

English Language Qualifications for entry in 2026/27

Applicants who require a Student Visa, and who are not a national of, nor have obtained a degree in one of the countries on the [approved UKVI exemption list](#), will need to provide evidence of their English language ability through the use of a standardised test. The test results listed below are recognised by GSA and can be used to satisfy English Language conditions for entry to our Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes.

GSA prefers applicants to provide a test result from List 1 (Accepted English Language Tests). Applicants unable to provide a test result from List 1 may also consult List 2 (Alternative English Language Tests and Qualifications).

The exact entry requirements will be shown in the conditions of your offer letter. All test results must be dated within 2 years of your programme start date.

GSA Pre-Sessional English for the Creative Disciplines

Pre-Sessional English programme for entry to Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes

Applicants may also use test results from List 1 to enter GSA's [Pre-Sessional English for Creative Disciplines](#) programme, but should consult the exact entry requirements for the pre-sessional programme [here](#). Applicants who successfully enrol and complete GSA's Pre-Sessional English for Creative Disciplines programme can also use those test results to satisfy English language conditions.

For more information, or to apply, please contact pre-sessional@gsa.ac.uk

Previous Studies Delivered in English

Postgraduate Programmes Only

Applicants who have completed their Undergraduate studies, where the entirety of the programme was delivered in English, can use this to satisfy English language entry requirements for Postgraduate degree programmes at GSA. If the language of instruction is not listed on your final transcript, GSA will accept a supporting letter from the awarding institution. Please email evidence of your previous studies being delivered in English to admissions@gsa.ac.uk for review.

LIST 1 – Accepted English Language Tests

International Foundation Programme Only

PROVIDER	TEST NAME	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
IELTS	▪ IELTS for UKVI (Academic)	5.0 overall, with a minimum of 5.0 in each component
Pearson	▪ Pearson PTE Academic UKVI	43 overall, with a minimum of 43 in each component
Trinity College London	▪ Integrated Skills in English I or II	ISE I, showing Distinction for each skill; or ISE II certificate showing Pass, for each skill
PSI Services (UK) Ltd	▪ Skills for English	Pass in all 4 components at B2 level

LIST 1 – Accepted English Language Tests

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes

PROVIDER	TEST NAME	MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS		
IELTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IELTS for UKVI (Academic) ▪ IELTS (Academic) 	6.0 overall, with a minimum of 5.5 in each component	6.5 overall, with a minimum of 5.5 in each component	6.5 overall, with a minimum of 6.0 in each component
Pearson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pearson PTE Academic UKVI ▪ Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic 	PTE tests taken on, or after, 7th of August 2025		
		Overall: 52	Overall: 59	Overall: 59
		Listening: 43	Listening: 43	Listening: 48
		Reading: 48	Reading: 48	Reading: 54
		Speaking: 42	Speaking: 42	Speaking: 46
		Writing: 51	Writing: 51	Writing: 62
		PTE tests taken before 7th of August 2025		
		59 Overall with a minimum of 59 in each component		
TOEFL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TOEFL (IBT) ▪ TOEFL IBT at home 	TOEFL tests taken on, or after, 21st January 2026		
		4 overall, with a minimum of 4 in each component		
		TOEFL tests taken before 21st January 2026		
		Overall: 72	Overall: 81	Overall: 81
		Listening: 17	Listening: 17	Listening: 18
		Reading: 18	Reading: 18	Reading: 18
		Speaking: 20	Speaking: 20	Speaking: 20
		Writing: 17	Writing: 17	Writing: 19
LanguageCert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language Cert (Academic) 	65 overall, with a minimum of 60 in each component	70 overall, with a minimum of 60 in each component	70 overall, with a minimum of 65 in each component
Trinity College London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrated Skills in English II or III 	ISE II, with a merit in each component	ISE II, with a distinction in each component	ISE II, with a distinction in each component
		ISE III, with a pass in each component	ISE III, with a pass in each component	ISE III, with a pass in each component
PSI Services (UK) Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skills for English 	Pass in all 4 components at B2 level	Pass in all 4 components at B2 level	Pass in all 4 components at B2 level
University of Oxford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oxford test of English 	125 overall, with a minimum of 105 in each component	135 overall, with a minimum of 105 in each component	135 overall, with a minimum of 125 in each component

LIST 2 - Alternative English Language Tests and Qualifications

If applicants provide a test result from List 2 showing the appropriate level of English language ability for entry onto their chosen programme, they will normally also be required to undertake a GSA English Language Verification Interview (ELVI).

PROVIDER	TEST NAME	MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS		
Cambridge	▪ Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)	169-175 overall, with a minimum of 162 in each component		
	▪ Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English	169-175 overall, with a minimum of 162 in each component	176+ overall, with a minimum of 162 in each component	176+ overall, with a minimum of 169 in each component
	▪ Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency	169-175 overall, with a minimum of 162 in each component	176+ overall, with a minimum of 162 in each component	176+ overall, with a minimum of 169 in each component
	▪ IGCSE First Language English (0500 & 0524)		C or above	
	▪ IGCSE First Language English (0900 & 0990)		7 or above	
SQA	▪ Higher ESOL	Pass		
International Baccalaureate	▪ Higher Level English	4 or above		

LIST 2 - Secondary and Higher Education Qualifications

Undergraduate Programmes Only (Excluding the International Foundation Programme)

Qualifications shown below will be valid for 3 years and can also be used to satisfy English language entry requirements for Undergraduate degree level programmes at GSA. Applicants will normally also be required to undertake a GSA English Language Verification Interview (ELVI).

COUNTRY	QUALIFICATION	GRADE
Austria	▪ Matura	1 or 2 in English
Denmark	▪ Upper Secondary	10 or above in English (HF/HHX/HTX)
Finland	▪ Upper Secondary	M/5 or above in English
Germany	▪ Abitur	10 + in the English as a Hauptfach/Leistungs Kurs
Hong Kong	▪ HKDSE	3 or above in English
Iceland	▪ Studentsprof	8 or above in English
India	▪ CBSE/CISCE Grade XII	75% or above in English
Malaysia	▪ SPM Advanced	1A-6C
Malta	▪ Matriculation Certificate	B or above in English
Netherlands	▪ VWO	8 or above in English
Norway	▪ Vitnemal	4 or above in written & spoken English
Singapore	▪ O level English	C or above
Sweden	▪ Upper Secondary (Slutbetyg)	VG or B or above in both written & spoken English