

# ISENCO: English Language requirements

## Introduction

The Best Practice Network (BPN) International Award for SEN Co-ordination (ISENCO) is taught and assessed in English and therefore requires all participants to be proficient in the use of English Language. Applicants are required to prove that relevant criteria are met before being accepted onto the programme.

You do not have to prove your **knowledge of English** if you are a national of, or have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, one of the countries listed below:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- UK
- USA

However, you are required to prove, as part of the application process, that you are **a national of, or have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree** in, one of these countries listed.

Proof of nationality must be confirmed through verification of one of the following documents:

- Passport of candidate
- Nationality identity card

Proof of qualification equivalence must be confirmed through a NARIC Statement of Comparability. Full details on NARIC can be found here <https://www.naric.org.uk/naric/>

## My nationality is not included in the list above. What must I do?

If you are not a national of one of the countries listed above but have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in one of the countries listed above, you will not have to prove your knowledge of English but you will have to obtain a NARIC Statement of Comparability towards your degree.

Full details on how to do this can be found here <https://www.naric.org.uk/naric/>

You also do not have to prove your knowledge of English if one of the following apply:

- you are a national of Canada
- you have studied in the UK before as a Tier 4 (Child) student

If English is not your first language and/or you do not have a relevant English qualification, you are required to demonstrate English language proficiency through The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) which measures the language proficiency of people who want to study or work where English is used as a language of communication. It uses a nine-band scale to clearly identify levels of proficiency, from non-user (band score 1) through to expert (band score 9).

For the ISENCO programme the requirement is IELTS at level 6.5 overall (no less than a score of 6 in an area).

If you have IELTS at 6.5 overall, this can be uploaded to your application form or emailed to [cpd@bestpracticenetwork.co.uk](mailto:cpd@bestpracticenetwork.co.uk)

If you do not have IELTS, you can complete the IELTS test here <https://www.ielts.org/>

If you do have IELTS but your overall score is below 6.5, you can contact [cpd@bestpracticenetwork.co.uk](mailto:cpd@bestpracticenetwork.co.uk)

Best Practice Network reserves the right to request additional documentation to ensure all relevant criteria are met.