



UK Visa & English Level Requirements for 2026

Are you planning to apply for a visa or extend your stay in the UK? Here is a simple guide to the rules for **January 2026**.

1. The Spouse Visa (Family Visa)

Many students are asking if the English level for the first Spouse Visa will change from A1 to A2.

- **The Fact:** As of today, the level for your **first** Spouse Visa is still **A1**.
- **The Future:** The government has **not** currently announced a change to A2

If you are applying for...	You need this level
Your first Spouse Visa	A1 (Speaking & Listening)
A Visa Extension (after 2.5 years)	A2 (Speaking & Listening)
Settlement / Permanent Home	B1 (Speaking, Listening, and "Life in the UK" test)

Official Link: You can check the rules here: [GOV.UK Family Visa English Rules](https://www.gov.uk/family-visa-english-rules)

2. Can Queen's English School "Sponsor" You?

We are not a 'sponsor' but here is how we can help you with your application::

Short-term Student Visa (up to 11 months)

- **Yes, we can help!** We are an accredited school.
- We can give you a **Letter offerings qualifying course**. You use this letter to apply for a **Short-term Student Visa** to study English for up to 11 months in our school.

The "Student Route" (Longer studies/University)

- **No.** We do not have a "Student Sponsor License." We cannot give you a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies). This is usually for universities.

Spouse or Work Visas

- **We are your Teacher:** We cannot "sponsor" these visas because they are based on your family or your job.

- However, we are a **SELT Course Provider**. We will help you study and pass the English exam you need for your application.

3. Important Update: Skilled Worker Visa

On 8th January 2026, the rules for Skilled Worker visas changed. These workers now need a **B2 level English certification. Not all certificates are valid: you must hold a certificate from an exam taken at a SELT centre, such as Trinity SELT. This is because these exams have been approved by the UK Home Office.**

We are an **Authorized Trinity SELT Course Provider**. We will help you study and pass the English exam you need for your application.

What should you do next?

1. **Check your level:** Contact the office for a free test.
2. **Book your course:** Join our exam preparation classes to feel confident for your test.

Do you have any questions? Please email info@queens-english.co.uk.