

English Language Requirements – International Applicants

To study a course at North East Scotland College it is essential that you can speak, understand, read and write English fluently. This means that we will ask you to provide evidence of your English language skills as part of the application process. We accept a range of qualifications such as [IELTS](#), [PTE Academic](#) or [Cambridge](#). Our requirements may vary however, depending on the course that you are applying for. If you have an English language qualification other than those mentioned here, please contact a Student Adviser for guidance:

Student Services

Telephone: 01224 612284

Email: studentservices@nescol.ac.uk

All English language qualifications must be taken within two years of the start date of your chosen course. If you don't have any evidence of your English language skills and you applied for a mainstream course, the College offers an English test. You will be tested in all four disciplines – writing, reading, speaking and listening. However, no certificate will be provided for this test as it solely used to support your full-time application. To book the test, please contact:

Information & Booking Centre

Telephone: 0300 330 5550

Email: enquiry@nescol.ac.uk

For this particular course, the English language requirements are as follows:

Course level	Qualifications accepted <i>(minimum requirements)</i>	Notes
SCQF Level 4/5	ESOL National 4 (pre-intermediate) IELTS 4.5 Cambridge English: Preliminary (min 140)	IELTS score refers to all four disciplines, not just the overall score.
SCQF Level 6	ESOL National 5 IELTS 5.0 Cambridge English: First (min 160) CEFR (B2)	

HNC/HND

ESOL Higher
IELTS 5.5
Cambridge English: First (min 174)
CEFR C1

Applications from successful NESCol full-time ESOL students at National 5 level may also be considered.

Note: [Tier 4 \(general\)](#) applicants please refer to the [Home Office website](#) for approved English language tests.