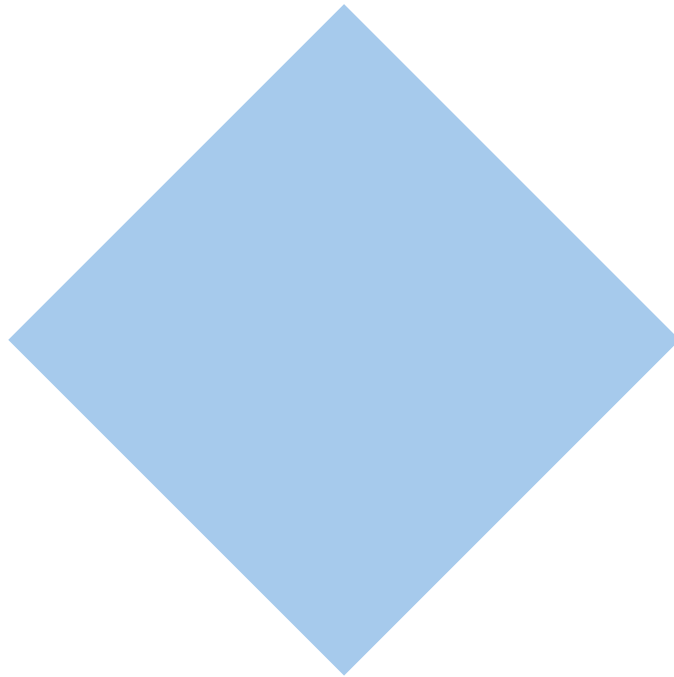


**Architectural Association
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AA GUIDE

**PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PREPARATION ONLINE
PROGRAMME**

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The Pre-sessional English Language Preparation Online (PELPO) programme is delivered online by our partner, Study Group. The programme is designed to improve your English for academic study and develop the skills required for successful undergraduate or postgraduate study at the AA School of Architecture. This programme will boost your spoken and written English skills to the required level for direct entry to the AA and enable you to meet fellow international students virtually and start to build your own community of support before you arrive in the UK and begin your programme.

Programme overview

The programme is the perfect way to prepare yourself to study at the AA and will introduce you to a range of content including:

- Academic writing conventions
- Listening and reading skills
- Grammar and vocabulary development
- Presentation techniques and seminar skills
- Analytical and problem-solving skills

Assessment

Your performance will be managed through continual assessment and feedback. This will include monitoring your development through every aspect of the PELPO programme, from writing, reading and listening, to presentation and analytical skills. Your work will be assessed using the Academic English Skills (AES) module. AES has been independently benchmarked against CEFR and IELTS in 2019 by ENIC (formerly UK Naric) and is accepted by more than 50 universities in lieu of SELT.

Entry requirements

You must have a conditional offer for either an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at the AA, with one condition being to improve your English score.

Entry level	Programme duration	For exit 6.5, no skill less than 6.0
1 IELTS band overall and all skills below target level	12 weeks	5.5, no skill less than 5.0
1 IELTS band overall, 0.5 each skill below target level	10 weeks	5.5, no skill less than 5.5
0.5 IELTS band overall below target level	6 weeks	6.0, no skill less than 6.0

Intake, start dates and fees

The tuition fee for each programme is £350 per week.

Programme duration	Start date	End date	Fees
12 weeks	27 April 2026	17 July 2026	£4,200
10 weeks	11 May 2026	17 July 2026	£3,500
6 weeks	8 June 2026	17 July 2026	£2,100

How to apply

To be eligible to apply, applicants must have submitted an English qualification at a level that will enable you to benefit from the pre-sessional programme. Applicants with scores meeting the entry requirements for one of these programme options will have details of how to apply for the PELPO Programme included in their conditional offer from the AA. If you did not receive the link to apply, contact admissions@aschool.ac.uk.

Alternative English tests and equivalences

Programme	Test	Overall	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
12 weeks	IELTS Academic UKVI / non-UKVI / online	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	PTE Academic UKVI / non-UKVI / online	51	43	43	43	43
	Language Cert Academic	60	54	54	54	54
	PSI Skills for English	B2 Pass	B2 Pass	B2 Pass	B2 Pass	B2 Pass
	Trinity ISE – UKVI / non-UKVI	ISE II Pass	ISE II Pass	ISE II Pass	ISE II Pass	ISE II Pass
	TOEFL iBT including home edition	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	TOEFL iBT including home edition post-January 2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Oxford ELLT	5	4	4	4	4
	Oxford Test of English	111	100	100	100	100
	Password Skills	5.5	5	5	5	5
	Duolingo	95	80	80	80	80
10 weeks	IELTS Academic UKVI / non-UKVI / online	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
	PTE Academic UKVI / non-UKVI / online	51	51	51	51	51
	Language Cert Academic	60	60	60	60	60
	PSI Skills for English	B2 Pass	B2 Pass	B2 Pass	B2 Pass	B2 Pass
	Trinity ISE – UKVI / non-UKVI	ISE II Pass	ISE II Pass	ISE II Pass	ISE II Pass	ISE II Pass
	TOEFL iBT including home edition	72	18	17	17	20
	TOEFL iBT including home	4	4	4	4	4

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	Oxford ELLT	5	5	5	5	5
	Oxford Test of English	111	111	111	111	111
	Password Skills	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
	Duolingo	95	95	95	95	95
6 weeks	IELTS Academic UKVI / non-UKVI / online	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
	PTE Academic UKVI / non-UKVI / online	62	62	62	62	62
	Language Cert Academic	65	65	65	65	65
	PSI Skills for English	B2 Pass	B2 Pass	B2 Pass	B2 Pass	B2 Pass
	Trinity ISE – UKVI / non-UKVI	ISE II Merit	ISE II Merit	ISE II Merit	ISE II Merit	ISE II Merit
	TOEFL iBT including home edition	78	19	21	19	21
	TOEFL iBT including home edition post-January 2026	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
	Oxford ELLT	6	6	6	6	6
	Oxford Test of English	120	120	120	120	120
	Password Skills	6	6	6	6	6
	Duolingo	105	105	105	105	105