

## INTO Newcastle Accepted English Language tests for NQF6+

**Time since qualification** | See individual info below

### Changes for 2020 and 2021

For 2020 and 2021 entry on to our courses, we have extended the validity periods we will accept for qualifications that prove student English language proficiency. The changes are listed below.

Language Evidence	Previous Validity Period	New Validity Period
English Language test (e.g. IELTS, TOEFL)	Taken 2 years before the start of the course	Taken 3 years before the start of the course and must be verifiable on the relevant official website
English Language qualification (e.g. iGCSE, A Level English Language)	Awarded 3 years before the start of the course	Awarded 4 years before the start of the course
Previous Degree Taught and Assessed in the Medium of English	Awarded 3 years before the start of the course	Awarded 4 years before the start of the course

We also consider the following English Language tests for 2020 and 2021 entry:

- TOEFL IBT Special Home Edition
- TOEFL ITP Plus for China
- Password Skills Test

Our typical IELTS scores are: IELTS for UKVI (Academic)/ IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6.5 with at least IELTS 5.5 in each sub-skill.

See: <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/language/#overview>

For more detailed info see the English Language Policy at:  
<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/media/wwwnclacuk/international/files/English%20Language%20Policy%202021.pdf>

Test/Qualification	Examination Board/Organisation	IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6.5 with at least IELTS 5.5 in each sub-skill.	
<b>Business English Certificate Higher:</b>	Cambridge English Language Assessment	Grade B with a minimum sub-skill grade of 'weak'  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 & 2021 only)	
<b>Certificate in Advanced English</b>	Cambridge English Language Assessment	Score of 176 with a minimum sub-skill score of 160  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 & 2021 only).	
<b>Certificate of Proficiency in English</b>	Cambridge English Language Assessment	Score of 176 with a minimum sub-skill score of 160  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 & 2021 only).	
<b>ESOL Skills for Life Level 2</b>	Cambridge English Language Assessment	Grade of Pass with a minimum of grade of Borderline in speaking and listening  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 & 2021 only).	
<b>International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) 0500 and 0522 (English 1st language)</b>	Cambridge International Examinations	Grade C	You must have also been taught and assessed in English in your pre-university qualifications
or <b>International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) 0510 and 0511 (English 2nd language)</b>	Cambridge International Examinations	Grade B	

or <b>O Level English Language 1115, 1119, 1120, 1123, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128:</b>	Cambridge International Examinations	Grade C	Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 & 2021 only)
<b>GCSE in English Language</b>	All UK examination boards	Grade C	You must have also been taught and assessed in English in your pre-university qualifications  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 & 2021 only)
<b>AS or A Level in English Language and/or Literature</b>	All UK examination boards	Grade C	
<b>Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)</b>	Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA)	Grade 5 in English with a minimum of grade 4 in each element. For programmes requiring IELTS at 6.0, Grade 4 overall with maximum 2 elements at Grade 3, rest at Grade 4.  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 & 2021 only).	

<p><b>Indian 12th Standard Examination:</b></p>	<p>Indian National Boards - CBSE or CISCE</p>	<p>Score of 75% in English (additional interviewing conditions may also apply).</p> <p>We would accept the above scores without interview provided:</p> <p>You have taken the examination no more than three years before the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 &amp; 2021 only)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Your undergraduate degree has been taught and assessed in English and you completed your degree studies no more than three years before the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 &amp; 2021 only).</p>	
<p><b>International Baccalaureate English A: Literature:</b></p>	<p>International Baccalaureate Organisation</p>	<p>Standard level: 4 Higher level: 4 Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 &amp; 2021 only).</p>	
<p><b>International Baccalaureate English A: Literature and Language:</b></p>	<p>International Baccalaureate Organisation</p>	<p>Standard level: 5 Higher level: 4 Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 &amp; 2021 only).</p>	
<p><b>International Baccalaureate English Language B:</b></p>	<p>International Baccalaureate Organisation</p>	<p>Standard level: 6 Higher level: 5 Valid only if you have taken the test within four years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 &amp; 2021 only).</p>	
<p><b>INTO Newcastle English for Academic Purposes Assessment:</b></p>	<p>INTO Newcastle</p>	<p>Score of 65 with a minimum sub-score of 55%</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 &amp; 2021 only).</p>	
<p><b>INTO Newcastle Pre-Sessional English Programme</b></p>	<p>INTO Newcastle</p>	<p>Score of 65 with a minimum sub-score of 55%</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 &amp; 2021 only).</p>	

<p><b>INTO English for Academic Purposes Assessment:</b></p>	<p>INTO UK Centres other than Newcastle</p>	<p>Score of 65 with a minimum sub-score of 55%</p> <p>Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for entry to undergraduate degree programmes only</li> <li>- valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 &amp; 2021 only).</li> <li>- decision made on a case by case basis, based on an admissions tutor's knowledge and experience of the INTO course being taken</li> </ul>	
<p><b>INTO English Language Assessment (IELA):</b></p>	<p>INTO and Cambridge English Language Assessment</p>	<p>Writing: C1 Speaking: C1 Listening: 68-72 raw Reading: 68-72 raw Valid only if you have taken the test within two years of the start of your course with us (within three years for 2020 &amp; 2021 only)</p>	
<p><b>Newcastle University London English for Academic Purposes Assessment:</b></p>	<p>Newcastle University London</p>	<p>Score of 65 with a minimum sub-score of 55%</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us.</p>	
<p><b>INTO Newcastle University London Pre-Sessional English Programme</b></p>	<p>Newcastle University London</p>	<p>Score of 65 with a minimum sub-score of 55%</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us.</p>	
<p><b>Password</b></p>	<p>Password Skills Test</p>	<p>Score of 6.5 with at least 5.5 or equivalent in each of the four sub-skills:</p> <p>Writing Reading Speaking Listening</p> <p>Accepted for entry in 2020 and 2021 only.</p> <p>The test is now available to take and is for University offer holders only. If you are interested in taking the test, please complete this form and we will be in touch (<a href="https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=10755487%22&amp;_ga=2.107816258.1540984912.1617719381-1365656814.1617719381&amp;_gl=1*o6fn3f*_ga*MTM2NTY1NjgxNC4xNjE3NzE5Mzgx*_ga_VH2F6S16XP*MTYxNzcxOTM4MC4xLjEuMTYxNzcxOTkwM4w">https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=10755487%22&amp;_ga=2.107816258.1540984912.1617719381-1365656814.1617719381&amp;_gl=1*o6fn3f*_ga*MTM2NTY1NjgxNC4xNjE3NzE5Mzgx*_ga_VH2F6S16XP*MTYxNzcxOTM4MC4xLjEuMTYxNzcxOTkwM4w</a>)</p>	

<b>Pearson Test of English Academic</b>	Pearson	<p>Score of 62 with a minimum sub-score of 51</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within two years of the start of your course with us, and must be verifiable on the relevant official website (within three years for 2020 &amp; 2021 entry only).</p>	
<b>Singapore Integrated Programme</b>	Singapore Ministry of Education	<p>Achievement of conditions of offer.</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 &amp; 2021 entry only).</p>	
<b>TOEFL IBT</b>	Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL IBT)	<p>Score of 90 with a minimum of</p> <p>Reading - 18 Writing - 17 Listening - 17 Speaking - 20</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within two years of the start of your course with us, and must be verifiable on the relevant official website (within three years for 2020 &amp; 2021 entry only).</p> <p>A full breakdown of all TOEFL grade equivalencies we typically accept is included in our English language policy on the English Language Requirements overview (<a href="https://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/language/#d.en.665374">https://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/language/#d.en.665374</a>)</p>	

<p><b>Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL IBT) Special Home Edition</b></p>	<p>TOEFL IBT Special Home Edition</p>	<p>TOEFL IBT Special Home Edition: score of 90 with a minimum of</p> <p>Reading - 18 Writing - 17 Listening - 17 Speaking - 20 Accepted for entry in 2020 and 2021 only.</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within two years of the start of your course with us, and must be verifiable on the relevant official website (within three years for 2020 &amp; 2021 entry only).</p> <p>A full breakdown of all TOEFL grade equivalencies we typically accept is included in our English language policy on the English Language Requirements overview.</p>	
<p><b>Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL ITP Plus for China)</b></p>	<p>TOEFL ITP Plus for China</p>	<p>TOEFL ITP Plus for China</p> <p>Score of 610 with the following scores in the sub-skills:</p> <p>Reading – 56 Writing – 53 Listening – 54 Speaking – 14 Accepted for entry in 2020 and 2021 only.</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within two years of the start of your course with us, and must be verifiable on the relevant official website (within three years for 2020 &amp; 2021 entry only).</p> <p>A full breakdown of all TOEFL grade equivalencies we typically accept is included in our English language policy on the English Language Requirements overview.</p>	
<p><b>Integrated Skills in English:</b></p>	<p>Trinity College London</p>	<p>Grade ISE III or ISE IV with a minimum sub-skill grade of Pass ISEII</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within two years of the start of your course with us (within three years for 2020 and 2021 entry only)</p>	

<p><b>West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE):</b></p>	<p>West African Senior School Certificate (WAEC or NECO)</p>	<p>C5 in English for courses that require IELTS 6.5. (For courses requiring: IELTS at 6.0, C6; IELTS at 7.0, C4; IELTS at 7.5, B2).</p> <p>We would accept the above scores provided that your pre-university qualifications or undergraduate degree has been delivered and assessed in English. We will ask you to provide a scratch card number so that your WAEC/NECO SSCE English qualification can be verified online.</p> <p>Where it has been more than four years since you completed qualifications delivered and assessed in English, and you need a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK, we may need to interview you before we issue your CAS for your visa.</p>	
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We also accept the following tests if you do not need a visa to study with us.

Test/Qualification	Examination Board/Organisation	IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6.5 with at least IELTS 5.5 in each sub-skill.
<p><b>European Baccalaureate (English 1st language):</b></p>	<p>European Baccalaureate</p>	<p>Grade 6</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).</p>
<p><b>European Baccalaureate (English 2nd language):</b></p>	<p>European Baccalaureate</p>	<p>Grade 7</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).</p>
<p><b>Denmark: Studentereksamen (Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination) Also: Hojere Forberedelseseksamen (HF) (Higer Preparatory Examination) and Hojere Handelseksamen (HHX)</b></p>		<p>Grade 10 in English</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).</p>
<p><b>Finland: Ylioppilaustutkintotodistus/ Studentexamensbetyg (Finnish National Matriculation)</b></p>		<p>Grade 5 (Magna cum Laude) in English</p> <p>Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).</p>



<b>France: French Baccaalaureate</b>		Grade 12 in English  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).
<b>Germany: Abitur</b>		Grade 11 in English  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).
<b>Netherlands: VWO</b>		Grade 8 in English  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).
<b>Norway: Vitnemål – videregående opplæring (School Leaving Certificate)</b>		Grade 4 in English  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).
<b>Sweden: Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan (School Leaving Certificate)</b>		VG (Pass with distinction) in English  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).
<b>HKEAA Use of English</b>	Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA)	Grade C  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).
<b>Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination in English Syllabus B</b>	Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA)	Grade B  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only).
<b>iGCSE in English Language</b>	iGCSE in English Language	iGCSE in English Language: Score of C/4 from all examination boards  Valid only if you have taken the test within three years of the start of your course with us (within four years for 2020 and 2021 entry only)