



# English Language Capability Requirements



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## 1. What has changed?

Following Brexit, those applicants requiring a Student Visa will face more stringent assessment of their English Language Capability before an offer of a university place will be made. Therefore, only in exceptional circumstances can the department obtain a waiver, removing the requirement for you to complete an IELTS (or equivalent) test.

## 2. I am a student from the EU, am I required to have sat an IELTS (or equivalent) test prior to enrolment?

You may be required to provide evidence of a valid IELTS (or equivalent qualification) with a result of 7.0. All tests must have been taken within two years and 1 month of the start date of your course at Warwick.

However, you may sufficiently satisfy the English language requirements of your course if:

- You are a national of an English speaking country recognised by [UK Visa & Immigration \(UKVI\)](#)

OR

- You have been educated entirely in English, in a UK Visa & Immigration (UKVI recognised English speaking country, for the duration of your degree and completed this qualification within the last 2 years and 4 months).

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3. I require a student visa and do not hold a valid IELTS result but I believe I have the acceptable English Language Capability to enrol onto my programme– can I obtain a waiver?

Only in exceptional circumstances can a waiver be obtained due to the requirements related to obtaining a student visa. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you sit an IELTS (or equivalent) test.

4. I do not require a student visa, but I have been asked to demonstrate my English Language Capability and do not hold a valid IELTS (or equivalent qualification) result – can I obtain a waiver?

The University will consider an English Language institutional assessment in this instance, but additional supporting evidence will be required to undertake the assessment.

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5. What evidence do I need to provide to obtain an English Language institutional assessment for an applicant?

Evidence of the applicants reading and writing proficiency must be provided.

If you have completed a written assessment at interview, this will be used to assess your English Language Capability.

In addition, information regarding the interview including a short summary will be produced by the interviewer or programme lead. This information will include confirmation of the duration and details of the topics discussed.

6. I did not complete a written assessment at interview, what should be provided instead?

If you did not complete a written assessment at interview, you will be provided with a relevant journal article to read and summarise.

A copy of the original article, your completed summary and the department's comments on your suitability and language proficiency will be provided for the assessment.

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7. I am applying for the PGCEi/MA, and will not be required to enter the UK and/or obtain a Student Visa for entry onto the course, does this mean I am not required to hold a valid IELTS (or equivalent qualification)?

Whilst a visa is not required, the University has significantly tighten up on English Language proficiency requirements. Therefore, in most instances an IELTS (or equivalent qualification) result of 7.0 will be required (6.5 for the PGCEi, with no element less than 6.0).

If you are seeking an English Language institutional assessment additional information will be required to complete an assessment of your proficiency (see question 5).

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