

English Language Requirements Applicant criteria

# If you meet one of the following criteria, you meet the English Language criteria and do not need to provide English Language requirements evidence:

* You’re a British citizen and English is your first language
* You’re a national of Canada or any of the countries in the list below
* You have studied in the UK before as a Tier 4 (Child) student
* You have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in one of the following English- speaking countries:

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

# If you do not meet any of the above criteria:

* You must provide English Language evidence equating to an IELTs score of 7.0 (or equivalent) with no element below 6.5 (or equivalent).

o If you have an IELTS score (overall or in any sub-skill) which is half a band lower than 7.0, you are eligible to apply however, if you are successfully appointed, you will be required to complete a [**Postgraduate Research Pre-sessional English language course**](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/course/postgraduate-research-pre-sessional/) conditional to your offer.

* A list of acceptable English Language tests for research degrees at Edge Hill University can be found [**here**.](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/departments/support/international/english-language-requirements/) **Please ensure that they are within the required date ranges and is valid**. IELTs are valid for 2 years. All other qualifications are normally only valid for 5 years.
* Edge Hill University reserves the right to ask the applicant to provide further evidence of English language proficiency in the form of a UKVI accepted Secure English Language Test (SELT) if an applicant has provided a qualification from a long time ago and has not used English in a work or study environment. Any such requests will require the applicant to reapply with the updated paperwork when a future recruitment opportunity arises.
* Letters of recommendation, or requests to waive the language requirements, **will not** be accepted.
* Failure to provide this information at the point of application will result in your application not being considered for the post.

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