

English Language Requirements

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Note: The authenticity of all English Language qualifications will be verified with the awarding body or with Qualification Check.

Qualifications & English Language Tests	UG & PG Standard Requirement (IELTS 6.0 overall with 5.5 in subtests)
Cambridge Certificate of C1 Advanced English	176 with 169 in each subtest
Cambridge Certificate of C2 Proficiency in English	176 with 169 in each subtest
Ofqual-accredited GCSE in English Language or Literature	Grade 4 or above (or Grade C or above under the old grading system)
AS or A Level in English Language or Literature (including Cambridge International A Levels)	C
Equivalent qualification at Level 2 of the Ofqual General Conditions of Recognition. Alternative qualifications include Level 2 Functional Skills English (which can be taken online, see for example: Functional Skills Courses: Maths and English Exam) Note: these qualifications are only accepted from Home applicants	Level 2
Cambridge IGCSE: First Language English (Syllabus 0500 or 0522 or 0990) NOTE: If the IGCSE certificate does not display syllabus details then the applicant should be able to obtain a 'Certifying Statement for CEFR' which will incur a cost. Further information can be found here . The syllabus grading scale is on 5 points (grade 1 is highest, 5 is lowest). Candidates who fail to reach the min 5 will not receive an Oral/Aural endorsement.	C or 5 A separate endorsement must demonstrate a minimum grade 2 in Listening and Speaking. (Oral / Aural).
Cambridge IGCSE: Second Language English (Syllabus 0511 or 0991, or 0510 or 0993) NOTE: If the IGCSE certificate does not display syllabus details then the applicant should be able to obtain a 'Certifying Statement for CEFR' which will incur a cost. Further information can be found here . for 0510 and 0993 the Oral / Aural is compulsory and reported separately. For 0511 or 0991 the Oral / Aural is compulsory but is not reported separately. The syllabus grading scale is on 5 points (grade 1 is highest, 5 is lowest). Candidates who fail to reach the min 5 will not receive an Oral/Aural endorsement.	B or 5 Syllabus 0510 or 0993 must demonstrate a minimum grade 2 in Listening and Speaking (Oral / Aural).
IELTS (Academic) * IELTS Academic One Skill Retake certificates are accepted. (IELTS Indicator or IELTS Online tests are not accepted)	6.0 overall with min. of 5.5 in subtests
International Baccalaureate English A: Literature OR Literature and Language	Standard Level (SL): Grade 5 Higher Level (HL): Grade 4
International Baccalaureate English B	Standard Level (SL): Grade 6 Higher Level (HL): Grade 5
On Campus Test of English (OCTOE)*	65% overall, with 60% in each subtest
OnCampus Test of English: ALED (Academic English Language Development) *	65% overall, with 60% in each subtest
LanguageCert Academic (in-person and online)	70 overall with minimum 65 in each subtest

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PASSWORD / PASSWORD Skills Plus	6.5 overall with min. 6.0 in subsets
Pearson Test of English (Academic)* (we do not accept PTE Online)	62 with 60 in each subtest
TOEFL: iBT* TOEFL iBT Home Edition no longer accepted.	79 Reading - 18 Writing - 23 Listening - 19 Speaking - 19
*PSI: Skills for English UKVI B2 [Psi Services (UK) Ltd]	B2 Pass
Trinity College London: Integrated Skills in English 2*	Standard requirement: ISE II
LRN Level 1 Certificate in ESOL International (IELCA CEF B2)	Pass overall [at B2], and Pass [at B2] in each of the four skills
*Oxford ELLT [Digital or Global]	6 overall with all four skills at 5 or above
School Qualifications	
HKDSE English Language	Level 4
Malaysian SPM / 1119	Grade 6c
Hong Kong AS Level	Grade C
Belgium <i>Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs or Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur</i>	Distinction in English
Denmark: <i>Bevis for Studentereksamen</i>	10 in English
Finland: <i>Ylioppilastutkintodistus/Studentexamensbetgy</i>	5 (magna cum laude approbatur) in English
Luxembourg: <i>Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires</i>	45 (bien) in English
Norway: <i>Vitnema for videregående opplæring</i>	5 in English
Switzerland: <i>Maturitätzeugnis/Certificat de Maturité/Attestato de Maturità federal maturity certificate or the recognised cantonal maturity certificate</i>	5 (gut/bien/bene) in English
Cameroon GCE O Level	Grade C
Kenya KCSE	Grade C
NECO	Grade C6
Sri Lankan O Level	Grade B / Merit
Uganda Certificate of Education	Grade 6
WAEC	Grade C6
Zambia School Certificate	Grade 6 / C
Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level	Grade C
Singapore Cambridge O Level	Grade C
South African National Senior Certificate [English as a First Additional Language]	Grade 5 / C