

KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGE AND LIFE IN THE UK REQUIREMENT

Qualifications Fact Sheet

Thank you for your enquiry to our Inbox. This sheet gives information about English language qualifications that can be used for the Knowledge of Language and Life in the UK (KoLL) requirement. Further information can be found on our website, which we will update to provide information about frequently asked questions:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/britishcitizenship/applying/applicationtypes/naturalisation/kol/>.

If your query can be answered by the information below we will not reply directly.

English language tests

1. Will my qualification meet the requirement?

We cannot advise about individual qualifications. Your qualification should cover speaking and listening at B1 CEFR level or above, and be on the attached list. If you are not sure if your qualification is one of those on the list, you may wish to contact the college where you studied. We will also accept:

- ESOL qualifications taken in England, Wales or Northern Ireland that include speaking and listening, at or above Entry level 3, and are regulated by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual), or the Welsh Government or the Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA). They must also be listed as an ESOL qualification on the Register of Regulated Qualifications.
- A National Qualification in ESOL at SCQF levels 4 or above, awarded by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

2. Do I need to pass all parts of the qualification?

Some of the qualifications which we accept include speaking and listening as part of a wider qualification which also covers reading and writing skills, but other qualifications are available which concentrate on speaking and listening skills only. Those who are unable to demonstrate all 4 communicative skills are advised to study for a qualification that concentrates on speaking and listening skills only. We will not look at scores for each part of the test but the overall score, which must be at B1 CEFR level or above.

3. What if your website says my qualification expires after 2 years?

The expiry dates on that list do not apply to settlement or citizenship applications. If your test is on the attached list it will be acceptable.

4. I sent my documents for a previous application. Do I need to send them again?

Yes. Evidence that an English language requirement was met for entry clearance purposes is only held by the post abroad for a limited period. In addition, this information is not easily accessible to caseworkers in the UK. You should therefore send evidence of your qualification with your application.

Degree Qualifications

5. Will my degree meet the requirement?

If you have a qualification that was taught or researched in English you can meet the language part of the requirement if:

- Your qualification is deemed by UK NARIC to meet the recognised standard of a Bachelor's or Master's degree or PhD in the UK, or
- Your qualification was taught or researched in an English speaking country other than Canada (see list below).

You will need to send your certificate as evidence of your qualification.

6. How do I show that my qualification is deemed by UK NARIC to be the recognised standard?

UK NARIC regularly update the online points based calculator (which is on our website) with information about various degrees. If you obtained a degree overseas and were awarded ten points for English language skill, you can submit evidence from the online points calculator, together with the original degree certificate, to demonstrate that you can satisfy the English language element of the Knowledge of Language and Life in the UK (KOLL) requirement.

Alternatively, you can obtain confirmation from UK NARIC that your qualification was taught or researched in English by requesting an English Language Assessment (ELA). Details of how to contact UK NARIC can be found at:

<http://ecctis.co.uk/naric/Contact%20Us.aspx>

ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES

The following are classed as English speaking countries for the KoLL requirement:

Antigua and Barbuda	Guyana
Australia	Jamaica
The Bahamas	New Zealand
Barbados	St Kitts and Nevis
Belize	St Lucia
Canada	St Vincent and the Grenadines
Dominica	Trinidad and Tobago
Grenada	The United States of America

The Republic of Ireland is also included for citizenship applications.

**RECOGNISED ENGLISH TESTS AND QUALIFICATIONS AT A LEVEL
EQUIVALENT TO LEVEL B1 CEFR OR ABOVE**

Awarding body	Specified English language test or qualification
Cambridge English (previously known as Cambridge ESOL)	Business Language Testing Service (BULATS) Online Test (Certificated version) Cambridge English: Key (also known as Key English Test) Cambridge English: Preliminary (also known as Preliminary English Test) Cambridge English: First (also known as First Certificate in English) Cambridge English: Advanced (also known as Certificate in Advanced English) Cambridge English: Proficiency (also known as Certificate of Proficiency in English) Cambridge English: Business Preliminary (also known as Business English Certificate Preliminary) Cambridge English: Business Vantage (also known as Business English Certificate Vantage) Cambridge English: Business Higher (also known as Business English Certificate Higher) Cambridge English: Legal (also known as International Legal English Certificate) Cambridge English: Financial (also known as International Legal English Certificate) ESOL Skills for Life at Entry level 3, level 1 or level 2 IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
Cambridge International Examinations	Cambridge IGCSE: English as a First Language Cambridge IGCSE: English as a Second Language
City and Guilds	City and Guilds International ESOL (IESOL) Diploma
Educational Testing Service	Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT) Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)
Pearson	Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)
Trinity College London	ESOL Skills for Life at Entry level 3, level 1 or level 2 Integrated Skills in English