

Approved language qualifications for the UK Border Agency Points Based System

In 2008, the Point Based System was introduced by UK Border Agency to manage migrants wanting to work and study in the UK. One of the requirements on The Point Based System is a competent standard of English language that the migrant is expected to demonstrate. A three tier framework has been developed to ensure that migrants choose a qualification appropriate to their situation.

- Tier 1 (General) – highly skilled worker (CEF level C1)
- Tier 2 – intra-company transfers (CEF level B1)
- Tier 3 (General) – skilled worker (CEF level A1)

EDI is pleased to announce that a range of its English Language qualifications have been approved by the UK Border Agency as meeting the English language requirements for Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the Points Based System. The approved qualifications for each tier are:

Points Based System Tiers	LCCI English Language Qualifications
Tier 1	English for Business - Level 4
	JETSET – Level 6
Tier 2	English for Business – Preliminary Level, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4
	English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA) - scores vary according to language skills
	JETSET – Level 2, Level 5, Level 6

Applicants need to achieve the required level for all four language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) of the qualification appropriate to the category within the tier they are applying. For detailed information on the different categories within each tier and their specific English language requirements, please visit the UK Border Agency website at www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk