

APPROVED ENGLISH TESTS AND SCORES

For September 2021 entry onwards

As a higher education institution, the RCM is permitted by UK Visas and Immigration to accept some additional tests, as well as those on the UKVI list of [Secure English Language Tests](#) (SELTs). Tests that are not on the UKVI SELT list are marked*. These tests still can be used as evidence of English language for a Student visa application for courses at the RCM, but may not be acceptable for other types of visa application.

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. For tests sat before January 2015 we require an overall pass at Level B2 and at least 'weak' in all four components
		Cambridge: First Certificate in English* Overall score of 160-172 and no less than 160 in any component. For tests sat before January 2015 we require an overall pass at Grade B OR Grade C and at least 'borderline' in all four components
		IELTS (Academic)*/IELTS (Academic) for UKVI Overall score of 5.5, with a minimum of 5.5 in all four components (reading, listening, speaking, writing). Tests from all IELTS centres are accepted, not just tests from UKVI SELT centres
		LanguageCert International ESOL B2 (Communicator) 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 Overall score of 59, with a minimum of 59 in all four components (reading, listening, speaking, writing)
		TOEFL iBT* 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)

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<p>Master of Music MMus</p> <p>Master of Science in Performance Science MSc</p> <p>Master of Education MEd</p> <p>Doctoral Programmes DMus, PhD</p>	<p>C1 overall, with at least B2 in all four components: reading, speaking, listening & writing</p>	<p>Cambridge: First Certificate in English* Overall score of 180-190, with no less than 160 in any component. For tests sat before January 2015 we require an overall pass at Grade A and at least 'exceptional' in all four components.</p> <p>Cambridge: Advanced Certificate in English* Overall score of 180-200, with no less than 160 in any component. For tests sat before January 2015 we require an overall pass at Grade B OR Grade C and at least 'borderline' in all four components.</p> <p>IELTS (Academic)*/IELTS (Academic) for UKVI 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) 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 Overall score of 76, with a minimum of 59 in all four components (reading, listening, speaking, writing)</p> <p>TOEFL iBT* 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>