalent required from Reading	Confirmation of IELTS equivalent required from Reading

## Case by Case qualifications

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<b>IELTS</b>	<b>6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element</b>	<b>6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>	<b>7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>
<b>University Degrees from an overseas campus of a recognised University of a majority English Speaking country</b>	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		
<b>Russell Group* Universities' English Language Assessments (CELE equivalent)</b>	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.  <i>*For list of Russell group universities please visit the Russell Group <a href="#">website</a></i>		

<b>Country/Qualification</b>		<b>Level required</b>		
<b>IELTS</b>		<b>6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element</b>	<b>6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>	<b>7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element</b>
<b>Austria</b>	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
<b>Belgium</b>	Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts (German speaking) Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur (CESS) (French speaking) Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs (previously Getuigschrift) (Dutch speaking)	8 / 80% or Grote avec grande distinction	8 / 80% or Grote avec grande distinction	8 / 80% or Grote avec grande distinction
<b>Bermuda</b>	Bermuda Secondary School Certificate	C	C	B
<b>Botswana</b>	Botswana GCSE (BGCSE)	C	C	B
<b>Brunei</b>	O-Level	C	C	B
<b>Cameroon</b>	O level	C	C	B
<b>Canada</b>	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%

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		IELT <sup>s</sup>	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element
<b>Caribbean</b>	CXC CSEC English A	3	3	2
<b>Denmark</b>	Studentereksamen	7	7	7
<b>Finland</b>	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)
<b>France</b>	French Baccalaureat (General) – to 2020	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 Baccalaureat (General) – from 2021	14 (bien)	14 (bien)	14 (bien)
	French Bacclaireate (OIB)	12/20	12/20	12/20
<b>Germany</b>	Abitur - Leistungskurse (LK)	12 (gut)	12 (gut)	13 (sehr gut)
	Abitur - Grundkurse (GK) (must be taken as an Abitur exam)	13 (sehr gut)	13 (sehr gut)	14 (sehr gut)
<b>Ghana</b>	WAEC / WASSCE NECO / iGCSE	C 6	C 5	B 3
<b>Hong Kong</b>	A-Level Use of English	C	C	B
	HKCEE HKDSE – core English Language (from 2012)	Taken pre-2007 - C Taken post-2007 -3 4	Taken pre-2007 - C Taken post-2007 -3 4	Taken pre 2007 - B Taken post-2007 - 4 5
<b>Iceland</b>	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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<b>India</b>	Standard XII <b>ISC and CBSE Boards only</b>	70%	75%	80%
	Standard X <b>ISC and CBSE Boards</b>	61%-70% B2 7.0	71%-80% B1 8.0	71%-80% B1 8.0
<b>Ireland</b>	Leaving Cert English (Ordinary Level)	O4	O4	O3
	Leaving Cert English (Advanced Level)	H4	H4	H3
<b>Italy</b>	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
<b>Kenya</b>	KCSE / iGCSE (or equivalent)	C	C	B
<b>Luxembourg</b>	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	45 (bien)	45 (bien)	45 (bien)
<b>Malaysia</b>	UCLES 1119 Syllabus (pre 2021)	6C or C	4B or B	1A or A
	CEFR (post 2021)	B2	B2	C1
<b>Malta</b>	IGCSE or Secondary Education Certificate Secondary Education Certificate Examinations (SEC)	C / 4	C / 4	B / 2
<b>Netherlands</b>	VWO	<b>8</b> (goed)	<b>8</b> (goed)	<b>8</b> (goed)
<b>Nigeria / West Africa</b>	WAEC / WASSCE	C	C	B
	NECO / iGCSE	6 C	5	3B
<b>Norway</b>	Vitnemal	4	4	5
<b>Scotland</b>	Advanced Higher or Higher English	C	C	B



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<b>Singapore</b>	O-Level Secondary Four English Language or Language Arts (for IP students)	C C or CAP 2.0	C C or CAP 2.0	B B or CAP 3.0
<b>South Africa</b>	South African National Senior Certificate (SANSC – 'matric') IEB or gov board.	5 or C	5 or C	6 or B
<b>Spain</b>	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
<b>Sweden</b>	Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola/Komvux (until 2013)	VG (val godkant)	VG (val godkant)	VG (val godkant)
	Högskoleförberedande Examen English 7 (since 2014)	VG (val godkant) / B	VG (val godkant) / B	VG (val godkant) / B
<b>Switzerland</b>	Maturita	5 (gut/bien/bene)	5 (gut/bien/bene)	5 (gut/bien/bene)
<b>Uganda</b>	UCE / IGCSE (or equivalent)	6	5	3
<b>USA</b>	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
	AP English Language and Composition	Grade 3 or above	Grade 3 or above	Grade 4 or above

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