

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.

Knowledge of English

You can prove 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](#).

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 1st day of the month in which your programme commences i.e. if your programme starts in September, the test must be within two years of 1st September.

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

Programme of Study	English Language Requirement
FdA in Technical Theatre & Stage Management	Equivalent to CEFR level B1
BA in Acting	Equivalent to CEFR level B2
BA in Technical Theatre and Stage Management	Equivalent to CEFR level B2
PgDip in Theatre Costume	Equivalent to CEFR level B2
MA Theatre Lab	Equivalent to CEFR level C1 or IELTS minimum of band 7 in each element

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 studied must follow the education system of a majority English speaking country:

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

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

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