

INTO University of Stirling Accepted English Language tests for NQF6+

Time since qualification	We'll waive an undergraduate English language requirement if you have one of the following qualifications. This should have been taken, typically within two years of our course start date.
Notes	The UK Government approves certain English language qualifications as being Secure English Language Tests (SELT). These meet the government's requirements for visa applications. View the full list of approved SELT: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt
	We're also able to accept English language qualifications that are not on the approved SELT list for entry. Please note that this applies only to undergraduate or postgraduate level courses.

What qualifications do we accept?

We'll continue to accept all of the following English language qualifications:

- **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**
- **Cambridge C1 Advanced English (CAE)**
- **Cambridge C2 Proficiency in English (CPE)**
- **Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTE)**
- **Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (IBT TOEFL)**
- **Trinity Integrated Skills in English (Trinity ISE)**
- **Aptis**
- **INTO English Language Assessment (IELA)**

See:

- <https://www.stir.ac.uk/international/international-students/english-language-requirements/>
- <https://www.stir.ac.uk/international/international-students/english-language-requirements/english-language-waiver--undergraduate/>
- <https://www.stir.ac.uk/international/international-students/english-language-requirements/english-language-waiver--postgraduate/>

Alternative (non-SELT) online tests we accept

The University now also accepts four online English Language tests which can be presented as evidence of language proficiency. Applicants who require a Tier 4 student visa and cannot obtain a Secure English Language Test (SELT) due to COVID -19 disruption to testing, can now submit any one of the following alternative tests with their degree application:

- **IELTS Indicator (not available mainland China)**
- **Duolingo English Test (DET)**
- **LanguageCert International ESOL B2**

• **TOEFL iBT (Special Home Edition) (not available mainland China)**

Applicants should note that the guidance may change in some regions as normal test centres re-open and a SELT tests become available.

** **Applicants from India** should check our India information page for specific English language requirements (<https://www.stir.ac.uk/international/international-students/country-specific-information/india/#tab-EntryReq>).

University of Stirling - accepted English language qualifications

Qualification - IELTS equivalencies	UG/PG: Minimum alternative English language qualifications for IELTS 6.0 with 5.5 in each skill	UG: Minimum alternative English language qualifications for IELTS indicator 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in writing and 7.0 in speaking listening and reading	PG: Minimum alternative English language qualifications for IELTS 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each sub-skill	PG: Minimum alternative English Language qualifications for IELTS 6.0 with a minimum of 6.0 in reading and writing and 5.5 in speaking and listening	PG: Minimum alternative English Language qualifications for IELTS 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each sub-skill
IELTS Indicator	IELTS Indicator 6.0 with 5.5 in each skill	IELTS indicator 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in writing and 7.0 in speaking listening and reading	IELTS Indicator 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each sub-skill	IELTS Indicator 6.0 with a minimum of 6.0 in reading and writing and 5.5 in speaking and listening	IELTS Indicator 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each sub-skill
A or AS level English	Grade C or above	Grade A or above			
GCSE English	Grade C or above or 4 minimum	Grade A or above or 7 minimum			
Cambridge O Levels	Grade C or above	Grade A or above			

IGCSE English as a First Language – The extended IGCSE certificate (supplementary certifying statement) that includes a breakdown of the component scores is required.	Grade C or above with a minimum level of B2 in all sub-skills or 4 minimum with B2 in all sub-skills	Grade A with a minimum level of C1 in all components or 7 minimum with C1 in all sub-skills			
IGCSE English as a Second Language – The extended IGCSE certificate (supplementary certifying statement) that includes a breakdown of the component scores is required.	Grade B or above with a minimum level of B2 in all components or 4 minimum with B2 in all sub-skills	Grade A with a minimum level of C1 in all components or 7 minimum with C1 in all sub-skills			
SQA National 5 in English	Grade B or above	Grade A			
SQA Higher English	Grade C or above	Grade A			
SQA Higher ESOL	Grade C or above	Grade A			
Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE)	169 overall with a minimum of 162 in each sub-skill	185 overall with a minimum of 176 in writing and minimum of 185 in reading, speaking and listening	169 overall with minimum of 162 in each sub-skill	169 overall with minimum 169 in reading and writing and 162 in speaking and listening	176 overall with minimum 162 in each sub-skill

Cambridge C2 Proficiency (CPE)	180 overall with minimum 162 in each sub-skill	185 overall with minimum of 180 in writing and 185 in reading, speaking and listening	180 overall with minimum 162 in each sub-skill	180 overall with minimum of 180 in reading and writing and 162 in speaking and listening	180 overall with minimum 162 in each sub-skill
Denmark: Studentereksamen (Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination); also Hojere Forberedelseksamen (HF) and Hojere Handelseksamen (HHX)	Grade 9 or above in English	Grade 10 in English			
European Baccalaureate	L1: English: 60% or above; L2: English: 70% or above; L3: English: 70% or above	L1: English: 70% or above; L2: English: 80% or above; L3: English: 80% or above			
Finland: Ylippilaustukintotodistus/ Studentexamensbetyg (Finnish National Matriculation)	English Grade 5 (Magna cum laude approbatur)	English Grade 5 (Magna cum laude approbatur)			
France: French Baccalaureate (option International du Baccalaureat)	Grade 10 or above in English	Grade 13 or above in English			
Germany: Abitur	Grade 11 or above in English	Grade 11 or above in English			
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	English overall 3 with no bands below 3	English overall 4 with no bands below 4			

Indian: Standard XII Examination – CBSE/ISC/ICSE** See our country specific requirements for India: https://www.stir.ac.uk/international/international-students/country-specific-information/india/#tab-EntryReq	70% or above in English	80% or above in English	70% or above in English	NA	
Indian: Standard XII Examination – Metro State Boards (Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal) See our country specific requirements for India: https://www.stir.ac.uk/international/international-students/country-specific-information/india/#tab-EntryReq	70% or above in English	80% or above in English	70% or above in English	NA	
Indian: Standard XII Examination - Other boards See our country specific requirements for India: https://www.stir.ac.uk/international/international-students/country-specific-information/india/#tab-EntryReq	80% or above in English	NA	80% or above in English	NA	
International Baccalaureate English	Standard Level Grade 5 or Higher Level Grade 4 or above	Standard Level Grade 6 or Higher Level Grade 6 or above			
Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education	Grade C or above	Grade B or above			
Malaysian Certificate of Education (SPM) 119/Cambridge O Level	Grade C	Grade A			
Netherlands: VWO	English Grade 8 or above	English Grade 8 or above			
Norway: Vitnemal	English Grade 4 or above	English Grade 4 or above			
Ontario Secondary School Certificate	English Grade C (70%) or above	English Grade B (80%) or above			

Pearson Test of English (Academic)	60 overall with a minimum of 59 in each sub-skill	67 overall with a minimum of 62 in writing and 67 in speaking listening and reading	Pearson Test of English (Academic) 60 overall with a minimum of 59 in each sub-skill	Pearson Test of English (Academic) 60 overall with a minimum of 60 in reading and writing and 59 in speaking and listening	Pearson Test of English (Academic) 62 overall with a minimum of 59 in each sub-skill
Singaporean Applicants	Singapore-Cambridge O level English Grade C or Singapore Integrated Programme Secondary 4 English Language grade C or better	Singapore-Cambridge O level English Grade B or Singapore Integrated Programme Secondary 4 English Language grade B or better			
South African National Senior Certificate	Grade 4 (50%) or above in English	Grade 5 (60%) or above in English			
Sweden: Slutbetyg fran Gynmasieskolan	VG Pass with Distinction in English	VG Pass with Distinction in English			
IBT TOEFL	IBT TOEFL 78 overall with a minimum of 17 in listening, 18 in reading, 20 in speaking and 17 in writing	IBT TOEFL 94 overall with 19 in reading, 24 in writing, 20 in listening and 22 in speaking	78 overall with minimum of 18 in reading, 23 in writing, 17 in listening and 20 in speaking	80 overall with a minimum of 17 in listening, 18 in reading, 20 in speaking and 17 in writing	80 overall with a minimum of 17 in listening, 18 in reading, 20 in speaking and 17 in writing

IBT TOEFL Special Home Edition	IBT TOEFL Special Home Edition 78 overall with a minimum of 17 in listening, 18 in reading, 20 in speaking and 17 in writing	IBT TOEFL Special Home Edition 94 overall with 19 in reading, 24 in writing, 20 in listening and 22 in speaking	IBT TOEFL Special Home Edition Test 78 overall with a minimum of 17 in listening, 18 in reading, 20 in speaking and 17 in writing	IBT TOEFL Special Home Edition Test 78 overall with a minimum of 18 in reading, 23 in writing, 17 in listening and 20 in speaking	IBT TOEFL Special Home Edition Test 80 overall with a minimum of 17 in listening, 18 in reading, 20 in speaking and 17 in writing
TOEFL ITP Plus for China					TOEFL ITP Plus for China minimum 543 overall, 54 in listening, 53 in structure and written expression, 56 in reading and B2 in speaking
Trinity	ISE II Pass overall and Pass in each sub-skill, ISE III Pass overall and in all sub-skills, ISE IV Pass overall and in all sub-skills	ISE III Pass overall and in all sub-skills, ISE IV Pass overall and in all sub-skills	ISE II Pass overall with a pass in each sub-skill, ISE III Pass overall and in all sub-skills, ISE IV Pass overall and in all sub-skills	ISE II Pass overall and a merit in reading and writing and pass in speaking and listening, ISE III pass overall and pass in all sub-skills, ISE IV Pass overall and pass in all sub-skills	ISE II Pass overall and Merit in all sub-skills, ISE III pass overall and in all sub-skills, ISE IV Pass overall and in all sub-skills
Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE)	3-6 or Credit	3-6 or Credit			
USA High School Graduation Diploma	3.0 GPA in English	3.3 GPA in English			

USA SATS II (Subject)	Will be considered on an case by case basis subject to academic background and grades	Will be considered on an case by case basis subject to academic background and grades			
West African Senior School Certificate (WASSCE)	C6 or above	A1			
Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level	C Grade	A Grade			
Any English preparation or Foundation course validated by a UK University and clearly stating overall scores in reading, writing, speaking and listening.	Will be considered on a case by case basis	Will be considered on a case by case basis			
INTO English Language Assessment (IELA)	169 overall with minimum 162 in each sub-skill	185 overall with minimum of 176 in writing and 185 in reading speaking and listening	169 with minimum 162 in each sub-skill	169 with minimum 169 in reading and writing and 162 in speaking and listening	176 overall with minimum 162 in each sub-skill
INTO University of Stirling English for University Studies	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR C1 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided
INTO University of Stirling Foundation Programme	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR C1 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided			

INTO University of Stirling Diploma Programme	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR C1 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided			
INTO University of Stirling Graduate Diploma	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided		CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided
INTO Stirling Pre-sessional	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR C1 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided
INTO Affiliate Centres - Foundation	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR C1 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided			
INTO Affiliate Centres - Diploma	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR C1 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided			

INTO Affiliate Centres - Graduate Diploma	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided		CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided
Any English preparation or Foundation course validated by a UK University and clearly stating scores in reading, writing, speaking and listening	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR C1 and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided
Any English preparation or Graduate Studies preparation course validated by a UK University and clearly stating an overall score and sub-scores in reading, writing, speaking and listening.	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided		CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided	CEFR B2 stated and four elements scored with equivalent to IELTS provided
Aptis	Aptis (4 skills) CEFR B2 overall and B2 in all sub-skills	Aptis (4 skills) CEFR C1 overall and C1 in all sub-skills	Aptis (4 skills) CEFR B2 overall and B2 in all sub-skills	Aptis (4 skills) CEFR B2 overall and B2 in all sub-skills	Aptis (4 skills) CEFR B2 overall and B2 in all sub-skills
Duolingo	Duolingo 95 overall with a minimum of 90 in all sub-skills	Duolingo 115 overall and a minimum of 105 in writing and 115 in speaking listening and reading	Duolingo 95 overall with a minimum of 90 in all sub-skills	Duolingo 95 overall with a minimum of 95 in reading and writing and 90 in speaking and listening	Duolingo 105 overall with a minimum of 90 in all sub-skills

LanguageCert International	LanguageCert International ESOL B2 Communicator - Pass with minimum 33 in each sub-skill	LanguageCert International ESOL C1 Expert - Pass with minimum 33 in each sub-skill	LanguageCert International ESOL B2 Communicator - Pass with minimum 33 in each sub-skill	LanguageCert International ESOL B2 Communicator - Pass with minimum 33 in each sub-skill	LanguageCert International ESOL B2 Communicator - Pass with minimum 33 in each sub-skill
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