

English Language Requirement (for applicants for whom English is not their first language) - 2025 entry

Test/Qualification	Grade or score required for undergraduate programmes	Grade or score required for postgraduate programmes	Validity period ¹
IELTS Academic ²	Overall score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component	Overall score of 7.0 with a minimum of 6.5 in each component	2 years
Cambridge C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency	Overall score of 176 with a minimum of 169 in each component	Overall score of 185 with a minimum of 176 in each component	2 years
Cambridge O Level English Language ³	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	4 years
GCSE English Language	Grade C/grade 4 or above	Grade C/grade 4 or above	4 years
IGCSE English as a Second Language	Grade B or above	Grade B or above	4 years
IGCSE First Language English	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	4 years
Password Skills Plus and Password Skills Plus One Part Retake	Overall score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component	Overall score of 7.0 with a minimum of 6.5 in each component	2 years
Pearson PTE Academic	Overall score of 62 with a minimum of 59 in each component	Overall score of 68 with a minimum of 62 in each component	2 years

¹ An applicant must have passed the test within the specified number of years prior to the start date of the Oak Hill programme.

² We accept IELTS Academic (paper-based or computer), IELTS for UKVI Academic (paper-based or on computer), IELTS Online and IELTS One Skill Retake. We do not accept IELTS Indicator, IELTS Life Skills or IELTS General Training.

³ Syllabus: Malaysia 1119, Brunei 1120, Mauritius 1125 or 1126, Singapore 1128, and all other countries 1123.

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TOEFL iBT and TOEFL iBT Home edition	Overall score of 92 with a minimum of 23 in each component	Overall score of 102 with a minimum of 25 in each component	2 years
Trinity ISE Level III or IV	Pass or above in each component	Merit or above in each component	2 years
Various high school English qualifications, such as the German Abitur, as listed on the University of Durham website: https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/international/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements/other-english-language-qualifications/	See University of Durham website	See University of Durham website. If requirements are broken down by bands, Band B is required.	2 years ⁴
<p>We also accept successful completion of a UK Bachelor's degree or higher, or an equivalent qualification, taught and assessed in English in a majority English-speaking country.⁵ If the degree was completed more than two years prior to applying to study at Oak Hill, the applicant must provide evidence at application stage of ongoing use of English. This could take the form of living in a majority English-speaking country or working in an occupation that requires regular use of English.</p>			

Please note that, with the exception of IELTS One Skill Retake and Password Skills Plus One Part Retake, an applicant cannot combine scores from more than one sitting of a test. The two-year validity period starts on the date that the original test was taken.

⁴ With the exception of NECO/WAEC/WASSCE English from Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and The Gambia which has a 7 year validity period.

⁵ Majority English-speaking countries are defined by the British government as follows: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom and USA.