

List of English Language Acceptable Alternatives

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	Acceptable alternatives for GCE 'O' Level C6 for EL	Acceptable alternatives for GCE 'O' Level B4 for EL
GCSE English	C	B
IGCSE English as First Language (A* to G grading scale) ¹	C	B
IGCSE English as First Language (9- 1 grading scale) ¹	4 / 5	6
ICCE General Certificate English Language	C	B
IELTS (General)	Not applicable	Band 6.5 <u>and</u> any other C6 acceptable alternatives
IELTS (Academic) ²	Band 5.5	Band 6.5
Linguaskill General / Business ³	At least 162	At least 176
SPM EL 1119 (Cambridge GCE 'O' level EL1)	C6 (<i>before 2009</i>) C (<i>after 2009</i>)	B4 (<i>before 2009</i>) B (<i>after 2009</i>)
SPM (from 2021 onwards)	B2 (CEFR)	C1 (CEFR)
TOEFL paper	At least 497	At least 580
TOEFL computer-based test	At least 170	At least 237
TOEFL Internet-based test	At least 59	At least 93

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International Baccalaureate Diploma Extended Essay in English	Satisfactory Score (Grade 4) Satisfactory Standard (Grade C)	Good Score (Grade 5) Good Standard (Grade B)
Accredited Degree where the medium of instruction is English	Successful completion of the degree programme	Not Applicable
GCE 'AO' General Paper	C6	C5
GCE 'H1' General Paper	E	D
MOE's prevailing English Proficiency Test to establish language proficiency to be a MOE teacher	Not Applicable	Pass
Grade in EL1 obtained in a national or state examination after 10 years of formal education with English as the medium of instruction	Credit in EL1 equivalent to a C6 in GCE 'O' level examination or any acceptable alternatives as listed (proof of equivalence to C6 in GCE 'O' level examination is to be provided by the candidate)	Credit in EL1 equivalent to a B4 in GCE 'O' level examination or any acceptable alternatives as listed (proof of equivalence to B4 in GCE 'O' level examination is to be provided by the candidate)

Footnote:

¹ Only applies to IGCSE qualifications endorsed by Cambridge International Examination (CIE) and Pearson Edexcel.

² IELTS (Academic) online tests done via proctoring (live/remote) are currently not recognized.

³ Linguaskills General or Linguaskills Business assessments are accepted only if they are taken at a Cambridge Assessment English authorized testing centre. Tests done via proctoring (live/remote) are currently not recognized.