



Edinburgh Napier University English Language Entry Requirements for Postgraduate Research Study

Edinburgh Napier University must ensure all applicants whose first language is not English have sufficient English language skills to enable them to successfully complete their programme of study or research with us.

As a Highly Trusted Sponsor of Tier 4 student visas, the University is also responsible for assessing all non-EEA applicants' English ability as meeting the required standard (at least B2 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR) to enter the UK and for obtaining verification of this in the form of a recognised test or qualification.

A full overview of the [University's English language entry requirements](#) is available in our policy.

The text below provides a short summary of the main English Language qualifications that are accepted by the University as acceptable for entry to the University.

Nationals of Majority English Speaking Countries AND study within

If you are a National of AND living in one of the countries below, you will **not** have to provide evidence of holding an approved English Language qualification/test.

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

If you are a National from another country (not listed above) who has undertaken qualifications in one of the countries above you will not have to provide evidence of holding an approved English Language qualification/test provided that:

- You have completed more than 2 years of continuous study in English in one of the countries listed above including either:
- an honours degree (class I or 2:1) which has been fully taught and examined in English, with a minimum 60% in the project/dissertation OR
- a Masters degree which has been fully taught and examined in English, with a minimum 60% mark in the project/dissertation and a minimum 60% overall module average.

The degree qualifications must have been awarded no more than two years before the expected registration date. Where your previous studies are outwith the two year time frame, then evidence would be required that assures the University that you have been appropriately maintaining your English language skills in work/academic endeavour, otherwise an approved English Language qualification/test would be required.

Countries where we accept that degrees are taught and examined in English

If you have undertaken your school and university studies in one of the countries listed below you may be exempted from having to provide evidence of holding an approved English Language qualification/test provided that:

- You have completed more than 2 years of continuous study in English in one of the countries listed above including either:
- an honours degree (class I or 2:1) which has been fully taught and examined in English, with a minimum 60% in the project/dissertation OR
- a Masters degree which has been fully taught and examined in English, with a minimum 60% mark in the project/dissertation and a minimum 60% overall module average.

The degree qualifications must have been awarded no more than two years before the expected registration date. Where your previous studies are outwith the two year time frame, then evidence would be required that assures the University that you have been appropriately maintaining your English language skills in work/academic endeavour, otherwise an approved English Language qualification/test would be required.

Botswana
Brunei
Cameroon
Gambia
Ghana
Hong Kong
India
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Malawi
Mauritius
Namibia
Nigeria
Norway
Sierra Leone
Singapore
South Africa
Swaziland
Tanzania
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Applicants within the EEA/European Union

For Postgraduate Research entry if you are from the EEA/European Union (or have undertaken your degree studies in the EEA/European Union) you must normally produce evidence that your undergraduate degree has been taught and assessed in English within 2 years of the registration date. Where your previous studies were out with the two year time frame, then evidence would be required that assures the University that you have been

appropriately maintaining your English language skills in a work/academic context, otherwise an approved English Language qualification/test would be required.

Secure English Language Test (SELT)

If you do not meet one of the exemptions listed above then you will be required by the University to undertake a Secure English Language Test. The following SELT's are currently approved by the UKVI for Tier 4 applications AND are accepted by the University for Postgraduate Research study. A full [list of approved SELT's and English Language requirements](#) can be found on our website.

Test Provider	Tier 4 Validity Conditions*	PGR (Minimum – some study may require higher scores)
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	<p>Tests taken prior to 5th April 2015: All test centres approved but test Score only valid until 5th November 2015.</p> <p>Tests taken after 5th April: Only test centres approved by UKVI: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests</p>	Overall score of 6.5 with no individual component score of less than 6.0. For DBA applicants an overall score of 7.0 with no individual component score of less than 6.5.
Pearson's Test of Academic English	<p>Tests taken prior to 5th April: All test centres approved but test Score only valid until 5th November 2015.</p> <p>Not accepted as a SELT by the UKVI for tests taken after 5th April 2015 or for all visa applications made from 5th November 2015 regardless of when test was taken.</p>	Overall score of 60 with at least a score of 55 in the listening, reading, writing and speaking components
Cambridge English: Advanced (Certificate in Advanced English)	<p>Tests taken prior to 5th April: All test centres approved but test Score only valid until 5th November 2015.</p> <p>Not accepted as a SELT by the UKVI for tests taken after 5th</p>	Pass at Grade B or Pass at Grade C or new scale from Jan 2015: Overall score 176 with 169 in each component (185 overall with 176 in each component for DBA)

	April 2015 or for all visa applications made from 5 th November 2015 regardless of when test was taken.	
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In addition, the following SELT's are accepted by the University for **NON TIER 4** students **ONLY**.

Test Provider	PGR (Minimum – some study may require higher scores)
Cambridge Michigan Examination for Certificate of Proficiency in English	Overall grading of C1 (Efficient Operational Proficiency) or better
TOEFL Internet Based Test	Overall score of 90 with at least 20 in listening, 21 in reading, 22 in speaking and 22 in writing (DBA: Overall score 100, Reading 23, Writing 23, Speaking 23, and Listening 22)

Other evidence of English Language Ability

A full overview of the [University's English language entry requirements](#) can be found in our policy. This details all English Language qualifications that are accepted for entry to the University across all levels of study.