

# English language requirements for UK Student Route Visa

The Student Route Visa is for students who wish to stay in the UK for more than one semester continuously.

## Who needs a Student Route Visa to study in the UK?

- **All passport holders** (including nationals of the European Economic Area (EEA)) will be required to apply for a Student Route Visa to enter the UK.
- **Exemptions:** UK Nationals, Irish Nationals, and those with permission to remain in the UK.

## Who needs to provide evidence of the English Language?

- Students will be required to provide evidence of a SELT (Secure English Language Test) to meet the English Language requirement as part of the UK Student Route Visa application.
- SELTs are government-approved English Language tests for a UK Student Visa application.
- Test results are valid for 2 years from the date the test is awarded.
- SELT should be booked only through government-approved providers. The list of approved English language tests has been assessed as meeting Home Office requirements under the secure English language testing arrangements, for more information please find use link: [www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt)
- Exemptions from the SELT apply if you fall under one of the exemptions listed on the UKVI website below. In these circumstances, you must provide evidence of your exemption and will therefore not require a SELT UKVI English language certificate. You can find more information at: [www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-English](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-English)



After you pass the test, you will be given a SELT unique reference number which you must use when making your Student Visa application.

**Please make sure the SELT you book is specifically for UKVI.** If it is not specifically for UKVI, it will not be acceptable, and you will need to retake the test.



Approved English Language Test	SELT provider	Minimum grade required	
'IELTS for UKVI'	IELTS SELT Consortium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening: 5.5</li> <li>• Speaking: 5.5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: 5.5</li> <li>• Writing: 5.5</li> </ul>
'PTE Academic UKVI'	Pearson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening: 59</li> <li>• Speaking: 59</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: 59</li> <li>• Writing: 59</li> </ul>
Language Cert International ESOL SELT B2 (Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking)	Language Cert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening: 33/50</li> <li>• Speaking: 33/50</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: 33/50</li> <li>• Writing: 33/50</li> </ul>
Integrated Skills in English II (ISEII)	Trinity College London (Only available inside of the UK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening: Pass</li> <li>• Speaking: Pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: Pass</li> <li>• Writing: Pass</li> </ul>
Skills for English UKVI B2 (4 component)	PSI Service (UK) Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening: Pass</li> <li>• Speaking: Pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: Pass</li> <li>• Writing: Pass</li> </ul>