Secure English Language Tests (SELTs) approved for British Citizenship, Settlement and visa applications
**Rules for British Citizenship, Settlement and visa applications to UKVI**

**Introduction**

SELTs are taken by people who need to demonstrate their English language proficiency for the purpose of obtaining British Citizenship, Settlement or a visa for work or study.

SELTs offered by Trinity:
- **GESE**: Graded Examinations in Spoken English — a 6 minute (A1), 7 minute (A2) or 10 minute (B1) one-to-one conversation with a Trinity examiner
- **ISE**: Integrated Skills in English — a contemporary four-skills qualification widely recognised by UK universities (B1–C1)

Trinity is an international exam board operating in over 60 countries worldwide.

**Rules for applications to UKVI**

**Citizenship, Settlement, and Further Leave to Remain visa applications — GESE: Graded Examinations in Spoken English (A1–B1)**

Anyone applying to UKVI in the following categories must have taken their speaking and listening English language test (B1) at a SELT centre:

- British Citizenship (Naturalisation)
- Indefinite Leave to Remain — ILR (Settlement/Permanent Residency)

In addition, anyone applying to UKVI in the categories below must take their speaking and listening English language test (A1) at a SELT centre:

- Further Leave to Remain:
  - Family life as a partner of a settled person (Spouse/Partner)
  - Family life as a parent (Parent of a Dependant)
- Tier 2 (Sportsperson)

People extending their Further Leave to Remain visa after two-and-a-half years in the UK now need to take a speaking and listening English language test (A2) at a SELT centre. Trinity’s GESE Grade 3 is at this level.

**Entrepreneur, Student and Minister of Religion visa applications — ISE: Integrated Skills in English (B1–C1)**

Qualifications demonstrating proficiency in all four skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) for Entrepreneur, Student and Minister of Religion visas must also be obtained from an approved SELT centre. This applies to the following visa types:

- Innovator (B2)
- Start-up (B2)
- Tier 1 (Graduate Entrepreneur) (B1)
- Tier 2 (General) (B1)
- Tier 2 (Minister of Religion) (B2)
- Tier 4 (General) Student — below degree level (B1/B2)
- Tier 4 (General) Student — degree level and above (B2/C1)

**ID requirements**

SELT candidates are required to show one of the following forms of identification on the day of the test:

- a valid original passport
- a valid original biometric residence permit
- a valid original European Union identity card
- a valid original travel document issued by the United Nations or the Red Cross
- a valid vignette attached to an immigration status document
- a valid vignette attached to a GV3 document

Trinity has 10 SELT centres across the UK with tests available 7 days a week.
Trinity's Secure English Language Tests

Trinity's GESE and ISE tests are available for the application types shown below. This information is also available at trinitycollege.com/SELT

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The CEFR levels shown above reflect the minimum requirements for applications. UKVI English language requirements can also be satisfied by a Secure English Language Test taken at a higher CEFR level.

*CEFR = Common European Framework of Reference for languages
Test centres across the UK

Tests taken in these 10 Trinity SELT centres are approved for UKVI applications worldwide:

Glasgow
Belfast
Manchester
Birmingham
Cardiff
Leeds
Peterborough
London Kings Cross
London Hammersmith
London Croydon

Trinity’s Secure English Language Tests

Support for you and your clients

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