English Language Flow Chart for Skilled Worker Visa applications

Is the individual a national of Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts, Malta and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago or USA?

Yes → English language requirement met.

No → Have they taken and passed an **approved English language test**, see https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests ?

Yes → English language requirement met. Original English language test certificate should be submitted with the visa application.

No → Have they been awarded a **UK** Bachelor, Masters or PhD degree?

Yes → English language requirement met. Original award certificate or academic transcript should be submitted with the visa application.

No → Do they hold a Bachelor, Masters or PhD degree (or equivalent) **from one of the following countries**: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Malta Trinidad and Tobago or USA?

Yes → **Application to ECCTIS (formerly NARIC) required** to verify the level of the qualification. This can be done by applying for the **ECCTIS Visa & Nationality (English Language) assessment**. For more information on how to apply please contact your People Services contact.

Applicants should be aware that an application to ECCTIS does not guarantee that the level of the qualification will be certified. The original qualification certificate or academic transcript, and the certification from ECCTIS should be submitted with the visa application as evidence

No → Do they hold a Bachelor, Masters or PhD degree (or equivalent) from elsewhere that was **taught entirely in English**?

Yes → **Application to ECCTIS (formerly NARIC) required** to verify that it was taught in English (English Language Proficiency). If you are not relying on 'PhD tradeable points' for sponsorship this can be done via the **ECCTIS Visa & Nationality (English Language) assessment.**

If relying on 'PhD tradeable' points both language and level of qualification should be assessed via the **ECCTIS Visa & Nationality (English Language & PhD Verification).** For more details on how to apply please contact your People Services contact.

Alternatively, applicants may wish to take and pass an approved English language test. See https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests. The original English language test certificate should be submitted with the visa application.

No → Applicant will need to take and pass an **approved English language test**. See https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests. The original English language test certificate should be submitted with the visa application.
Please note for IELTS - this must be the IELTS for UKVI test.