

## Approved English language equivalent qualifications - Vouch List



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**Salford**  
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### Background to English Language requirements

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For EU and International students, the University accepts qualifications from several countries, as well as a number of English language qualifications and tests as equivalent to the standard entry requirement.

The approved equivalent qualifications list (Vouch List) includes the following qualifications:

- 1 – Secure English Language Tests as deemed by UKVI
- 2 – Regional-based qualifications
- 3 - Majority English Speaking Countries as deemed by UKVI
- 4 – Medium English Institutions

### VOUCH LIST

#### 1 – Secure English Language Tests as deemed by UKVI

Applicants with the following SELT (Secure English Language Test) are deemed to be equivalent for entry to University of Salford programmes, depending on the level of entry measured through IELTS.

Name of Qualification	UKVI IELTS 4.5 equivalent	UKVI IELTS 5.0 equivalent	UKVI IELTS 5.5 equivalent	UKVI IELTS 6.0 equivalent	UKVI IELTS 6.5 equivalent	Any further information
Common European Framework	B1	B2	B2	B2	B2	
UKVI IELTS	4.5 (pre-sessional and IFY only)	5.0 (pre-sessional and IFY only)	5.5	6.0	6.5	Valid for 2 years / Valid SELT for UKVI
Trinity College London – Integrated Skills in English	ISE I – Pass	ISE II – Pass	ISE II – Pass	ISE II – Pass	ISE II – Pass	Valid for 2 years / Valid SELT for UKVI

Note: By UKVI regulations, SELTs are deemed to prove knowledge of English and applicants will not require a further test for Tier 4 sponsorship. This list is managed by the UK Home Office (UKVI) and may be subject to change. For the latest information go to

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigrationrules/immigration-rules-appendix-o-approved-english-language-tests>

## 2 – Regional based qualifications

These qualifications are deemed to be equivalent to English GCSE grade C/grade 4 or above and are suitable for entry into all University of Salford programmes at degree level or above.

The University accepts the following qualifications as proof of English for Tier 4 sponsorship purposes, and applicants will not require an additional SELT.

Region / Country	Qualification	Criteria	Office Notes
Worldwide	GCSE English (all UK boards)	Grade C	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	iGCSE English	Grade C or above	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	O Level English (all UK boards)	Grade C	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	A Level English (all UK boards)	Grade E	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	AS Level English (all UK boards)	Grade E	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	International Baccalaureate	English higher A1/A2/B at 4/5/5 or English standard at 5/6/6 (out of 7)	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	TOEFL IBT	79 overall including minimum Listing - 17, Reading - 18, Writing - 17, Speaking - 20	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	Pearsons (UG & PG only)	61 = 6.5, 56 = 6.0, 51 = 5.5	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	NCUK – all programmes	EAP D overall, with no components below D; or EAP C overall, with no components below E, and a maximum of one component at E	<i>Historic – approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	INTO Foundation	EAP D (see NCUK)	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Worldwide	Kaplan International College - Foundation Year / Pre-Masters / etc	60% in English with all components 55% or above	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Austria	Reifeprüfung / Matura	English subject – Mark of 2 / Gut	<i>23/02/18 approved by vouching panel</i>
Brunei Darussalam	Cambridge O-Level English Language	Grade C6 or above	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Bulgaria	Diploma of Completed Secondary Education	English subject – pass (grade 3 or above)	<i>23/02/18 approved by vouching panel</i>
China	Sino-British College International Diploma	Pass including minimum EAP D	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
France	International Option of the French Baccalaureate (OIB)	MUST be the English Language Stream - Pass in the OIB	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
Ghana	WAEC/WASSCE English Language	Grade C6 or above	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>

Germany	Abitur	10 or above in English Language	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
Greece	Apolytirion – English subject	15 or above	<i>23/02/18 approved by vouching panel</i>
Hong Kong	HKALE Use of English	Grade D or above	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
Hong Kong	HKCEE (Syllabus B)	Grade C or above	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
Hong Kong	HKDSE	Grade 4 or above	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
India	Standard XII: English (only when award from CBSE or CISCE)	70% or above	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) English as a First Language	Grade C or above	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Malaysia	SPM 1119 English (Bahasa Inggeris)	Grade C or above on the UCLES O level grade (or grade 6C or above if taken between 2000-2009)	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Mauritius	Cambridge High School Certificate (includes O Level/iGCSE English)	Grade C or above	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
Norway	Vitnemal	4 or above in English Language	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
Nigeria	WAEC/NECO English Language	Grade C6 or above; or Pass in GNS 1 and 2	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Poland	Matura	70% or above in English Language	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
Republic of Ireland	Irish degree	Successful completion of Irish Masters degree; or Irish Bachelors degree	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan O Level English	Credit or above	<i>Historic - approved by LTEC</i>
Tanzania	Certificate of Secondary Education (Also known as Certificate of Secondary Education Examination or CSEE)	Grade C or above	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
Uganda	Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE)	Grade 1-6	<i>26/10/17 approved by vouching panel</i>
United Kingdom	UK Bachelors degree / UK Masters degree	Successful completion	<i>Historic – approved by LTEC</i>
West Africa	WAEC/WASSCE English Language	Grade C6 or above	

### **3 – Majority English Speaking Countries**

Applicants with degrees from these countries (must be equivalent to a UK degree) are deemed to be equivalent to English GCSE grade C/grade 4 or above and are suitable for entry into all University of Salford programmes.

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	New Zealand	UK
Australia	Grenada	St Kitts and Nevis	USA
The Bahamas	Guyana	St Lucia	
Barbados	Ireland	St Vincent and the Grenadines	
Belize	Jamaica	Trinidad and Tobago	

Note: By UKVI regulations, nationals of the above countries, as well as Canada, do not need to prove knowledge of English, and applicants will not require a further test for Tier 4 sponsorship.

This list is managed by the UK Home Office (UKVI) and may be subject to change. For the latest information go to <https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/knowledge-of-english>

#### 4 - Medium of English Institutions

Students who have completed applicable courses at the following institutions are deemed to be equivalent to English GCSE grade C/grade 4 or above and are suitable for entry into all University of Salford programmes at degree level or above, provided the course has been completed in the past two years.

The University accepts the qualifications for proof of English for Tier 4 sponsorship purposes and applicants will not require an additional SELT.

Region / Country	Institutions	Criteria	Office Notes
Hong Kong	LiPACE Open University Hong Kong (OUHK)	Successful completion of Higher Diploma course	<i>Route in place since 2014</i>
India	Indian Institute of Technology	Successful completion of course	<i>Effective since 2011</i>
India	Indian Institute of Management (various campuses)	Successful completion of course	<i>Effective since 2011</i>
India	University of Delhi	Successful completion of course	<i>Effective since 2011</i>
India	University of Mumbai	Successful completion of course	<i>Effective since 2011</i>
India	University of Calcutta (Kolkatta)	Successful completion of course	<i>Effective since 2011</i>
Malaysia	Taylors University College	Successful completion of course	<i>Route in place since 2009</i>
Malaysia	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UiTM)	Successful completion of course	<i>Route in place since 2009</i>
Malaysia	Tunku Abdul Rahman College (TARC)	Successful completion of course	<i>Route in place since 2009</i>
Malaysia	INTI University College Malaysia	Successful completion of course	<i>Route in place since 2009</i>

Malaysia	Laila Taib College (LTB)	Successful completion of course	Route in place since 2009. Institution was formerly called United College Sarawak
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#### Other notes:

#### 1 - Advice on applying the Vouch List for Partner Institutions

The following statement is to be used in all partner proposals:

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*For undergraduate programmes, equivalent English language qualifications include: IELTS 6.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component), <<**input other qualifications from the vouch list here that are from the country of the partner**>>. Please note: Some programmes may require a higher level of English language due to the nature of the programme. Please check the individual course pages.*

*For postgraduate, equivalent English language qualifications includes: IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component), <<**input other qualifications from the vouch list here that are from the country of the partner**>>. Please note: Some programmes may require a higher level of English language due to the nature of the programme. Please check the individual course pages.*

*The full list of equivalent qualifications can be found on the University's website at <http://www.salford.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements> and is subject to change.*

*Please note: Where an applicant requires a visa to study in the UK, the applicant must meet the English language requirement for both the University programme and the UK Home Office (UKVI) visa requirements.*

#### 2 - Assessing other qualifications deemed to be equivalent to GCSE English grade C/grade 4

Other qualifications which may be deemed equivalent to GCSE English grade C/4 will need to be considered by the University's Vouching Panel.

Requests for consideration need to be made in writing on the **Form: Recommendation for a qualification to be included on the Vouch List** and submitted to the International Office who will collect the relevant documentation required to demonstrate that the qualification shows proficiency at the appropriate standard in each skill area (listening, speaking, reading and writing).

Please note: The University Vouching Panel is for both European and International qualifications.

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Available at: <https://www.salford.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements>

## Form: Recommendation for English Language Equivalency

### Recommendation for a qualification to be included on the Vouch List

- The Vouch List is the list of qualifications that the University has assessed and approved to be used in lieu of a SELT qualification (a secure English Language qualification approved by the Home Office for immigration purposes) as well as for qualifications that are used in lieu of GCSE English grade C.
- The Vouch List is owned by Admissions and administered through the policy agreed with the Home Office Compliance Action Group (April 2017).
- As per the policy, the process to manage the Vouch List includes that any recommendation of qualifications to be included on the Vouch will be assessed by the Qualification Equivalency Panel.
- The proposer must complete all details with the source of information and forward to the panel chair and a decision turnaround time is three working days.
- The panel chair is Michelle Wilson, Assistant Head of Admissions – International.
- The latest version of the Vouch List can be found at [www.salford.ac.uk/international](http://www.salford.ac.uk/international)
- The version of this form is noted in the footer.

<b>1 - Qualification</b> <i>Name of the qualification you are proposing. Include the original and translated name.</i>	
<b>2 - Country</b>	
<b>3 – Education, Assessment and Grading system</b> <i>Describe the education, assessment and grading system where the qualification is taught and accredited. For example: If the qualification part of a high school qualification; If the qualification is a standalone qualification</i>	
<b>4 – Teaching and assessment method across all 4 components</b> <i>Provide evidence that the qualification tests all four components: reading, writing, speaking, listening. This may be shown through the examination and grades, or through the curriculum.</i>	
<b>5 – Is the qualification assessed against any accreditation frameworks and at what level?</b> <i>National Qualification Framework (<a href="#">NQF</a>) /European Qualification Framework (<a href="#">EQF</a>) /Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (<a href="#">CEFR</a>) If the qualification has been assessed against any of the above frameworks, state the level.</i>	
<b>6 – Is the qualification assessed by NARIC?</b> <i>Include the details of the NARIC assessment</i>	Click here to enter text.
<b>7 – Any restrictions</b>	Click here to enter text.

<p><b>(eg age of qualification)</b>  <i>Include any specific information about the recommended qualification, for example, only accepted if assessed after 2010.</i></p>	
<p><b>8 - Level against IELTS equivalent</b>  <i>Recommend the proposed qualification against IELTS equivalent grades. You may propose a range of grades across each band. As a guide, GCSE grade C is IELTS 5.5-6.5.</i></p>	
<p><b>9 – Any other information to support the recommendation</b>  <i>For example: recommendations from the sector, from in-country stakeholders, from other institutions. Please attach evidence.</i></p>	
<p><b>Name and contact details of proposer / date</b></p>	
<p><b>Panel Checklist:</b></p>	
<p><i>Process in accordance to English Language Vouch List Policy, Home Office Compliance Action Group, April 2017  Form: Recommendation for English Language Equivalency. Version: 17-04-13 Recommendation Form</i></p>	