



# Secure English Language Testing

## Identification requirements

### Acceptable forms of identification for candidates – Original documents only

#### General identification document rules

- Documents must be original and still valid. Photocopies or expired (out of date) documents will not be accepted.
- Documents must contain a photograph that is a true likeness of the candidate.
- The document presented on the day of the test to confirm your identity must be the same document you used to register and book the test.
- The details used to book your test must be as stated on the document provided. If you have changed your name you must also provide a UK Marriage Certificate, valid UK Spouse Visa in a Passport (within date) or a UK Deed Poll (this must show a red seal).

Acceptable documents	Examples of acceptable documents
<p><b>Passport</b></p> <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests taken in the UK</li> <li>• Tests taken outside the UK</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Biometric Residence Permit <sup>1</sup></b></p> <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests taken in the UK</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Valid photographic Government issued identity cards<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests taken outside the UK in the country where the document is issued</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Identity cards of EEA nationals<sup>3</sup> and Swiss nationals</b></p> <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests taken in the UK</li> <li>• Tests taken outside the UK in the country where the document is issued</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The following travel documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convention travel document</li> <li>• Stateless persons travel document</li> <li>• Certificates of Identity</li> <li>• Travel document issued by the United Nations</li> <li>• Travel documents issued by the International Red Cross</li> <li>• Emergency travel documents</li> </ul> <p>Acceptable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests taken in the UK</li> <li>• Tests taken outside the UK</li> </ul>	

In cases where candidates **do not** have one of the above documents, the following can be accepted:

- an Immigration Status Document (ISD), endorsed with a UK Residence Permit (UKRP) bearing a photo of the holder; or
- a GV3 document, endorsed with an Entry Clearance vignette or Visa bearing a photo of the holder.

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> *Biometric Residence Permits should only be accepted for tests taken in the UK by candidates who do not have a valid passport.*

<sup>2</sup> *Identity cards are only acceptable outside the UK for tests taken in the country where the document is issued*

<sup>3</sup> *The EEA includes the European Union (EU) countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. Switzerland nationals have the same rights to live and work in the UK as other EEA nationals.*

*European Union countries are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden.*