

APPROVED ENGLISH TESTS AND SCORES

For September 2023 entry onwards

Updated June 2023

Applicants must present a qualification that is within its validity period.

Applicants requiring a Student visa must have passed the English language test within two years of the date they submit their visa application (this includes qualifications with longer periods of validity). It should be noted that as the RCM cannot control the exact date on which an applicant applies for their visa, for the purposes of assessment the RCM will normally require the qualification to be valid on the course start date.

Courses	CEFR Level	Tests and minimum required scores
Bachelor of Music BMus Master of Performance MPerf Master of Composition MComp Graduate Diploma in Vocal Performance GradDip All Artist Diplomas ArtDip	B2 in all four components: reading, speaking, listening & writing	Cambridge: Advanced Certificate in English Overall score of 160-179 and no less than 160 in any component.
		Cambridge: First Certificate in English Overall score of 160-172 and no less than 160 in any component.
		IELTS (Academic) / IELTS (Academic) for UKVI/ IELTS Indicator (Academic) / IELTS Online (Academic) Overall score of 5.5, with a minimum of 5.5 in all four components (reading, listening, speaking, writing). Tests from all IELTS centers are accepted, not just tests from UKVI SELT centers.
		LanguageCert International ESOL B2 (Communicator) (including Online version) Overall Pass, with minimum component scores of: Reading-33/50, Listening-33/50, Speaking-33/50, Writing-33/50. Applicants must sit the Listening, Reading and Writing Exam and the Speaking Exam.
		Pearson PTE Academic/ PTE Academic UKVI (the PTE online test is NOT currently accepted) Overall score of 59, with a minimum of 59 in all four components (reading, listening, speaking, writing).
		Skills for English SELT / Skills for English Global* (B2) Pass in all 4 components (reading, listening, speaking, writing).
		TOEFL iBT /TOEFL iBT Home Edition Overall score of 72, with minimum component scores of: Reading-18, Listening -17, Speaking-20, Writing-17.
		Trinity Integrated Skills in English – ISE II Pass in all 4 components (reading, listening, speaking, writing).

Courses	CEFR Level	Tests and minimum scores
Master of Music MMus Master of Science in Performance Science MSc Master of Education MEd MMusEd Teaching Musician MMusEd Doctoral Programmes DMus, PhD	C1 overall, with at least B2 in all four components: reading, speaking, listening & writing	<p>Cambridge: First Certificate in English Overall score of 180-190, with no less than 160 in any component.</p> <p>Cambridge: Advanced Certificate in English Overall score of 180-200, with no less than 160 in any component.</p> <p>Cambridge: English C2 Proficiency Overall score of 180-199, with no less than 180 in any component.</p> <p>IELTS (Academic) / IELTS (Academic) for UKVI / IELTS Indicator (Academic) / IELTS Online (Academic) Overall score of 7.0, with at least 5.5 in all four components. Tests from all IELTS centres will be accepted, not just tests from UKVI SELT centres.</p> <p>LanguageCert International ESOL C1 (Expert) (Including Online version) Overall Pass, with minimum component scores of: Reading-33/50, Listening -33/50, Speaking 33/50, Writing-33/50 Applicants must sit the Listening, Reading and Writing Exam and the Speaking Exam.</p> <p>Pearson PTE Academic/PTE Academic UKVI (the PTE online test is NOT currently accepted) Overall score of 76, with a minimum of 59 in all four components (reading, listening, speaking, writing).</p> <p>Skills for English SELT / Skills for English Global (C1) Pass in all 4 components (reading, listening, speaking, writing).</p> <p>TOEFL iBT* / TOEFL iBT Home Edition Overall score of 95, with minimum component scores of: Reading-24, Listening -22, Speaking-25, Writing-24.</p> <p>Trinity Integrated Skills in English – ISE III Pass in all four components (reading, listening, speaking, writing).</p>