

English tests accepted and their IELTS equivalent scores for *non—clinical* Postgraduate Taught programmes

You will need to know what Band of English language is required for your chosen programme of study. Check the [programme web page](#) to find this.

When you know your Band you can check what scores you will need using the links below.

Except for Duolingo, we do not accept at-home or online tests. You must book an in-person test in a test centre.

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Accepted versions

IELTS UKVI SELT	Accepted
IELTS UKVI SELT One Skill Retake	Accepted
IELTS Academic	Accepted
IELTS Academic One Skill Retake	Accepted
IELTS Online	Not accepted
IELTS Online One Skill Retake	Not accepted
IELTS Indicator	Not accepted
IELTS General Training	Not accepted
Any other version of IELTS	Not accepted

Validity period

Two years from date of test to start date of course.

For One Skill Retake, the validity remains as two years from the original test date.

Bands

Profile	IELTS
A	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5
B	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5
C	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0
D	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0
E	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5
F	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0

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Accepted versions

General and Higher Education*	Accepted
Tests for schools and business	Not accepted
LinguaSkill	Not accepted
Any other version of Cambridge English	Not accepted

* There are different exams for different levels.

Not accepted: A2 Key (KET); B1 Preliminary (PET)

Accepted: B2 First (FCE); C1 Advanced (CAE); C2 Proficiency (CPE)

Validity period

Two years from date of test to start date of course.

Bands

Profile	IELTS	Cambridge English First/Advanced/Proficiency
A	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5	Overall 169 with no less than 162 in any paper
B	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5	Overall 176 with no less than 162 in any paper
C	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0	Overall 176 with no less than 169 in any paper
D	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0	Overall 176 with 176 in W and L R S 169
E	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5	Overall 185 with no less than 176 in any paper
F	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0	Overall 191 with no less than 185 in any paper
	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 7.0	Overall 185 with no less than 185 in any paper

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Accepted versions

Integrated Skills in English* (UKVI SELT)	Accepted
ESOL Skills for Life	Not accepted
ESOL Step 1 and Step 2	Not accepted
GESE	Not accepted
Any other version of Trinity College London	Not accepted

* There are different exams for different levels:

Not accepted: ISE Foundation (A2); ISE I (B1); **Accepted:** ISE II (B2), ISE III (C1), ISE IV (C2)

Validity period

Two years from date of test to start date of course.

Bands

Profile	From E2023	Trinity College London ISE II (and III and IV)
A	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components
B	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components
C	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components
D	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components
E	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components
F	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0	Please confirm with the department
	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 7.0	Please confirm with the department

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PSI Skills for English

Accepted versions

Skills for English (UKVI SELT)	Accepted
Skills for English Global	Not accepted
Any other version of PSI Skills for English	Not accepted

Validity period

Two years from date of test to start date of course.

Bands

Profile	IELTS	PSI Skills for English
A	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5	B2 Pass with Merit and no band below B2 Pass
B	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5	B2 Pass with Merit and no band below B2 Pass
C	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0	B2 Pass with Merit and in all bands
D	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0	B2 Pass with Merit and in all bands
E	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5	C1 Pass and in all bands
F	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0	C2 Pass and in all bands
	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 7.0	C1 Pass and in all bands

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Accepted versions

LanguageCert UKVI SELT *	Accepted
LanguageCert Academic	Accepted
LanguageCert ESOL	Not accepted
LanguageCert General	Not accepted
LanguageCert LTE	Not accepted
Any other version of LanguageCert	Not accepted

* LanguageCert UKVI SELT has a different test for each CEFR level of English.

Not accepted: A1 Preliminary; A2 Access; B1 Achiever

Accepted: B2 Communicator; C1 Expert; C2 Mastery

Validity period

Two years from date of test to start date of course.

Bands

Profile	IELTS	LanguageCert UKVI SELT	LanguageCert Academic
A	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5	B2 Communicator (or C1/C2 test) Pass or High Pass in both Written and Spoken exams	Overall 65, no skill less than 60
B	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5	B2 Communicator High Pass (or C1/C2 Pass) in both Written and Spoken exams	Overall 70, no skill less than 60
C	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0	B2 Communicator High Pass (or C1/C2 Pass) in both Written and Spoken exams	Overall 70, no skill less than 65
D	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0	B2 Communicator High Pass (or C1/C2 Pass) in both Written and Spoken exams	Overall 70, Writing 70, no other skill less than 65
E	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5	C1 Expert (or C2) Pass or High Pass	Overall 75, no skill less than 70
F	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0	C1 Expert (or C2) Pass or High Pass	Overall 80, no skill less than 75
	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 7.0	C1 Expert (or C2) Pass or High Pass	Overall 75, no skill less than 75

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Pearson PTE

Accepted versions

PTE Academic (including UKVI SELT)	Accepted
PTE Academic online	Not accepted
PTE Core	Not accepted
Any other version of Pearson PTE	Not accepted

Validity period

Two years from date of test to start date of course.

Bands

Profile	IELTS	PTE Academic
A	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5	59 with minimum scores of 59 in each component
B	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5	61 with minimum scores of 59 in each component
C	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0	61 with minimum scores of 59 in each component
D	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0	61 with minimum scores of 59 in L R S and 61 in W
E	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5	69 with minimum scores of 61 in each component
F	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0	76 with minimum scores of 69 in each component
	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 7.0	69 with minimum scores of 69 in each component

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ETS TOEFL

Accepted versions

TOEFL iBT	Accepted
TOEFL iBT Home Edition	Not accepted
TOEFL iBT MyBest Scores	Not accepted
TOEFL Essentials	Not accepted
Any other version of TOEFL	Not accepted

Validity period

Two years from date of test to start date of course.

Bands

Profile	IELTS	TOEFL
A	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5	Minimum 78 overall with L 17 W 17 R 17 and S 19
B	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5	Minimum 88 overall with L 17 W 17 R 17 and S 19
C	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0	Minimum 88 overall with L 19 W 19 R 19 and S 20
D	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0	Minimum 88 overall with L 19 R 19 W 21 and S 20
E	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5	Minimum 100 overall with L 21 R 21 W 21 and S 23
F	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0	Minimum 108 with L24 W24 R24 and S24
	Overall IELTS 7.0, no band below 7.0	Minimum 100 overall with L24 W24 R24 and S24

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Oxford Test of English

Accepted versions

Oxford Test of English	Accepted
Any other versions of Oxford Test of English	Not accepted

Validity period

Two years from date of test to start date of course.

Bands

Profile	IELTS	Oxford Test of English
A	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5	Overall 126 or above, no component below 116
B	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5	Overall 136 or above, no component below 116
C	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0	Overall 136 or above, no component below 126
D	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0	Overall and W 136 or above, no other component below 126
E	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5	Overall 146 or above, no component below 136
F	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0	Overall 156 or above, no component below 146
	Overall IELTS 7.0, no band below 7.0	Overall 146 or above, no component below 146

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Duolingo

Accepted versions

Duolingo English Test	Accepted
Any other version of Duolingo	Not accepted

Validity period

Two years from date of test to start date of course.

Bands

Profile	IELTS	Duolingo
A	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5	Overall 105, no component less than 95
B	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5	Overall 120, no component less than 95
C	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0	Overall 120, no component less than 105
D	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0	Overall 120, Literacy and Production not less than 120, Comprehension and Conversation not less than 105
E	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5	Overall 130, no component less than 120
F	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0	Overall 140, no component less than 130
G	Overall IELTS 7.0, no band below 7.0	Overall 130, no component below 130

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Comparison table of Bands and IELTS equivalencies

Profile	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
IELTS Academic	Overall IELTS 6.0, no skill less than 5.5	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 5.5	Overall IELTS 6.5, no skill less than 6.0	Overall IELTS 6.5, W 6.5, no other skill less than 6.0	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 6.5	Overall IELTS 7.5, no skill less than 7.0	Overall IELTS 7.0, no skill less than 7.0
Cambridge English B2 First/C1 Advanced	Overall 169 with no less than 162 in any paper	Overall 176 with no less than 162 in any paper	Overall 176 with no less than 169 in any paper	Overall 176 with 176 in W and L R S 169	Overall 185 with no less than 176 in any paper	Overall 191 with no less than 185 in any paper	Overall 185 with no less than 185 in any paper
Trinity College London ISE II (or III)	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components	ISE II with an overall pass with merit in components	Please confirm with the department	Please confirm with the department
Skills for English	B2 Pass with Merit and no band below B2 Pass	B2 Pass with Merit and no band below B2 Pass	B2 Pass with Merit and in all bands	B2 Pass with Merit and in all bands	C1 Pass and in all bands	C2 Pass and in all bands	C1 Pass and in all bands
LanguageCert UKVI SELT	B2 Communicator (or C1/C2 test) Pass or High Pass in both Written and Spoken exams	B2 Communicator High Pass (or C1/C2 Pass) in both Written and Spoken exams	B2 Communicator High Pass (or C1/C2 Pass) in both Written and Spoken exams	B2 Communicator High Pass (or C1/C2 Pass) in both Written and Spoken exams	C1 Expert (or C2) Pass or High Pass	C1 Expert (or C2) Pass or High Pass	C1 Expert (or C2) Pass or High Pass

LanguageCert Academic	Overall 65, no skill less than 60	Overall 70, no skill less than 60	Overall 70, no skill less than 65	Overall 70, Writing 70, no other skill less than 65	Overall 75, no skill less than 70	Overall 80, no skill less than 75	Overall 75, no skill less than 75
PTE Academic	59 with minimum scores of 59 in each component	61 with minimum scores of 59 in each component	61 with minimum scores of 59 in each component	61 with minimum scores of 59 in L R S and 61 in W	69 with minimum scores of 61 in each component	76 with minimum scores of 69 in each component	69 with minimum scores of 69 in each component
TOEFL iBT	Minimum 78 overall with L 17 W 17 R 17 and S 19	Minimum 88 overall with L 17 W 17 R 17 and S 19	Minimum 88 overall with L 19 W 19 R 19 and S 20	Minimum 88 overall with L 19 R 19 W 21 and S 20	Minimum 100 overall with L 21 R 21 W 21 and S 23	Minimum 108 with L24 W24 R24 and S24	Minimum 100 overall with L24 W24 R24 and S24
Oxford Test of English	Overall 126 or above, no component below 116	Overall 136 or above, no component below 116	Overall 136 or above, no component below 126	Overall and W 136 or above, no other component below 126	Overall 146 or above, no component below 136	Overall 156 or above, no component below 146	Overall 146 or above, no component below 146
Duolingo English Test	Overall 105, no component less than 95	Overall 120, no component less than 95	Overall 120, no component less than 105	Overall 120, Literacy and Production not less than 120, Comprehension and Conversation not less than 105	Overall 130, no component less than 120	Overall 140, no component less than 130	Overall 130, no component below 130