

Proof of English Proficiency Guide

Uninettuno partnership

Standard Route:

- ✓ IELTS 6.0 (no less than 5.5 in any component) = equivalent to Password Test
- ✓ For DBA, 7.0 (no less than 6.0 in any component) = equivalent to Password Test
- ✓ PTE Academic (both in test center and online accepted) 50 + score, For DBA – 66+
- ✓ TOEFL IBT or equivalent (e.g. Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC), Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (TOEFL IBT – OS – 50+ score and 85+ for DBA)
- ✓ Trinity's Integrated Skills in English (ISE): ISE II (B2) for all Master and BA courses with *Pass in each component; ISE III (C1) for DBA with *Pass in each component

The English proficiency test can be waived in any of the TWO scenarios:

- ✓ Applicants having completed **school qualification of English speaking country in any country (English or non-English)**, for example International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge AICE; or School Leaving Qualification from **English speaking countries** (<https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/knowledge-of-english>):
 - Antigua and Barbuda
 - Australia
 - Bahamas
 - Barbados
 - Belize
 - Dominica
 - Grenada
 - Guyana
 - Ireland
 - Jamaica
 - New Zealand
 - St Kitts and Nevis
 - St Lucia
 - St Vincent and the Grenadines
 - Trinidad and Tobago
 - UK
 - USA
- ✓ Applicants having completed their undergraduate degree **in English** and the degree is from **English speaking country**. Pay attention when exemption is applied in this scenario:
 - If the student completed, for example, UK degree in UK, it's clear, student can be accepted without any other additional documents.
 - But if the student completed, for example, **UK degree** in non-English speaking country, we can accept student if we receive additional letter from the university confirming that the medium of **instruction and assessment were in English** only – in some countries, UK degree can be delivered in local language.
- ✓ Medium of Instruction letter for a qualification awarded within the last 5 years.

- ❖ If student is applying from India, then MOI cannot be accepted for Berlin location – as per updated embassy criteria.

WAEC Certificate as Proof of English

In order to accept the West African Senior School Certificate (WAEC) as proof of English for applicants from West Africa, namely **Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Gambia and Sierra Leone**, they must fulfil concomitantly the following conditions:

- WAEC English Language component must be at level C6 or above. Please refer to the below marks table explaining the grading structure used by WAEC

Mark	Rating	Percentage
A1	Excellent	75-100%
B2	Very Good	70-74%
B3	Good	65-69%
C4	Credit	60-64%
C5	Credit	55-59%
C6	Credit	50-54%
D7	Pass	45-49%
E8	Pass	40-44%
F9	Fail	Below 40%

- Personal statement must comprise a minimum of 2 pages in a well written English. Applications should be assessed as a whole rather than just on the possession of a WAEC English qualification. If student's level of English in the personal statement and in communications with admissions is very poor, then the right to ask for an IELTS test will still be applicable
 - A clear copy of the Senior School Certificate is required
- *WAEC can be accepted if graduated within last 5 years

Exceptionally accepted by Uninettuno due to pandemic circumstance

IELTS and other official tests validity extended to 3 years

- Duolingo English test 95+ overall score
- **Following school certificates**, similar to already approved WAEC/NECO certificates (grade C6 or above) as a proof of English skills along with a comprehensive personal statement where English is also checked:
 - The Zimbabwe School Examinations Council (ZIMSEC)
 - The Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)
 - Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (Tanzania)
 - Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education
 - Cameroon General Certificate of Education

UCA partnership

- Nationals of a [majority English speaking country](#) who have taken their academic qualifications in that country, do not need to sit an English test.
- ✓ Antigua and Barbuda
- ✓ Australia
- ✓ The Bahamas
- ✓ Barbados
- ✓ Belize
- ✓ Dominica
- ✓ Grenada
- ✓ Guyana
- ✓ Ireland
- ✓ Jamaica
- ✓ Malta
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Medium of Instruction:

- 🚩 MOI Letter accepted as a stand-alone if the applicants graduated within the last 2 years.
- 🚩 MOI Letter must be enhanced by a Duolingo test with an overall score of 105+ if the student has graduated within the last 5 years. Also, the Internal English Assessment can be used in this scenario.
- 🚩 MOI Letter not accepted as Proof of English proficiency for the applicants who graduated more than 5 years ago.

The above is not applicable for student who are applying from India. German embassy updated the POE guidelines as per which MOI cannot be accepted as a proof of English.

- If student graduated from english speaking country but is applying from India, MOI cannot be accepted.
- If student graduated from non-English speaking country and is applying from India, then MOI cannot be accepted.
- For Berlin location only
- **Official English Tests for BA/BSc and PG programmes:**
 - ✓ IELTS – minimum OS 6.0 (with min 5.5 in each component);
 - ✓ Password test – minimum OS 6.0 (with min 5.5 in each component);
 - ✓ PTE (Academic)/PTE (Academic) online – minimum OS of 56 (with min 51 in each component);
 - ✓ TOEFL IBT OS 80 (Listening 17, Reading 18, Speaking 20, Writing 17);

- ✓ Cambridge English Advanced (CAE) or Cambridge English Proficiency OS 69 (min 162 in each component)
 - ✓ LanguageCert International ESOL SELT OS B2 Communicator High Pass (min 33 in each component)
 - ✓ Duolingo test with an overall score of 105
 - ✓ **Validity of all official accepted tests can be considered up to 5 years.**
- **Official English Tests for International Foundation:**
 - ✓ IELTS – minimum OS 5.0 (with min 4.5 in each component);
 - ✓ Password test – minimum OS 5.0 (with min 4.5 in each component)
 - ✓ PTE (Academic)/ PTE (Academic) online – minimum OS of 46 (with min 41 in each component)
 - ✓ TOEFL IBT OS 46 (Listening 12, Reading 13, Speaking 18, Writing 14)
 - ✓ LanguageCert International ESOL SELT OS B1 Achiever High Pass
 - ✓ Duolingo test with an overall score of 95+
 - ✓ **Validity of all official accepted tests can be considered up to 5 years.**
 - We can accept **West African Certificates** (WAEC AND NECO only) as a **stand-alone** with a minimum of C6 in English and **issued within the last 5 years** (no need for additional PS as with Uninettuno). Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) is also accepted with an overall grade C or above*
 - 🚩 WAEC/NECO must be enhanced by a successful (50%+) Internal English Assessment if issued more than 5 years ago.

Note! For Tanzania and Cameroon, we request an IELTS (or equivalent certificate).

- Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge AICE certificates can be accepted as POE
- International Baccalaureate Diploma can be accepted if:
 - ✓ English Syllabus A: Standard or Higher Grade 4, or above
 - ✓ English Syllabus B: Standard Grade 5 or Higher Grade 4, or above

CUC partnership

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English Proficiency accepted by CUC is as listed below:

- ✓ IELTS - Overall score 6.0 or more, individual component scores are not considered
- ✓ TOEFL IBT – Overall score equivalent to 6.0 or more. Student is required to submit his scores to CUC with the code 1140
- ✓ Duolingo Test - Overall score equivalent 95 or above
- ✓ Medium of Instruction Letter – Medium of Instruction from Bachelor's /Master's University and should be signed by provost, registrar, assistant registrar or the president of the student's educational institute
- ✓ **PTE and Password test is not accepted by CUC**
- ✓ West Africans Countries WAEC/NECO along with Personal Statement cannot be considered as Proof of English for CUC

Password Test

Who can use Password?

In country (Germany) or EU applicants - please note that we do not require a MOI letter if Password test is provided for this category of applicants only

- Out of country applications: All students coming from international countries.

Cost of the test

- The applicant will have to pay 45 EUR

How to pay?

- Via payment link (will be active by end of this week)
- Bank transfer (PC will provide an invoice)

Accepted by:

- UCA and UTIU. The process is straight forward - advisors need to send a test request form to englishtest@gus.global and Admissions English test team will deal with the rest

Internal English Assessment - available for partnerships with Uninettuno and UCA

For PG and 3 years bachelor's degree

- ✓ EU based students (Uninettuno and UCA)
- International students based in their home countries who sat an official test with an overall score of 6.0, but 5.0 in one component (the rest being still minimum 5.5) – IELTS and Password test
- UCA and UTIU only - Students submitting WAEC with English component at C6 or above as a proof of English proficiency for a qualification completed more than 5 years ago can sit the Internal English Assessment
- If student holds a valid German Visa, they can directly opt for IET
- International student residing in EU countries holding a valid visa or residence permit can also opt for IET
- UCA Only
TOEFL score acceptable for IET – Listening – 12, Speaking – 18, Reading – 13, Writing – 14, OS – 80
- UTIU Only
TOEFL score acceptable for IET Reading – 13+, Listening – 12+, Speaking – 18+ and writing – 21+, OS – 50
- UCA Only – Student submitting Duolingo Test with OS – 100, can sit the Internal English Assessment.
- International students based in their home countries who sat an official PTE test with an overall score of 56, 46 in one component (the rest being still at minimum 51)
- Student applying from India – If MOI accepted prior to 1st of Nov 2022 (graduated within 2 years or if student graduated from English speaking country) and student is applying for German visa, they can sit the Internal English Assessment – If MOI accepted as stand-alone after 1st of Nov, student is required to provide valid proof of English accepted by the university (UCA or UTIU)

These categories of applicants can sit the internal English assessment where all four English components will be assessed. For the international applicants based outside of EU, the focus will be on the component with lower grade to ensure that they meet the English skills for studies.

Procedure

- Advisor send the request via email to admissions@berlinsbi.com copying Mallika Brahmani Lingala
mallika.brahmanilingala@guseducationindia.com
- Admissions will check the eligibility, please make sure when submitting the request, you also send the supportive documents showing student's location if in Germany (Residence permit/Visa), including a German address.
- Admissions will forward the request to the IET team. **Please do not contact BSBI IET team directly.**
- Once student is assessed, IET test score is uploaded to our system and recruiter notified.

The assessment is free of charge.