





Case study: undergraduate language requirements

- This case study is of a student applying for an undergraduate Kingston University programme.
- The table below shows example IELTS scores, and whether or not they meet the new UKBA requirements.
- The new UKBA requirement is a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 with a score of 5.5 in Reading (R), Listening (L), Speaking (S) and Writing (W).
- A score **marked in red does not** meet the requirements; a score **marked in green does** meet the requirements.

IELTS score					Does the score meet the UKBA requirements?
Reading (R)	Listening (L)	Speaking (S)	Writing (W)	Overall Score	
5.0	6.5	5.0	6.5	6.0	 No – because two individual test scores are below 5.5
5.0	6.5	7.0	6.5	6.5	 No – because one individual test score is below 5.5.
5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	 No – because although no individual scores are below 5.5, the overall score is too low
5.5	6.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	 Yes – because no individual test scores are below 5.5 and the overall score is high enough