Important Information about the IELTS SELT and Tier 4 visas

From 6 April 2015, a number of IELTS test centres in the UK and worldwide will no longer be approved by the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). If you have taken, or are planning to take an IELTS test should read the following carefully, and be aware of the circumstance that applies to you.

If you intend to enter a degree via an English language pre-sessional course:

IELTS tests taken on or before 5 April 2015 in any test centre
The University will continue to accept an IELTS test taken in any IELTS test centre for entry to an English language pre-sessional course, provided it meets the minimum entry requirements.

IELTS SELT tests taken after 6 April 2015 in an approved test centre
The University will continue to accept an IELTS SELT test taken in an approved IELTS test centre for entry to an English language pre-sessional course, provided it meets the minimum entry requirements.

IELTS tests taken after 6 April 2015 in a non-approved test centre
In the following situations only, the University can accept an IELTS test taken in a non-approved test centre:

- You have met all your academic conditions, have been firmly accepted and are being issued with a CAS to cover both your English language pre-sessional course and degree.
- Your English language level is already at or above CEFR B2 (minimum of 5.5 in all sub-tests).

IELTS tests taken after 6 April 2015 in a non-approved test centre
In the following situations, the University cannot accept an IELTS test taken in a non-approved test centre:

- You have not met all your academic conditions, have not been firmly accepted and are being issued with a CAS for your English language pre-sessional course only.
- Your English language is below CEFR B2 (5.0 or less in any sub-test).

If you intend to take an English Language pre-sessional course, or think you may need to take an English language pre-sessional course, you are advised to take an IELTS SELT test at an approved test centre, to ensure that the University is able to accept you. A list of approved IELTS SELT test centres can be found on the UKVI website.
If you intend to enter the Art and Design Foundation Programme:

IELTS tests taken on or before 5 April 2015 in any test centre
The University will accept an IELTS test taken in any IELTS test centre for entry to the Art and Design Foundation Programme, provided it meets the minimum entry requirements.

IELTS tests taken after 6 April 2015 in an approved test centre
The University will accept an IELTS SELT test taken in an approved IELTS test centre for entry to the Art and Design Foundation Programme, provided it meets the minimum entry requirements.

IELTS tests taken after 6 April 2015 in a non-approved test centre
The University cannot accept an IELTS test taken in a non-approved test centre for entry to the Art and Design Foundation Programme.

You should note that all IELTS tests submitted to the University, regardless of where they are taken, are verified with the awarding body before being accepted.

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