ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

From 01 September 2014, if English is not your Learner's first language, PIABC requests that your Learner provides evidence of their command of English to PIABC before commencing a PIABC Level 3 or above vocational knowledge based qualification (e.g. PIABC Level 3 Certificate in Wood Technology and Application, PIABC Level 3 Certificate in Clay Technology, PIABC Level 3 Certificate in Packaging, PIABC Level 5 Diploma in Packaging Technology). PIABC's experience has shown that Learners who are fully proficient in English are best placed to successfully complete their programme.

The most common qualification is the IELTS test. Other tests may be acceptable if your Learner has already taken them. Your Learner's test should be no more than two years old by start of their programme.

Please note that test scores must be achieved from one sitting of the relevant qualification. PIABC will not accept individual component scores from multiple tests.

The following qualifications are acceptable to show PIABC's minimum English language requirements:

- GCSE English Language/IGCSE (first language): Grade C minimum

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic module (not General Training): overall score 6.0; no sub-test less than 5.5

- ibTOEFL: 92; no sub-test less than 20

- CAE (Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English): C minimum

- CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English): C minimum

- PTE Academic (Person Test of English, Academic test): 55; no sub-test less than 51

If your Learner has an English Language qualification that is not listed here, then please email details of the qualification to PIABC (piabc@iom3.org) for approval.