

Since 29 November 2010, people from outside the European Union and Switzerland who apply to go to the UK as the husband, wife, civil partner, unmarried partner, same-sex partner, fiancé(e) or prospective civil partner of a UK citizen or a person settled in the UK now need to demonstrate that they have at least level A1 English on the Common European Framework.

The following are tests which can be taken at the British Council. English level required (according to the Common European Framework)	Test to take	Grade required
A1 Level	Cambridge Key English Test (KET)	Pass (A2 level) or A1 certificate

For other types of visa you may need to prove a higher level of English. The UK Border Agency recognises Cambridge English qualifications for visas:

English level required (according to the Common European Framework)	Test to take	Grade required
A2 level	Cambridge Key English Test (KET)	Pass
B1 level	Preliminary English Test (PET) IELTS	Pass Band 4 to Band 5
B2 level	IELTS	Band 5.5 to Band 6.5
C1 Level	IELTS	Band 7 to Band 8

For more information, please see <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/partners-families/>