

INTO Exeter Accepted English Language tests for NQF6+

Time since qualification

The University can accept one of the other tests listed below, provided that they have been completed no more than seven years prior to enrolment**. However, if you are an international student from outside the European Union, and you need a visa in order to study at the University, this will be in exceptional circumstances only, and in line with UKVI guidance. In such cases we may also require applicants to satisfactorily complete an interview or further assessment before we issue a CAS (Certificate of Acceptance to Study). Our strong recommendation is therefore that students requiring a visa obtain an IELTS, PTE, CAE or TOEFL iBT test if possible.

Applicants who have completed a full degree in a majority English-speaking country no more than two years prior to enrolment are exempt from the need to provide a further assessment of their linguistic ability.

If the IELTS requirement for your programme of interest differs from that listed below, please enquire online for clarification.

** Duolingo is acceptable for 2021 entry only provided it is taken within 2 years prior to the start of the programme.

**Also see box below for validity of other tests

Accepted English language tests

- IELTS (International English Language Testing System – academic version)
- TOEFL IBT (see below)
- Pearson Test of English Academic
- Other English language tests

Please note, we now accept the TOEFL IBT Special Home Edition and the IELTS Indicator online tests, however, we do not accept TOEFL Institutional Testing Programme (ITP)

***Programmes starting from September 2021 onwards – these tests are valid for 2 years prior to the start of the programme.**

See: <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply/english/>

And

<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/entryrequirements/englishlanguage/>

Qualification	UG: Minimum alternative English language qualifications for programmes requiring equivalent of IELTS 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in the writing section and no less than 5.5 in any other section	UG: Minimum alternative English language qualifications for programmes requiring equivalent of IELTS 6.5 overall and no less than 6 in any section	UG/PG: Minimum alternative English Language qualifications for Medical Imaging and BMBS
A or AS level English	Grade D or above	Grade C or above	Grade B or above
GCSE English Language / Cambridge GCE O level / Cambridge Overseas School Certificate	Grade C or above	Grade B or above	Grade A. English as a second language not accepted
Bellerbys AES	Minimum 65% overall, no less than 60% in writing and no less than 55% in any other subskill	Minimum of 65% overall, no less than 60% in any subskill	Minimum of 75% overall, no less than 60% and at least 70% in Speaking and Listening sections
Cambridge IGCSE English as a First Language	Grade C or above	Grade B or above	Grade A or above
Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language	Grade B or above	Grade A or above	Not accepted
Cambridge Pre-U Literature in English (Principal Subject)	P2 or above	M3 or above	M2 or above
Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BTGCSE)	Grades 3-6 (credit); Grade C	Grades 1 and 2 (distinction); Grades A and B	Not accepted
Cambridge English: Advanced or Proficiency (post Jan 2015)	176 overall, no less than 169 in writing and no less than 162 in any other section	185 overall, no less than 169 in any element	191 overall, no less than 185 in Speaking and Listening and no less than 169 in any other element
Duolingo	105	115	130
Edexcel IGCSE English as a First Language	Grade C or above	Grade B or above	Grade A or above
Edexcel IGCSE English as a Second Language	Grade B or above	Grade A or above	Not accepted
European Baccalaureate	L1: English: 60% or above	L1: English: 70% or above	L1: English: 75% or above
	L2: English: 70% or above	L2: English: 80% or above	L2: English: 85% or above
	L3: English: 70% or above	L3: English: 80% or above	L3: English: 85% or above
French Baccalaureate (option International du Baccalaureat)	English: Grade 12 (English Grade 10)	English: Grade 12 (English Grade 10)	English: Grade 12 (English Grade 10.5)

Hong Kong applicants	HKDSE English (Core) Level 4 overall	HKDSE English (Core) Level 4 overall	HKDSE English (Core) Level 5** overall
IELTS Indicator	6.5 with no less than 5.5 in any section	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in any section	7.5 with no less than 6.0 and at least 7.0 in each of the Speaking and Listening sections
Indian Standard XII English at first attempt (CBSE, ISC, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala Boards)	70%	75%	At least 85% from ISC/CBSE Board only. Other State Boards not accepted
Indian Standard XII English at first attempt (West Bengal Board)	60%	65%	75%
International Baccalaureate English	Standard Level Grade 5 or Higher Level Grade 4 or above	Standard Level Grade 5 or Higher Level Grade 4 or above	Standard Level Grade 6 or Higher Level grade 5. English as a first language only acceptable
Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education	English: Grade C (4) or above	English: Grade B or above	Not accepted
Malaysian SPM English (1119 / O level paper only)	Grade C or above	Grade B or above	Grade A
Norwegian Vitnemal – videregaende opplæring	English: Overall score of 4 or above	English: Overall score of 5 or above	English: Overall score of 5 or above
Canada Year 12 Secondary School Certificate / High School Diploma (except Quebec)	English Grade C (75%) or above	English Grade B (80%) or above	English Grade A (85%) or above
Singaporean Applicants	Singapore-Cambridge O level English grade C or Singapore Integrated Programme Secondary 4 English Language/Language Arts grade C or better Note: General paper is not acceptable proof of English Language proficiency	Singapore-Cambridge O level or Singapore Integrated Programme Secondary 4 English Language/Language Arts grade B or better Note: General paper is not acceptable proof of English Language proficiency	Singapore-Cambridge O level English grade A or Singapore Integrated Programme Secondary 4 English Language/Language Arts grade A or better Note: General paper is not acceptable proof of English Language proficiency

South African National Senior Certificate/South African Matriculation Certificate	English: Grade 4	English: Grade 5	English: Grade 6
Trinity ISE exams (SELT variant only)	ISE III (SELT variant only) with merit in writing section and pass in all other sections	ISE III (SELT variant only) with merit in writing and one other section and pass in all other sections	ISE III (SELT variant only) with distinction in speaking and listening and nothing less than merit in other sections
West African Examinations Council SSCE in English at first sitting	English: Grade C6 or above	English: Grade B3 or above	Not accepted
Uganda National Examinations Board Certificate of Education (UCE)	Grades 3-6 (credit); Grade C	Grades 1 and 2 (distinction); Grades A and B	Not accepted
USA High School Graduation Diploma	English Grade C (75–79%) or above	English Grade B (80–89%) or above	Considered on a case by case basis
Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education O level English	Grade C or above	Grade B or above	Grade A
Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education Advanced level English (ZIMSEC)	Grade D or above	Grade C or above	Grade B or above

Subject	IELTS (Academic)	TOEFL IBT	Pearson Test of English (Academic)	LanguageCert International ESOL SELT
All subjects except those listed below	at least 6.5 overall <i>and</i> no less than 6.0 in the writing section <i>and</i> no less than 5.5 in any other section	at least 90 with minimum scores of 21 for writing, 21 for listening, 22 for reading and 23 for speaking	58 with a minimum of 51 in all communicative skills	B2 Communicator High Pass with minimum 39 in writing and minimum 33 in speaking, listening & reading
Accountancy, Business, Economics, English, History and Psychology (including Combined Honours)	at least 6.5 overall and no less than 6.0 in any other section	at least 90 with minimum scores of 21 for writing, 21 for listening, 22 for reading and 23 for speaking	58 with no less than 55 in all skills	B2 Communicator High Pass with minimum 39 in speaking, writing, listening, reading
BSc Medical Imaging, MSci Nursing and Dual LLB / Juris Doctor (JD) with the Chinese	at least 7.0 overall and no less than 6.5 in any other section	at least 100 with minimum scores of 25 for writing, 21 for listening, 22 for	65 with no less than 58 in all communicative skills	C1 Expert High Pass with minimum 25 in speaking, writing, listening, reading.

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Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS)	IELTS band 7.5 or above with no less than 6.0 and at least 7.0 in each of the Speaking and Listening sections	Overall score of 110 with minimum scores of 21 for writing, 25 for listening, 22 for reading and 25 for speaking	73 with no less than 65 in all communicative skills	C1 Expert High Pass with minimum 39 in speaking, writing, listening, reading.
Biosciences, Environmental Science, Geography, Natural Sciences, Sport Sciences	at least 6.5 overall and no less than 5.5 in any other section	at least 90 with minimum scores of 21 in speaking and at least 18 in all other sections	58 with a minimum of 51 in all communicative skills	High Pass - B2 Communicator with minimum 33 in any other section

Qualification	PGT: Minimum equivalent grade for programmes requiring IELTS 6.5 overall with not less than 6 in any section	PGT: Minimum equivalent grade for programmes requiring equivalent of IELTS 7 overall and no less than 6 in any section
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