

IELTS Equivalence List

Students attaining a qualification equivalent to or above the requisite scores in IELTS could be exempted from taking the Password test and are considered for having fulfilled the IELTS requirement.

Qualifications	Overall 6.0 in IELTS Academic Module	Overall 6.5 in IELTS Academic Module	Overall 7.0 Academic Module
HKDSE English Language	Level 4 (Note 1)	Level 4 with condition (Note 2) Level 5 with no condition	Level 5 with no condition
Password	Overall 6.0	Overall 6.5	Overall 7.0
GCE System	Grade C in GCE A Level English	Grade C in GCE A Level English	Grade C in GCE A Level English
International Baccalaureate (IB) English A	Grade 4 in HL or Grade 5 in SL	Grade 5 in HL or Grade 6 in SL	Grade 6 in HL or Grade 7 in SL
International Baccalaureate (IB) English B	Grade 5 in HL or Grade 6 in SL	Grade 6 in HL or Grade 7 in SL	Grade 7 in HL (not applicable in SL)
TOEFL	74 overall, minimum 15 in listening, 16 in reading, 15 in speaking and 17 in writing	87 overall, minimum of 17 in listening, 18 in reading, 17 in speaking and 20 in writing	100, comprising Reading 22, Listening 21, Speaking 23, Writing 21
Pearson PTE Academic / UKVI	50 overall, minimum 38 in all components)	58 overall, minimum of 42 in all components	65, minimum 50 in all components
Cambridge English Scale	168 overall with at least 160 in each element	176 overall with at least 170 in each element	190 overall with at least 180 in each element
Trinity ISE	ISE II Distinction or ISE III Pass (Note 3)	ISE II Distinction or ISE III Pass	ISE III Distinction or ISE IV Pass

LanguageCert English Language	B2 Communicator with 39 in each skill area (Note 3)	B2 Communicator with 39 in each skill area	C1 with minimum score of 33 out of 50 in each component
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Note 1: While no appropriate conversion can be made owing to lack of adequate data released by HKEAA, students attaining HKDSE Level 4 or above in English language could be considered for having fulfilled the requirement of 6.0 in IELTS.

Note 2: According to the conversion table of HKEAA, HKDSE Level 4 in English language is equivalent a range between 6.31 and 6.51 in IELTS. In order to use HKDSE Level 4 results to apply for exemption from IELTS 6.5, students have to pass all the required courses in ELE curriculum (including required ELE electives).

Note 3: No appropriate conversion can be made for IELTS 6.0; hence only the score or level equivalent to or above IELTS 6.5 would be considered.