



Secure English tests

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If you have decided to study with us for longer than 6 months you will require a Student Route Visa. To obtain this type of visa it is necessary to take a Secure English Test (commonly known as a SELT). This fact sheet is to ensure you pick the correct test if it is required. You can get full details regarding Student Route visas [here](#).

Our acceptable English level for long-term programmes is CEFR B1 or above. You must achieve this in each element of the test (reading; writing; speaking; listening). The minimum grade for each test type is included in the table of information on page 2.

If you choose a test that is not labelled UKVI or SELT it will not meet Home Office requirements under the secure English language testing arrangements and will not be acceptable. You must include your SELT unique reference on your application or it may be refused.

As per the [Immigration Rules Appendix English Language](#), the only exceptions to this requirement are for nationals of majority English-speaking countries (EL4.1) and for those who have already shown they met the requirement, at the level required for their current application, in a previous successful application for entry clearance or permission to stay. (EL3.1)

PROVIDER	ACCEPTABLE TESTS FOR UK VISAS	SELT UNIQUE REFERENCE NUMBER	COMMENTS	MINIMUM SCORE REQUIRED
Pearson	PTE Academic UKVI	SELT URN	Apply here and select PTE Academic UKVI	CEFR B1 which is 43 or higher in all four sections of the test.
PSI Services (UK) Ltd	Skills for English UKVI	URN for PSI Skills for English	Apply here and ensure you pick the option testing speaking; listening; reading and writing at Level B1	CEFR B1 or higher in all four sections of the test
IELTS SELT Consortium	IELTS for UKVI General Training IELTS for UKVI Academic	UKVI Number	Apply here and we recommend you opt for IELTS for UKVI General Training which is more appropriate for those below degree level	CEFR B1 or higher in all four section of the test with a minimum Overall Band Score of 5.0
LanguageCert	Language Cert International ESOL SELT B1 Language Cert Academic SELT B1	Candidate URN	Apply here and we recommend you opt for Language Cert International ESOL SELT	CEFR B1 or higher in all four sections of the test. Language Cert International ESOL SELT that is 33/50 on each section. Academic SELT B1 that is a minimum of 40 in each section.