

BSMS ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If you require a visa to study in the UK there are date validity requirements regulated by the UK Government for different English language qualifications. The valid time for each qualification is indicated in the middle column under the title 'Validity Policy', either with an A or a B, each letter indicates the following:

A: Valid for 2 years (eg the qualification must be dated 25 September 2022 for 25 September 2024 entry)

B: Valid for 3 years (or 5 years with an accepted year of work or study in English – eg must be dated 25 September 2021 for 25 September 2024 entry).

If you are unsure the English qualification you hold or plan to take meets these requirements, or if you just want to confirm it meets our entry requirements, please email a scanned copy of your qualification to medadmissions@bsms.ac.uk and we will confirm if your qualification is acceptable or not.

SELT (Secure English Language Test)	Validity Policy	Grade Requirements
IELTS (Academic for UKVI)	A	7 overall with at least 7 in each of the 4 sections
Trinity Integrated Skills in English (IESE) including Trinity III & VI . SELT only if taken at a test centre within the UK	A	(Including III & IV) Pass in Reading & Writing, Speaking & Listening
Pearson Academic (PTE) (SELT) <i>Needs to be the SELT version – requires certificate check</i>	A	65 overall with at least 65 in each section
NON-SELT (Non-Secure English Language Test)		
IELTS (Academic) & IELTS Online	A	7 overall with at least 7 in each of the 4 sections
TOEFL Internet Based (IBT) <i>Needs to be centre-based test – not online version</i>	A	99 overall with at least 25 in Speaking, 26 in Writing and 24 in both Reading and Listening
LanguageCert International ESOL – C1 Expert only	A	33 overall with a minimum score of 33 in each component
Cambridge Assessment English Scale (C1 Advanced – CAE)	A	191 overall with at least 184 in each section

Cambridge Assessment English Scale (C2 Proficiency - CPE)	A	202 overall with at least 184 in each section
A Level English Language, English Literature or English Literature and Language	B	Grade B Overall
International Baccalaureate	B	5 Higher Level (HL) or 5 Standard Level (SL) English B 5 Higher Level (HL) or 5 Standard Level (SL) English A Language and Literature 5 Higher Level (HL) or 5 Standard Level (SL) English A Literature 5 Higher Level (HL) or 5 Standard Level (SL) English A Literature and Performance
European Baccalaureate	B	English (1st or 2nd language) – no further English language qualification required 3rd or 4th language not accepted. Will need alternative recognised English language qualification
GCSE English Language	B	Grade 6 overall (grade B in old grading system)
Cambridge IGCSE as a first language (0500)	B	Grade B overall (with writing and reading at grade B or above and speaking and listening at 2 or above)
Cambridge IGCSE as a first language (0900)	B	Grade 6 overall (with writing and reading at grade 6 or above and speaking and listening at Distinction)
Cambridge IGCSE as a second language (0510)	B	Grade B overall (with writing, reading and listening at B or above and speaking at grade 2 or above)
Cambridge IGCSE as a second language (0511)	B	Grade B overall
Cambridge IGCSE as a second language (0991)	B	Grade 6 overall
Cambridge IGCSE as a first language (0522)	B	Grade B overall and a minimum of grade B in all four components
OxfordAQA International GCSE English Language (9720)	B	Grade 6 overall with grade 6 in writing and reading, Distinction in speaking and listening
OxfordAQA International GCSE English as a 2 nd Language (9280)	B	Grade 8 overall with a minimum of grade 8 in all components
Edexcel IGCSE as a first language	NOT ACCEPTED	No benchmark equivalency with IELTS 7 overall, so cannot accept
Edexcel IGCSE as a second language	NOT ACCEPTED	No benchmark equivalency with IELTS 7 overall, so cannot accept
Edexcel IGCSE route B	NOT ACCEPTED	BSMS will not accept the Edexcel IGCSE B as language qualification as meeting our minimum English language proficiency requirements.
Edexcel IGCSE route A	B	Overall grade of B and a minimum of grade B in the optional speaking and listening coursework.
O Level English Language	B	Overall grade of B. <i>Acceptable only if the test was taken in a commonwealth country. Refer any non-commonwealth tests to admissions.</i>

INTO International Foundation (excluding INTO London & INTO Gloucestershire)	A	70% overall with a minimum of 70% in all components
INTO English Language Assessment London (IELA)	A	180 overall to include a minimum of 166 in Listening, Reading and Speaking and 173 in Writing
NCUK English for Academic Purposes	A	Pass NCUK EAP with a minimum of B overall and a minimum of B in all components
Bellerbys Academic English Skills (AES)	A	Overall score of 70% with a minimum of 70% in all components
Kaplan International courses English Exit Test: Agreed standard offers	A	70% overall and no less than 70% in each component
KITE (Kaplan International Tools for English)	A	Minimum 511 Overall with all four components at 477
Occupational English Test (OET)	A	Minimum 370 overall with all four components at 320
Bachelor's or Master's Degree completed at a University in the UK	NOT ACCEPTED	BSMS will not accept this in lieu of one of the listed recognised English language qualifications