



UK Visas  
& Immigration

# **BULK DATA TRANSFER (BDT) FUNCTION**

## **REFERENCE DATA VALUES FOR CAS FIELDS VALID FROM SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Version 11**

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## Introduction

This document contains the ranges of values to be used in BDT files, which correspond to the fields featured in the electronic CAS document in the Sponsorship Management System as of September 2017.

## AcademicLevel (BDT label)

The data for this field was updated in September 2017 to retain the same underlying codes, but to display the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) values instead of QCF/NQF. The RQF academic levels are directly equivalent to the QCF/NQF levels.

| Display text        | BDT Code    |
|---------------------|-------------|
| RQF level 3         | QCF_NQF3    |
| RQF level 4         | QCF_NQF4    |
| RQF level 5         | QCF_NQF5    |
| RQF level 6         | QCF_NQF6    |
| RQF level 7         | QCF_NQF7    |
| RQF level 8         | QCF_NQF8    |
| RQF level 8 - DES   | QCF_NQF8DES |
| SCQF level 6        | SCQF6       |
| SCQF level 7        | SCQF7       |
| SCQF level 8        | SCQF8       |
| SCQF level 9        | SCQF9       |
| SCQF level 10       | SCQF10      |
| SCQF level 11       | SCQF11      |
| SCQF level 12       | SCQF12      |
| SCQF level 12 - DES | SCQF12DES   |
| CEFR A2             | A2          |
| CEFR B1             | B1          |
| CEFR B2             | B2          |
| CEFR C1             | C1          |
| CEFR C2             | C2          |

All upper case, no spaces  
Underscore symbol between QCF and NQF

## SELTRrequired (BDT label)

This field is mandatory. If a value of 'true' is used, the 'EnglishLanguageLevelAttained' and 'TestProvider' fields become mandatory.

Alternatively, if a value of 'false' is used, the 'ReasonSELTNotRequired' field becomes mandatory.

| BDT Code |
|----------|
| true     |
| false    |

All lower case

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## ReasonSELTNotRequired (BDT label)

This field is becomes mandatory if a value of 'false' is used in the 'SELTRequired' field.

| Display text   | BDT Code    |
|--|-------------|
| Higher Education Institution (HEI) sponsor has made assessment | HEI         |
| Migrant to apply as Gifted student                             | GIFTED      |
| Migrant to switch from Tier 4 (Child) to Tier 4 (General)      | T4SWITCH    |
| Migrant from majority English speaking country                 | ENG_COUNTRY |
| Migrant holds degree from majority English speaking country    | ENG_DEGREE  |
| Study abroad programme as part of USA HEI degree               | USA_HEI     |

- All upper case
- Underscore symbol after ENG

## EnglishLanguageLevelAttained (BDT label)

This field becomes mandatory if a value of 'true' is used in the 'SELTRequired' field.

| Display text  | BDT Code |
|---------------|----------|
| CEFR level A2 | A2       |
| CEFR level B1 | B1       |
| CEFR level B2 | B2       |
| CEFR level C1 | C1       |
| CEFR level C2 | C2       |

- All upper case
- No spaces

## SELTSpeakingLevel (BDT label)

## SELTListeningLevel (BDT label)

## SELTReadingLevel (BDT label)

## SELTWritingLevel (BDT label)

These free text fields are optional, but users are advised to enter the relevant English language test scores in these fields or in the 'DocumentsUsedToObtainOffer' field , as the information is mandatory.

For information on the specific values to enter in these fields, please refer to the list of approved English language tests and providers on the GOV.UK website, at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests>

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## TestProvider (BDT label)

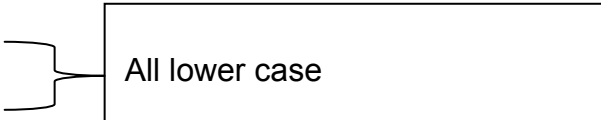
This field becomes mandatory if a value of 'true' is used in the 'SELTRrequired' field.

| Display text                           | BDT Code |
|--|----------|
| IELTS SELT Consortium                  | IELTS    |
| Trinity College London (UK tests only) | TCLUK    |

## PreviousUKStudy (BDT label)

This value activates one of two radio buttons in the CAS: 'true' activates the 'Yes' button and 'false' activates the 'No' button. This element is not mandatory in the schema, but failure to provide this data in upload files will mean that CAS will need to be edited manually to select one of the radio buttons before they can be assigned.

| BDT Code |
|----------|
| true     |
| false    |



All lower case

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## PreviousAcademicLevel (BDT label)

This field is optional, but becomes mandatory if the value of 'true' is used in the 'PreviousUKStudy' field.

| Display text        | BDT Code    |
|---------------------|-------------|
| RQF level 2         | QCF_NQF2    |
| RQF level 3         | QCF_NQF3    |
| RQF level 4         | QCF_NQF4    |
| RQF level 5         | QCF_NQF5    |
| RQF level 6         | QCF_NQF6    |
| RQF level 7         | QCF_NQF7    |
| RQF level 8         | QCF_NQF8    |
| RQF level 8 - DES   | QCF_NQF8DES |
| SCQF level 6        | SCQF6       |
| SCQF level 7        | SCQF7       |
| SCQF level 8        | SCQF8       |
| SCQF level 9        | SCQF9       |
| SCQF level 10       | SCQF10      |
| SCQF level 11       | SCQF11      |
| SCQF level 12       | SCQF12      |
| SCQF level 12 - DES | SCQF12DES   |
| CEFR A2             | A2          |
| CEFR B1             | B1          |
| CEFR B2             | B2          |
| CEFR C1             | C1          |
| CEFR C2             | C2          |

All upper case, no spaces  
Underscore symbol between QCF and NQF

## CurrentPreviousCourseLevelComparison (BDT label)

This field is optional, but becomes mandatory if the value of 'true' is used in the 'PreviousUKStudy' field. Furthermore, if a value of 'SAME' or 'LOWER' is used, the following Justification text field becomes mandatory (free text).

| BDT Code |
|----------|
| HIGHER   |
| SAME     |
| LOWER    |

All upper case

## ProgressionJustification (BDT label)

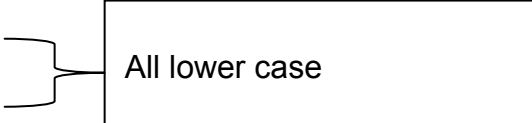
This free text field is mandatory if a value of 'SAME' or 'LOWER' has been entered in the 'CurrentPreviousCourseLevelComparison' field.

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## ApplicantHasWorkPlacement (BDT label)

This field is mandatory.

| BDT Code |
|----------|
| true     |
| false    |



All lower case

## WorkPlacementPercentage (BDT label)

This field is optional in the BDT schema. However, if the value provided for 'ApplicantHasWorkPlacement' is 'true', the CAS will not be assignable until a value has been entered manually .

Furhermore, if the value used exceeds **33**, the following 'WorkPlacementJustificationText' ' field becomes mandatory and must contain an explanation (free text).

| BDT Code |
|----------|
| 5        |
| 10       |
| 15       |
| 20       |
| 25       |
| 30       |
| 33       |
| 35       |
| 40       |
| 45       |
| 50       |
| 55       |
| 60       |
| 65       |
| 70       |
| 75       |
| 80       |
| 85       |
| 90       |
| 95       |
| 100      |

## WorkPlacementJustificationText (BDT label)

This free text field is optional, but becomes mandatory if a value used in the 'WorkPlacementPercentage' exceeds 33.