



## English Language Requirements

Below are the English Language entry requirements for NCC Education qualifications. NCC Education accepts a variety of qualifications for progression onto its qualifications. You can use the table below to determine if the equivalency of IELTS scores meet the minimum entry criteria.

NCC Entry Requirement	NCC	IELTS	TOEFL	Password	PTE Academic	Skills for English	CEFR	Duolingo
		9.0	118 – 120		86+	C2 Pass	C2	155 – 160
		8.5	115 – 117		83 – 85	C2 Pass	C2	145 – 150
		8.0	110 – 114		79 – 82	C1 Pass	C1	135 – 140
		7.5	102 – 109	Password Plus	73 – 78	C1 Pass	C1	125 – 130
		7.0	94 – 101	7.0	65 – 72	C1 Pass	C1	115 – 120
		6.5	79 – 93	6.5	58 – 64	B2 Pass	B2	105 – 110
		6.0	60 – 78	6.0	50 – 57	B2 Pass	B2	95 – 100
L3DC/L4DC/L5DC	HEPT 40%	5.5	46 – 59	5.5	42 – 49	B2 Pass	B2	85 – 90
		5.0	35 – 45	5.0	36 – 41	B1 Pass	B1	75 – 80
L3IFDHES	SEPT 40%	4.5	32 - 34	4.5	30 - 35	B1 Pass	B1	65 - 70

For learners who do not hold a valid IELTS certificate or any of the above equivalent grades, students can take NCC Education's free English placements tests and must achieve the following:

- Pass the NCC Education Standard English Placement Test (SEPT) and achieve 40% or above – IELTS 4.5 equivalent
- Pass the NCC Education Higher English Placement Test (HEPT) and achieve 40% or above - IELTS 5.5 equivalent



## Entry Criteria Summary:

Qualification	Minimum Entry qualification or equivalent*	IELTS Score or equivalent*	NCC English Placement test if not valid IELTS score
Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES)	Completed their GCSE/IGCSE 'O' Levels or an equivalent* qualification in their own country and passed 5 subjects with minimum grades of 'C', '4' or equivalent* in each. These should include Mathematics and English.	4.5	SEPT 40%
Level 3 Diploma in Computing (L3DC)	<p>Completed their GCSE/IGCSE 'O' Levels or an equivalent* qualification in their own country and passed 4 subjects with minimum grades of 'C', '4' or equivalent* in each. English and Mathematics should be included in these minimum grades.</p> <p>In instances where a student achieves a lower score in Mathematics, they will be required to pass a Mathematics pre-assessment test set by the centre and achieve the minimum mark. This is to be agreed with NCC Education and evidence provided for each learner.</p>	5.5	HEPT 40%
Level 4 Diploma in Computing (L4DC)  Level 4 Diploma in Computing with (Business Management) (L4DC BM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holders of the NCC Education Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES)</li><li>• Holders of the NCC Education Level 3 Diploma in Computing (L3DC) (RQF)</li><li>• Holders of the Level 3 Diploma in Business (L3DB) (RQF) for candidates studying the Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) specialism</li><li>• Holders of any local or international qualification deemed to be a similar level to either L3DC or L3IFDHES - these is to be agreed in advance with NCC Education</li></ul>	5.5	HEPT 40%



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holders of one 'A' level or equivalent or an appropriate School Leaver's certificate deemed to be of a similar level passed and approved by NCC Education</li> <li>• Mature students, able to demonstrate over two years' relevant work experience and have an 'O' Level/GCSE/iGCSE English and Maths or equivalent</li> </ul>		
<p>Level 5 Diploma in Computing (L5DC)</p> <p>Level 5 Diploma in Computing with (Business Management) (L5DC BM)</p> <p>Level 5 Diploma in Computing with (Cyber Security) (L5DC CS)</p> <p>Level 5 Diploma in Computing with (Data Science) (L5DC DS)</p>	<p>NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Computing (L4DC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>A local or international qualification which is deemed to be of a similar level to the NCC Education L4DC qualification. This must be agreed with NCC Education in advance.</p> <p><b>Direct Entry at Other Points:</b></p> <p>Many students are expected to join the NCC Education Computing journey at Level 4 or earlier. However, applications will be accepted for entry at any point and will be accepted, by means of documented evidence, using the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant's general educational background is appropriate for the level of entry</li> <li>• The applicant's knowledge of computing is both equivalent to, and appropriate for, the level of entry</li> </ul>	5.5	HEPT 40%

\* Centres need to provide evidence to justify any equivalency decision (both qualification equivalency and grade equivalency) they make pertaining to any enrolments via non-GCSE or non-standard routes. Please use the English Language Requirement reference table for IELTS equivalency.