

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS POLICY



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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear English language entry requirements for international students applying to the Velindre Oncology Academy, ensuring they meet the necessary criteria for online study leading to the award of a qualification.

The policy aims to provide clarity regarding these requirements and to ensure that all students possess the required language proficiency to effectively engage with their academic studies. This ensures that students are well-equipped to succeed in their coursework and achieve their academic goals.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to:

- All international applicants to Velindre Oncology Academy programs, .
- Non-compliance with these entry requirements may result in the rejection of an application.

## **AUTHORISED PERSONNEL**

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## **REFERENCES/RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- Admissions Policy
- Cancellation Policy
- Admissions Feedback, Appeals and Complaints
- Reasonable Adjustments Policy

## **PROCEDURE**

## **METHODS OF MEETING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**

International applicants can meet the English language entry requirements via the following methods:

- **Completion of a Recognised Qualification in the UK or a Majority English-Speaking Country**  
Applicants must have completed an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification from a recognised institution in the UK or a majority English-speaking country.
- **Completion of a Qualification in English at a Recognised Institution Outside of English-Speaking Countries**  
Applicants must have completed an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification taught in English at a recognised institution within the last 30 months.
- **Completion of a Qualification with Significant Embedded English Language Content**  
Applicants with an English language qualification or a qualification with embedded English content in the last five years may meet the entry requirements.
- **Completion of an Online English-Taught Qualification**  
Applicants who have completed an online qualification in English from a recognised UK institution within the last three years.
- **Native English Speakers**  
Applicants from majority English-speaking countries (e.g., Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Canada, the United States) are automatically considered to meet the English language requirements.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTS

Applicants who do not meet the above criteria may be required to submit an English language test. The Velindre Oncology Academy accepts the following tests for entry:

- **Cambridge English** (C1 Advanced, C2 Proficiency, B2 Business Vantage, C1 Business Higher)
- **IELTS Academic** (including UKVI IELTS Academic for visa purposes)
- **Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic)** (including UKVI PTE)
- **TOEFL iBT** (minimum score requirements apply)
- **Trinity ISE II & III** (taken at UKVI-approved centres)
- **Wales Academic Language Test (Wales ALT)**
- **Language Cert Academic SELT** (B2 or above)
- **Skills for English SELT** (B2 or above)
- **International Baccalaureate (IB)** (Higher or Standard Level)
- **Cambridge IGCSE** (English as a Second Language, minimum Grade C)

## ACCEPTED ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST SCORES & MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The following outlines the minimum entry requirements for accepted English language tests:

Test	CEFR Level	Minimum Score Requirements
<b>Cambridge English: C1 Advanced</b>	C1	Overall score of 169, with no less than 162 in any component.
<b>IELTS Academic</b>	B2/C1	Level 3: 4.5 (with no less than 4.0 in each component); Levels 4-7: 6.0 (with no less than 5.5 in each component).
<b>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</b>	B2/C1	Level 3: Minimum score of 43; Levels 4-7: Minimum score of 59.
<b>TOEFL iBT</b>	B2/C1	Minimum score of 72, with individual component scores as detailed.
<b>Wales ALT</b>	B2/C1	Level 4-7: Minimum score of 6.0 (with no less than 5.5 in each component); Level 8 (Research): Minimum score of 6.5.
<b>Trinity College London ISE</b>	B2/C1	ISE II: Pass overall with merit in each component; ISE III: Pass overall with passes in each component.
<b>LanguageCert Academic SELT</b>	B2	Minimum score of 60 in all components and 65 overall for Levels 4-7.

## ACCEPTED SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the above tests, the following qualifications may be accepted, depending on country-specific practices:

Country	Qualification	Minimum Grade
Botswana	BGCSE, English Language	Grade C or above
Cameroon	GCE O Level English	Grade C or above
India	Standard XII English (except Punjab & Haryana)	70% or above
Nigeria	WAEC English	Grade C6 or above
Malaysia	UCLES Syllabus 119, English	Grade C or above

## RESOURCES

- **Time:** Applicants must submit their documentation and take any necessary tests in a timely manner to ensure smooth processing of their application and visa.
- **Training:** Staff involved in reviewing and assessing English language qualifications must receive appropriate training to stay up-to-date with requirements.

- **Documentation:** The Academy must ensure that sufficient resources are available for processing applications, including the management of test results and interviews.

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND POLICY COMPLIANCE**

- The Admissions Team will implement the policy by reviewing and verifying the English language qualifications of all international applicants.
- Applicants must provide the required documentation by the specified deadlines to ensure that their applications are processed in time for course start dates.

## **REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary. The current version is approved as of **March 2025**, with the next review scheduled for **2027**.

## **REFERENCES**

- UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) English Language Requirements
- Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)
- UK Immigration Rules Appendix B: English Language
- Academic qualifications and testing bodies (Cambridge, IELTS, Pearson, TOEFL, Trinity, LanguageCert)

## **DEFINITIONS / ABBREVIATIONS**

Velindre Oncology Academy – VOA

“Student” - any person enrolled or registered to follow a Programme of Study or module(s) offered by the VOA and persons who have been students of the VOA for up to 3 months after they have left the VOA.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

**The Velindre Oncology Academy Admissions Team** is responsible for:

- Reviewing all applicants' English language qualifications and determining if they meet the criteria.

- Ensuring applicants submit any required documentation, including transcripts and proof of interview where necessary.

**Applicants** are responsible for:

Providing accurate and complete documentation to demonstrate English language proficiency.