

## Appendix E – Approved language proficiency assessment providers

Documentary evidence of either:

- a qualification (whether or not the qualification was obtained in the United Kingdom) on the basis of which the council is satisfied that the applicant's level of proficiency in the English language is equivalent to level B1 or above on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
- have completed the Council's English Language Assessment supplementary section of the Knowledge Test.
- a certificate from one of the council's Secure English Language Test (SELT) providers confirming the applicant's level of proficiency in the English language is at level B1 on the CEFR

### Examples of suitable evidence

This is a list of examples of suitable evidence you can supply to prove you meet the requirement. The list is not exhaustive. The subject of the qualification does not matter as long as it was taught in English.

- UK GCSE/O level (or equivalent) certificate at grades A\* to G
- UK AS-Level/A level certificate
- UK NVQ\*/BTEC/City and Guilds qualification, along with confirmation from the awarding body that the qualification provided is equivalent to GCSE or above – for example, a Blue Badge Guide qualification
- UK BA Hons, BSc Hons degree or higher – that is, master's, PhD
- UK HNC/HND qualification
- SELT certificate at B1 level or higher, issued by Trinity College London or IELTS showing proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening

### Replacement certificates

There are four accredited Ofqual awarding organisations offering GSCEs in England:

- AQA
- OCR
- Pearson
- WJEC

There are also others for the rest of the UK. Replacement certificates are available from those organisations. A certified confirmation of results from the awarding body will be acceptable.

### Language requirement

There are currently two approved interim English language test providers:

- Trinity College London

- IELTS (International English Language Test System)

Trinity College London's ISE I qualification will be accepted as evidence of meeting the English language requirement. Find out more about Trinity, and how you can book the ISE I language test.

IELTS Academic and General Training tests are both accepted as evidence of meeting the new English language requirement. Find out more about IELTS, and how you can book their tests.