

English language requirements

To study at RADA, it is essential that you can communicate effectively in English and are able to do so in an academic environment. You are usually required to provide certification of your competence in English before starting your studies.

Proving Your Knowledge of English

You can demonstrate your knowledge of English by:

- passing a Secure English Language Test (SELT) from an approved provider.
- having a GCSE, A level, Scottish National Qualification level 4 or 5, Scottish Higher or Advanced Higher in English, gained through study at a UK school that you began when you were under 18.

Level of English

The level of English language you are required to demonstrate is dependent on the programme you have applied for.

You must prove that you can read, write, speak and understand English to a certain level on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) scale.

Important note:

The tests listed below are valid if they have been taken within two years before the start date of your chosen programme of study. All elements of the test results must be demonstrated in one test. We cannot take a combination of your scores across two tests. The start date for the purposes of English language requirements is the first day of the month in which your programme commences, ie. if your programme starts in September, the test must be taken within two years of 1 September.

You can find the list of acceptable English language tests [here](#).

Programme of study	English language requirement
FdA in Technical Theatre and Stage Management	Equivalent to CEFR level B2
BA (Hons) in Acting	Equivalent to CEFR level B2
BA (Hons) in Technical Theatre and Stage Management	Equivalent to CEFR level B2
MA programmes	Equivalent to CEFR level C1 or IELTS 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in all areas

Who does not need to prove their knowledge of English?

Nationals of the following countries, or those who have successfully completed a Higher Education qualification (equivalent to a UK degree) from a majority English-speaking country, are not required to complete an additional English language test.

The qualification must follow the education system of a majority English-speaking country:

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Jamaica	St Lucia
Australia	Grenada	Malta	St Vincent and the Grenadines
The Bahamas Barbados	Guyana	New Zealand	Trinidad and Tobago
Belize	Ireland	St Kitts and Nevis	

You also do not need to prove your knowledge of English if one of the following applies:

- you are a national of Canada
- you proved your level of English in a previous visa application