

Proving your English language ability

You will need to submit an English language test score unless your first language is English, and you have always been a citizen of and primarily resident in a majority English-speaking country as defined by the UK Visas & Immigration Office*. You must submit a score report with your application **and** make London Business School the score recipient for your test score so we can verify this electronically. We will only accept English tests completed within 2 years of the MBA programme start date in August. Your score must meet the minimum **overall** score and minimum **component** score requirements of the English test.

Accepted English language tests	Minimum score	Minimum required on each component
IELTS academic/IELTS for UKVI	7.0	6.5
TOEFL (pre 21.01.2026)	100	22 (Listening, Speaking) 23 (Reading) 24 (Writing)
TOEFL (post 21.01.2026)	5	5 (Listening, Writing) 4 (Speaking) 4.5 (Reading)
CAE	180	170
CPE	180	170
PTE (Pearson Test of English)	76	70
DET (Duolingo English Test)	135	125

Other ways to evidence English language ability

At the discretion of the Admissions Committee, the requirement to provide English language test scores may be waived. You can apply for an exemption if you meet one of the following criteria:

1. You are currently working in a professional role in a majority English-speaking country. We require at least 2 years of experience.
2. You have completed a degree-level course (undergraduate and/or masters)** that is:
 - full-time
 - undertaken entirely in English, in a majority English-speaking country
 - has been completed no more than 5 years prior to the course start date

***UK Visas & Immigration office majority English-speaking country list**

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

Please also note your English language ability will be continually assessed during the admissions process, and you may be asked by the Admissions Committee to take (or retake) an English language test.

**We will not be able to accept exchange years in a majority English-speaking country as valid evidence for the English language test exemption.

*** The exemption applies to native speakers nationals of Canada, but not to candidates that have completed their degree in Canada. Degrees completed in Canada will have to be individually assessed.