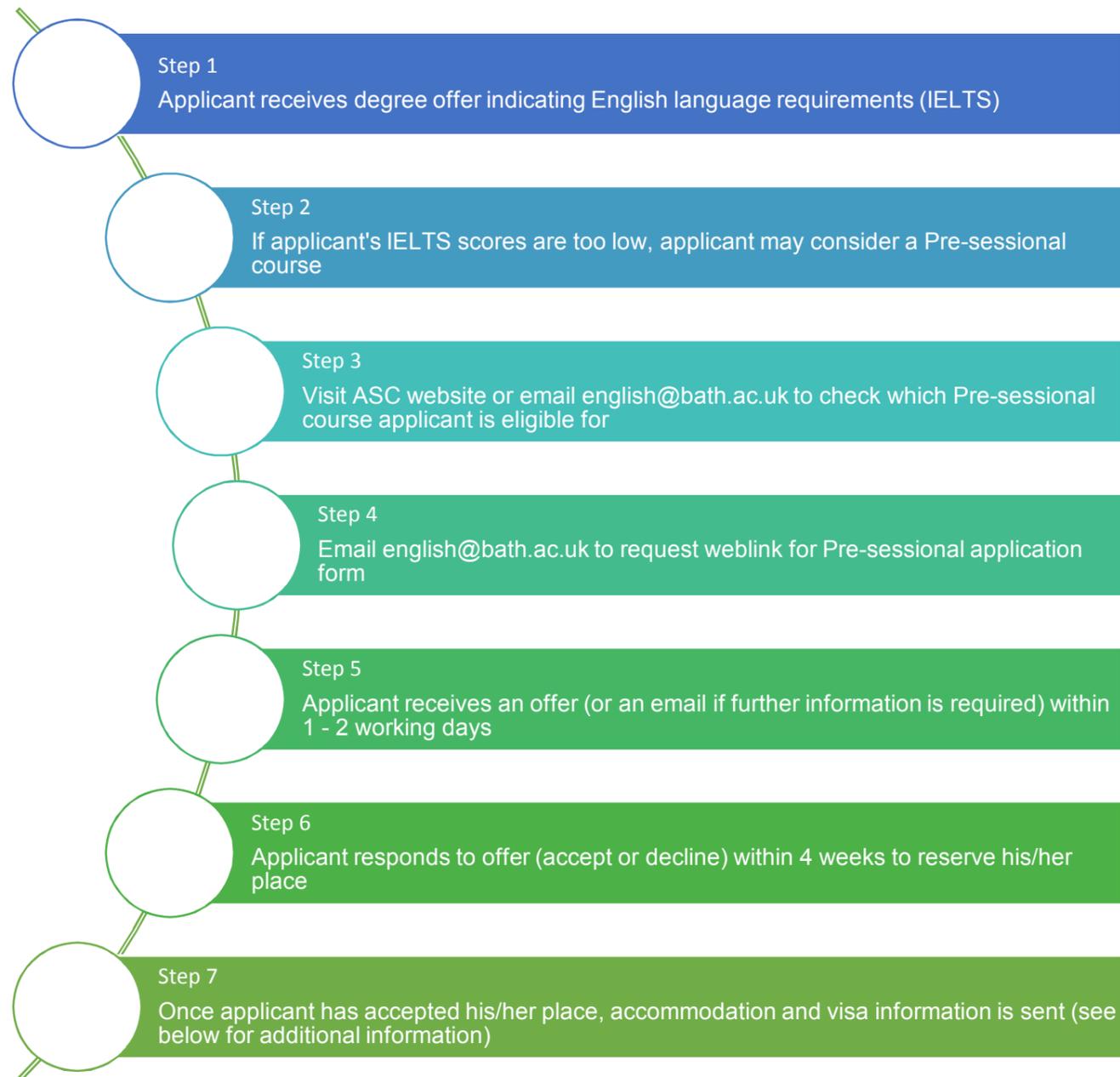


Application process for standalone Pre-session courses



Additional information:

Information on how to apply for accommodation will be sent by the ASC Office after 9 May 2017 (when online accommodation applications open). Please ensure that the applicant's email address is provided in the accommodation application. The Accommodation Office will only accept contract acceptances and rejections from the applicants themselves.

A pre-CAS check will be sent automatically by the CAS Processing Team no more than 4 months before the start of the Pre-session course. Once students have started their Pre-session course they will be guided through the process of applying for a visa for their degree programme. There will be lectures during the Pre-session courses to explain the visa process, the documents needed and the online form. There will also be drop-in sessions throughout the summer to assist with student visa queries.

Summary of Key Dates

9 May 2017

- Online Pre-session accommodation applications open to applicants who have accepted a place
- Online postgraduate accommodation applications open to applicants who have accepted a place

2 June 2017

- Deadline to request a combined offer for PSG 4/PSM 4 + Masters from Graduate School
- Deadline to apply for standalone PSG 4/PSM 4 (10 week courses)

Late June/early July 2017

- For combined PSG 5/PSM 5 applicants: upload final transcripts as quickly as possible so that applicants can be made unconditional and get 'combined CAS'

1 July 2017

- Deadline to apply for postgraduate accommodation (for degree programme)
- Deadline to apply for PSG 4/PSM 4 (10 week courses) accommodation
- Deadline to apply for PSG 5/PSM 5 (5.4 week courses) accommodation

5 July 2017

- Deadline to request a combined offer for PSG 5/PSM 5 + Masters from Graduate School
- Deadline to apply for standalone PSG 5/PSM 5 (5.4 week courses) - e.g. for undergraduate and PhD applicants

10 July 2017

- Start of PSG 4/PSM 4 (10 week courses)

10 August 2017

- Start of PSG 5/PSM 5 (5.4 week courses)

15 September 2017

- End of PSG 4, PSM 4, PSG 5 and PSM 5 courses

19 September 2017

- Students move out of Pre-session accommodation and move into the accommodation where they will stay during their degree

Pre-sessional entry requirements

On the 6 April 2015, UKVI changed its list of approved Secure English Language Tests (SELTs) and providers. This means that if you need a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK and are intending to study on a standalone Pre-sessional English course, you will now need to take an IELTS Academic English test for UKVI purposes (IELTS SELT), at one of the new UKVI approved test centres.

Faculty of Engineering & Design, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences and Faculty of Science applicants

If you have applied for a degree with the English requirement **Academic IELTS 6.5 (at least 6.0 in each skill)**

Pre-sessional General 4	10 July – 15 September 2017	Academic IELTS 5.5 (at least 5.0 in each skill)
Pre-sessional General 5	10 August – 15 September 2017	Academic IELTS 6.0 (at least 5.5 in each skill)

If you have applied for a degree with the English requirement **Academic IELTS 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each skill)**

Pre-sessional General 4	10 July – 15 September 2017	Academic IELTS 6.0 (at least 5.5 in each skill)
Pre-sessional General 5	10 August – 15 September 2017	Academic IELTS 6.5 (at least 6.0 in each skill)

School of Management applicants

If you have applied for a degree with the English requirement **Academic IELTS 6.5 (at least 6.0 in each skill)**

Pre-sessional Management 4	10 July – 15 September 2017	Academic IELTS 5.5 (at least 5.0 in each skill)
Pre-sessional Management 5	10 August – 15 September 2017	Academic IELTS 6.0 (at least 5.5 in each skill)

If you have applied for a degree with the English requirement **Academic IELTS 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each skill)**

Pre-sessional Management 4	10 July – 15 September 2017	Academic IELTS 6.0 (at least 5.5 in each skill)
Pre-sessional Management 5	10 August – 15 September 2017	Academic IELTS 6.5 (at least 6.0 in each skill)

Application process for combined offers

If you have an offer for a taught postgraduate degree at the University of Bath, you may be eligible for a combined offer of admission.

How to apply

If you are interested in this option and require further guidance on eligibility, please contact your Graduate School Admissions Office.

Please note that you should not apply to the ASC for a combined offer as only your Graduate School can make these offers.

What are combined offers?

A combined offer means the ten-week or five-week Pre-sessional course (PSM4, PSG4, PSM5 or PSG5) is combined with your actual postgraduate degree, making a fourteen-month or thirteen-month course. This means:

- you only need one Tier 4 visa and CAS
- you have increased choice for IELTS test centres as SELT is not normally required
- you can go straight from your Pre-sessional English course to your taught postgraduate degree course on completion of the first ten weeks (PS4) or five weeks (PS5).

If your IELTS score (or equivalent) is within a 0.5 band of the entry requirements for your degree programme (overall and in each of the four components), then you may be eligible for a five-week Pre-sessional combined offer.

If your IELTS score (or equivalent) is within a 1.0 band of the entry requirements for your degree programme (overall and in each of the four components), then you may be eligible for a ten-week Pre-sessional combined offer. **Please note that if you require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK, you will need to hold an IELTS (or equivalent) of at least 5.5 overall and no less than 5.5 in all four components to be considered for the 10-week combined offer.** If your English is not at this level, please email english@bath.ac.uk to find out about other options.

You must also have an offer for a taught postgraduate degree programme at the University and be able to meet all the non-language conditions of your degree programme a minimum of five weeks before the start of your Pre-sessional course.