



UK Visas
& Immigration

BULK DATA TRANSFER (BDT) FUNCTION

REFERENCE DATA VALUES FOR CAS FIELDS VALID FROM MARCH 2017

Version 10

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Introduction

This document contains the ranges of values to be used in BDT files, which correspond to the fields featured in the electronic CAS document in the Sponsorship Management System (SMS) from 6 April 2014.

Update 1 October 2014: Education Testing Service (code ETS) removed from TestProvider list of approved English language test providers.

AcademicLevel (BDT label)

This field, which was mandatory prior to April 2012 but accepted free text, must be populated with one of the below fixed values in upload files:

BDT Code
QCF_NQF3
QCF_NQF4
QCF_NQF5
QCF_NQF6
QCF_NQF7
QCF_NQF8
QCF_NQF8DES
SCQF6
SCQF7
SCQF8
SCQF9
SCQF10
SCQF11
SCQF12
SCQF12DES
A2
B1
B2
C1
C2

- All upper case, no spaces
- Underscore symbol between QCF and NQF

SELTRequired (BDT label)

This field is mandatory. If a value of 'true' is used, the 'EnglishLanguageLevelAttained' and 'TestProvider' fields become mandatory.

Alternatively, if a value of 'false' is used, the 'ReasonSELTNotRequired' field becomes mandatory.

BDT Code
true
false

All lower case

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ReasonSELTNotRequired (BDT label)

This field becomes mandatory if a value of 'false' is used in the 'SELTRRequired' field.

Display text	BDT Code
Higher Education Institution (HEI) sponsor has made assessment	HEI
Migrant to apply as Gifted student	GIFTED
Migrant to switch from Tier 4 (Child) to Tier 4 (General)	T4SWITCH
Migrant from majority English speaking country	ENG_COUNTRY
Migrant holds degree from majority English speaking country	ENG_DEGREE
Study abroad programme as part of USA HEI degree	USA_HEI

- All upper case
- Underscore symbol after ENG

EnglishLanguageLevelAttained (BDT label)

This field becomes mandatory if a value of 'true' is used in the 'SELTRRequired' field.

Display text	BDT Code
CEFR level A2	A2
CEFR level B1	B1
CEFR level B2	B2
CEFR level C1	C1
CEFR level C2	C2

- All upper case
- No spaces

SELTSpeakingLevel (BDT label)

SELTLISTENINGLevel (BDT label)

SELTRReadingLevel (BDT label)

SELTWritingLevel (BDT label)

These free text fields are optional, but users are advised to enter the relevant English language test scores in these fields or in the 'DocumentsUsedToObtainOffer' field, as the information is mandatory.

For information on the specific values to enter in these fields, please refer to the list of approved English language tests and providers on the GOV.UK website, at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests>

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TestProvider (BDT label)

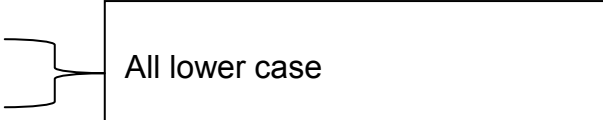
This field becomes mandatory if a value of 'true' is used in the 'SELTRrequired' field.

Display text	BDT Code
IELTS SELT Consortium	IELTS
Trinity College London (UK tests only)	TCLUK

PreviousUKStudy (BDT label)

This value activates one of two radio buttons in the CAS: 'true' activates the 'Yes' button and 'false' activates the 'No' button. This element is not mandatory in the schema, but failure to provide this data in upload files will mean that CAS will need to be edited manually to select one of the radio buttons before they can be assigned.

BDT Code
true
false



All lower case

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PreviousAcademicLevel (BDT label)

This field is optional, but becomes mandatory if the value of 'true' is used in the 'PreviousUKStudy' field.

BDT Code
QCF_NQF2
QCF_NQF3
QCF_NQF4
QCF_NQF5
QCF_NQF6
QCF_NQF7
QCF_NQF8
QCF_NQF8DES
SCQF6
SCQF7
SCQF8
SCQF9
SCQF10
SCQF11
SCQF12
SCQF12DES
A2
B1
B2
C1
C2

- All upper case, no spaces
- Underscore symbol between QCF and NQF

CurrentPreviousCourseLevelComparison (BDT label)

This field is optional, but becomes mandatory if the value of 'true' is used in the 'PreviousUKStudy' field. Furthermore, if a value of 'SAME' or 'LOWER' is used, the following Justification text field becomes mandatory (free text).

BDT Code
HIGHER
SAME
LOWER

All upper case

ProgressionJustification (BDT label)

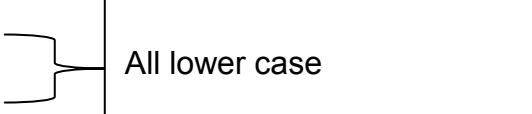
This free text field is mandatory if a value of 'SAME' or 'LOWER' has been entered in the 'CurrentPreviousCourseLevelComparison' field.

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ApplicantHasWorkPlacement (BDT label)

This field is mandatory.

BDT Code
true
false



All lower case

WorkPlacementPercentage (BDT label)

This field is optional in the BDT schema. However, if the value provided for 'ApplicantHasWorkPlacement' is 'true', the CAS will not be assignable until a value has been entered manually .

Furhermore, if the value used exceeds **33**, the following 'WorkPlacementJustificationText' field becomes mandatory and must contain an explanation (free text).

BDT Code
5
10
15
20
25
30
33
35
40
45
50
55
60
65
70
75
80
85
90
95
100

WorkPlacementJustificationText (BDT label)

This free text field is optional, but becomes mandatory if a value used in the 'WorkPlacementPercentage' exceeds 33.