

Please note that this Language Policy is for the previous admissions year and is subject to change for 2025/26 admissions. Please use this as a guideline in the meantime. The new policy will be added later in the year. If you have any questions or concerns, get in touch with the MBA admissions team.

1. Conditions where you would not need a TOEFL/IELTS test:

A TOEFL/IELTS test is not normally required if:

- a) You are a national of and have completed undergraduate education in a country of List A; or
- b) You have completed formalised education, equivalent to a UK Bachelor's Degree or above, for a minimum of three years in an academic institution located in a List A country, and the graduation date must be within 30 months of the start date of the Cambridge MBA programme; or
- c) You have completed formalised education, equivalent to a UK Bachelor's Degree or above, for a minimum of three years in an academic institution located in a List A country AND have been working in a List A country since completing your degree:

List A	
• Antigua and Barbuda	• Falkland Islands
• Australia (also Christmas Island, Norfolk Island, Keeling Islands, Cocos Islands)	• Gibraltar
• Bahamas	• Grenada
• Barbados	• Guyana
• Belize	• Irish Republic
• Bermuda	• Jamaica
• British Antarctic Territory (also British Antarctica)	• Malta
• British Indian Ocean Territory (also Chagos Archipelago, Indian Ocean Territory)	• New Zealand (also Niue, Tokelau, Cook Islands)
• British Virgin Islands	• St Kitts and St Nevis
• Canada (with the exception of the French-speaking areas)	• St Lucia
• Channel Islands	• St Vincent and the Grenadines
• Dominica	• Trinidad and Tobago
	• UK
	• Isle of Man
	• USA

2. Conditions where an internal assessment by the University's Language Centre would be required:

A TOEFL/IELTS test is not normally required, however, you will be assessed upon admission internally by the University's Language Centre if:

- a) You are a national of and have completed undergraduate education in a country of List B; or

List B	
• Botswana	• South Africa
• Ghana	• South Sudan
• India	• Sri Lanka
• Kenya	• Sudan
• Mauritius	• Swaziland
• Netherlands	• Uganda
• Nigeria	• West Indies (excepting those in List A)
• Singapore	• Zambia
	• Zimbabwe

- b) You have completed degree-level education for a minimum of two years in an English-speaking academic institution, regardless of country, and the graduation date must be within two years of the start date of the Cambridge MBA programme. Documents are required to provide evidence of EMI (English as Medium of Instruction); or
- c) You have completed a two-year qualification equivalent to a UK Bachelor's Degree or above in a **List A country** AND have been working in a List A country for at least six months within two years of the start date of the Cambridge MBA programme. If you are given an offer and would like to be referred for internal assessment, you will be given a declaration document for your company HR to sign confirming your dates and location of employment; or
- d) You have completed a two-year qualification equivalent to a UK Bachelor's Degree or above in a **List A country** AND have been working for an international company whose official operating language is English or an international charity and the role requires you to use English on a regular basis for at least six months within two years of the start date of the Cambridge MBA programme. An international company is one that is considered to have a global presence and have offices in more than two countries. If you are given an offer and would like to be referred for internal assessment, you will be given a declaration document for your company HR to sign confirming your dates of employment and that English is the official language.

3. Conditions where a TOEFL/IELTS test would be required:

If none of the above applies, you are required to take either the TOEFL iBT or IELTS (Academic). TOEFL iBT Home Edition and IELTS Online scores are also accepted. The minimum English language requirements for admission into the Cambridge MBA are as follows:

a) IELTS (Academic)

Element	Score
Listening	7.0
Writing	7.0
Reading	6.5
Speaking	7.0
Total	7.0

b) TOEFL iBT

Element	Score
Listening	25
Writing	25
Reading	25
Speaking	25
Total	100

The TOEFL/IELTS test must be taken within two years of the start date of the Cambridge MBA programme.

If you have 'narrowly missed' the minimum required levels in either the TOEFL/IELTS, then you may be referred to the Language Centre for assessment, upon admission by your Admissions Coordinator.

Please be aware that it is at the discretion of the Admissions Committee to introduce a TOEFL/IELTS test or internal Language Centre Assessment requirement at any stage in the admissions process, even if you have complied with the conditions outlined above.