

EDI qualifications included in the UK Border Agency's Points Based System

In 2008, the Point Based System was introduced by UK Border Agency to manage migrants wanting to work and study in the UK. One of the requirements on The Point Based System is a competent standard of English language that the migrant is expected to demonstrate. A three tier framework has been developed to ensure that migrants choose a qualification appropriate to their situation.

- **Tier 1:** For highly skilled migrants, entrepreneurs, investors, and graduate students,
- **Tier 2:** This is for skilled workers who have a job offer;
- **Tier 3:** For a limited numbers of lower skilled workers to fill temporary shortages in the labour market;
- **Tier 4:** Students;
- **Tier 5:** For youth mobility and temporary workers, such as those who come under Working Holiday agreements with other countries.

EDI has a comprehensive range of internationally recognised English language qualifications which have been reviewed by the UK border Agency and have been accepted in Tiers 1 and 2 of the current framework as well as for spouses and partners. These include:

- LCCI English for Business
- EDI JETSET (Junior & Senior English Language Tests)
- LCCI English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA)

Applicants need to achieve the required level for all four language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) of the qualification appropriate to the category within the tier they are applying. On the next page, you can find more detailed information on EDI – LCCI English Language Qualifications and the levels that have been approved by the UK Border Agency. For detailed information on the different categories within each tier and their specific English language requirements, please visit the UK Border Agency website at www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk.

Tier	Category	CEF Level	Qualification	Grade required
Tier 1	all	C1	English for Business Level 4	50% Pass (per component)
		C1	JETSET Level 6	50% Pass (per component)
Tier 2	all	C1	English for Business Level 4	50% Pass (per component)
		B2	English for Business Level 3	50% Pass (per component)
		C1	JETSET Level 6	50% Pass (per component)
		B2	JETSET Level 5	50% Pass (per component)
		C1	ELSA (English Language Skills Assessment)	Listening: 230 Reading: 212 Speaking: Adv high Writing 1: N/A Writing 2: 5
		B2	ELSA (English Language Skills Assessment)	Listening: 199 Reading: 184 Speaking: Int high Writing 1: 77 Writing 2: 4
Tier 2	General, ICT & Sportspeople	B1	English for Business Level 2	50% Pass (per component)
		A1	English for Business Preliminary Level	50% Pass (per component)
		A1	JETSET Level 2	50% Pass (per component)
		B1	ELSA (English Language Skills Assessment)	Listening: 156 Reading: 142 Speaking: Int low Writing 1: 60 Writing 2: 3
		A1	ELSA (English Language Skills Assessment)	Listening: 119 Reading: 107 Speaking: Novice high Writing 1: 48 Writing 2: 2
N/A	Spouses & Partners	C1	English for Business Level 4	50% Pass (per component)
		B2	English for Business Level 3	50% Pass (per component)
		B1	English for Business Level 2	50% Pass (per component)
		A1	English for Business Preliminary Level	50% Pass (per component)
		C1	JETSET Level 6	50% Pass (per component)
		B2	JETSET Level 5	50% Pass (per component)
		A1	JETSET Level 2	50% Pass (per component)

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