



Secure English Language Testing

Identification requirements

Acceptable forms of identification for candidates – Original documents only

General identification document rules

- Documents must be original and still valid. Photocopies or expired (out of date) documents will not be accepted.
- Documents must contain a photograph that is a true likeness of the candidate.
- The document presented on the day of the test to confirm your identity must be the same document you used to register and book the test.
- The details used to book your test must be as stated on the document provided. If you have changed your name you must also provide a UK Marriage Certificate, valid UK Spouse Visa in a Passport (within date) or a UK Deed Poll (this must show a red seal).

Acceptable documents	Examples of acceptable documents
<p>Passport</p> <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests taken in the UK • Tests taken outside the UK 	
<p>Biometric Residence Permit ¹</p> <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests taken in the UK 	

<p>Valid photographic Government issued identity cards²</p> <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests taken outside the UK in the country where the document is issued 	
<p>Identity cards of EEA nationals³ and Swiss nationals</p> <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests taken in the UK • Tests taken outside the UK in the country where the document is issued 	
<p>The following travel documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention travel document • Stateless persons travel document • Certificates of Identity • Travel document issued by the United Nations • Travel documents issued by the International Red Cross • Emergency travel documents <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests taken in the UK • Tests taken outside the UK 	

In cases where candidates **do not** have one of the above documents, the following can be accepted:

- an Immigration Status Document (ISD), endorsed with a UK Residence Permit (UKRP) bearing a photo of the holder; or
- a GV3 document, endorsed with an Entry Clearance vignette or Visa bearing a photo of the holder.

Notes

¹ Biometric Residence Permits should only be accepted for tests taken in the UK by candidates who do not have a valid passport.

² Identity cards are only acceptable outside the UK for tests taken in the country where the document is issued

³ The EEA includes the European Union (EU) countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. Switzerland nationals have the same rights to live and work in the UK as other EEA nationals.

European Union countries are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden.