

Please note that this Language Policy is subject to change. Please use this as a guideline. If you have any questions or concerns, get in touch with the admissions team – emacc@jbs.cam.ac.uk.

1. Conditions in which you would not need to provide a TOEFL or IELTS score:

An IELTS is not normally required if:

- a) You are a **national** of a country in **List A**, and you have **completed your previous education** in a country in **List A**.

or
- b) You have completed a **TOEFL iBT test** taken **before 21 January 2026** with a minimum score of 100 and no single element under 25. (For TOEFL tests taken after this date, see section 2e below).

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 **List A**. The graduation date must be within 30 months of the start date of the Cambridge Executive Master of Accounting.

or
- d) 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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antigua and Barbuda• Australia (also Christmas Island, Norfolk Island, Keeling Islands, Cocos Islands)• Bahamas• Barbados• Belize• Bermuda• British Antarctic Territory (also British Antarctica)• British Indian Ocean Territory (also Chagos Archipelago, Indian Ocean Territory)• British Virgin Islands• Canada (with the exception of the French-speaking areas)• Channel Islands• Dominica	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Falkland Islands• Gibraltar• Grenada• Guyana• Irish Republic• Jamaica• Malta• New Zealand (also Niue, Tokelau, Cokelau, Cook Islands)• St Kitts and St Nevis• St Lucia• St Vincent and the Grenadines• Trinidad and Tobago• UK• Isle of Man• USA

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

In place of an IELTS score, you could potentially be assessed upon admission by the University's Language Centre if:

- a) You are a **national** of a country in **List B**, and you have **completed your previous education** in a country in **List B**.

List B	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Botswana• Ghana• India• Kenya• Mauritius• Netherlands• Nigeria• Singapore• South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Sudan• Sri Lanka• Sudan• Swaziland• Uganda• West Indies (excepting those in List A)• Zambia• Zimbabwe

or

- 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 Executive Master of Accounting. Documents are required to provide evidence that English was the 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 located for at least **six months within two years** of the start date of the Cambridge Executive Master of Accounting.

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 Executive Master of Accounting. 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.

or

- e) You have taken a **TOEFL iBT test after 21 January 2026** and achieved an overall score of 100 or above, with no single element below 25.

3. Conditions in which an IELTS score would be required:

If none of the above applies, you are required to take the **IELTS (Academic)**. **IELTS Online** scores are also accepted, as is an **IELTS One Skill Retake**.

The **minimum** English language requirements for admission into the Cambridge Executive Master of Accounting are as follows:

IELTS (Academic)

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

The IELTS test must be taken **within two years** of the programme start date.

If you have 'narrowly missed' the minimum required levels in the IELTS, then you may be referred to the Language Centre for assessment.

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