



SETTLEMENT - ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

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This form is for use outside the UK only.
This form is provided free of charge.

This form must be completed in English. You may use blue or black ink.

If you are applying in one of the following categories: as the **spouse** or **civil partner** or the **finance(e)** or **proposed civil partner** of someone settled (or going to settle) in the UK; or as an **unmarried** or **same sex partner**, then you must answer the following questions and submit this page with your completed online application form.

Please follow the guidance notes (on page 2) carefully and complete the following questions fully.

1 Are you exempt from the English language requirement?

Yes

No

If yes – please explain how you are exempt from the English language requirement, then sign and date the form; If no – please go to question 2

2 Please provide details of how you meet the English language requirement:

Applicants signature:

Date:

Guidance notes:

1 Are you exempt from the English language requirement?

Exemptions are:

- **Being a national of a majority English speaking country.** Nationals of Antigua and Barbuda; Australia; the Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Canada; Dominica; Grenada; Guyana; Jamaica; New Zealand; St Kitts and Nevis; St Lucia; St Vincent and the Grenadines; Trinidad and Tobago; United States of America are exempt from the English language requirement. The evidence required to show that you are a national of a majority English speaking country is proof of your nationality such your passport. **NB** this exemption relates to nationality / citizenship, not residency – for example, holding a US ‘green card’ would not exempt you.
- **Holding a degree taught in English.** If you have a degree (to the equivalent of at least a bachelor’s degree) that was taught in or researched in English you are exempt from the English language requirement. You should provide evidence to show that your degree was taught in English, for example a copy of the degree certificate.
- **Being aged 65 and over.** If you are over 65 years of age at the date of application, you are exempt from the English language requirement. The evidence required to show that you are a over 65 years old is proof of your age, such as that recorded in your passport.
- **Having a physical or mental impairment which would prevent you from learning English and/or taking a test.** This is not a blanket exemption for everyone who has a disability. You must be either suffering from a long-term illness or disability that severely restricts mobility and your ability to attend language classes; or, have a mental impairment which means that you are unable to learn another language. You should provide satisfactory medical evidence of your illness or disability.
- **Exceptional compassionate circumstances.** For example: where there has been a humanitarian disaster; where a test centre is not available in a particular country; those who have been hospitalised for several months immediately prior to applying for entry clearance. You should provide evidence to support your statement.

2 Please provide details of how you meet the English language requirement:

- You should provide an original English language test certificate in speaking and listening from an English language test provider approved by the Secretary of State for these purposes, which clearly shows your name and the qualification obtained (which must meet or exceed level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference).