

Template Pal-EAP student email requesting flexibility in evidencing English language level (for students from Gaza with conditional offers to UK universities)

Guidelines for using the template email below:

- Find the email addresses of the Admissions team at the university that you are applying to, and also the Sanctuary team (if your university is a University of Sanctuary – you can check the list [here](#))
- Personalise the four parts in the template email below which are yellow/underlined
 1. Write in the name of the team that you are contacting
 2. Write the name of your degree programme
 3. Write in your student/application number (you can find this in your offer email)
 4. Write in the English language level that is stated in your English language condition (you should be able to find this in your offer email)
 5. Sign off with your name

In addition, you can personalise any part of this letter to better reflect your individual circumstances.

Dear (1) Admissions/Sanctuary Team

I'm getting in touch as a conditional offer holder currently based in Gaza, Palestine. The degree programme that I hold this offer for is (2) _____ and my student/application number is (3) _____.

My offer is currently conditional on my evidencing that my English language level is at (4) _____ or higher. However, you might already be aware about the current situation in Gaza, including the widespread displacement and destruction of educational infrastructure, including English language testing centres. This means that it is not currently possible for a SELT test to be taken from here. It is also very challenging even to take a non-SELT online English test, due to unstable internet connectivity and limited access to electricity (although, in certain favourable conditions, specific tests can be completed successfully).

I would be grateful if you could consult the following set of guidelines, which have recently been circulated across the UK Higher Education Sector: [Pal-EAP-GSI Guidelines for Universities: Flexibility in Evidencing English Language Level for Palestinian Applicants to UK Universities in Gaza](#). This document outlines the current situation in Gaza, the barriers to evidencing English language proficiency, and a wide range of evidence types that UK universities with UKVI Highly Trusted Sponsor status can accept. It guides universities to exercise their discretion for displaced students in exceptional circumstances such as those in Gaza.

I would be very grateful if you could suggest alternative ways that I might evidence my level of English language proficiency, in light of my exceptional circumstances. The team behind the Pal-EAP-GSI Guidelines are also happy to take queries, if this would be helpful, at refugeap-network@baleap.org

Thanks very much in advance,

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