

English Language Assessment

The Council will consider the following as equivalent level qualifications to an Authority approved English language assessment:

- UK GCSE/O level (or equivalent) certificate, grades A* to G
- UK AS-level or A-level certificate
- UK BA Hons, BSc Hons degree or higher (such as a master's or PhD)
- UK HNC or HND qualification
- ESOL qualification showing English language skills equivalent to level B1 (CEFR) or higher, such as ESOL International Speaking and Listening or ESOL Skills for Life (UK) (Entry Level 3, Level 1 or Level 2 - Entry Level 1 and Entry Level 2 will not be accepted)
- SELT, Secure English Language Test, grade 5 or higher
- GESE, Graded Examinations in Spoken English, grade 5 or higher
- ISE, Integrated Skills in English, ISE(1)(B1)
- UK NVQ, BTEC or City & Guilds qualification equivalent to GCSE or above, such as:
 - Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving (Taxi and Private Hire)
 - City & Guilds, Level 2 Certificate in Introduction to the Role of the Professional Taxi and Private Hire Driver

The Council will need to be satisfied that any qualification has been taught in English.

If you are unable to provide the original certificate to confirm that you have obtained one of the qualifications listed above, you can [obtain a copy of the qualification](#)

If you do not have a certificate, you must complete the Council's English language assessment. **This will be booked for you after you have attended your appointment to submit your application.**

You will need to provide the following information at the appointment so that we can book your assessment:

Full name

Address

Email and phone number

Passport photograph to perform an ID check prior to completing the assessment

Fee £55.00

Once you have been added as a candidate with Versant, you will receive an email to invite you to complete the assessment. You will need to ensure that the device has a camera and microphone.

Once you have completed the assessment, you will receive a report. You need to score between 43-58 which is a level B1 standard. You can resit the test if you fail the initial test, for a further fee of £55.00

Practice English Language assessments may be booked directly with [Versant](#). Please note if you pass the practice assessment you will still also need to pass the approved English language assessment.