

UK Home Office spouse/partner visa applications - accepted A1 level Cambridge English exams

Which Cambridge English exams are accepted by the UK Home Office for spouse/partner visa applications?

The UK Home Office asks that spouses or partners applying for a visa have an A1 level of English, as measured by the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages \(CEFR\)](#). Many Cambridge English exams meet this requirement. A full list is below:

- *Cambridge English: Key (KET)*
- *Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET)*
- *Cambridge English: First (FCE)*
- *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)*
- *Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)*
- *Cambridge English: Business Certificates (BEC)* - all levels.
- *Cambridge English: Legal (ILEC)*
- *Cambridge English: Financial (ICFE)*
- *ESOL Skills for Life* - all levels (available in the UK only)
- *International English Language Testing System (IELTS)* - band score 4.0 or above in all skills
- *Certificated Business Language Testing Service (BULATS)*

Cambridge English: Key (KET) is the lowest level exam that we offer which is accepted by the Home Office for spouse/partner visa requirements. Results for paper-based *Cambridge English: Key* examinations are normally released around four to six weeks after the exam date. If you take the computer-based version of the exam, results are released after two weeks. Certificates are normally despatched around two to four weeks after the release of the results.

If you are in any doubt regarding whether the Home Office will accept an exam that you or your partner have taken, you should speak to them directly.