

IBA ranking methodology explained

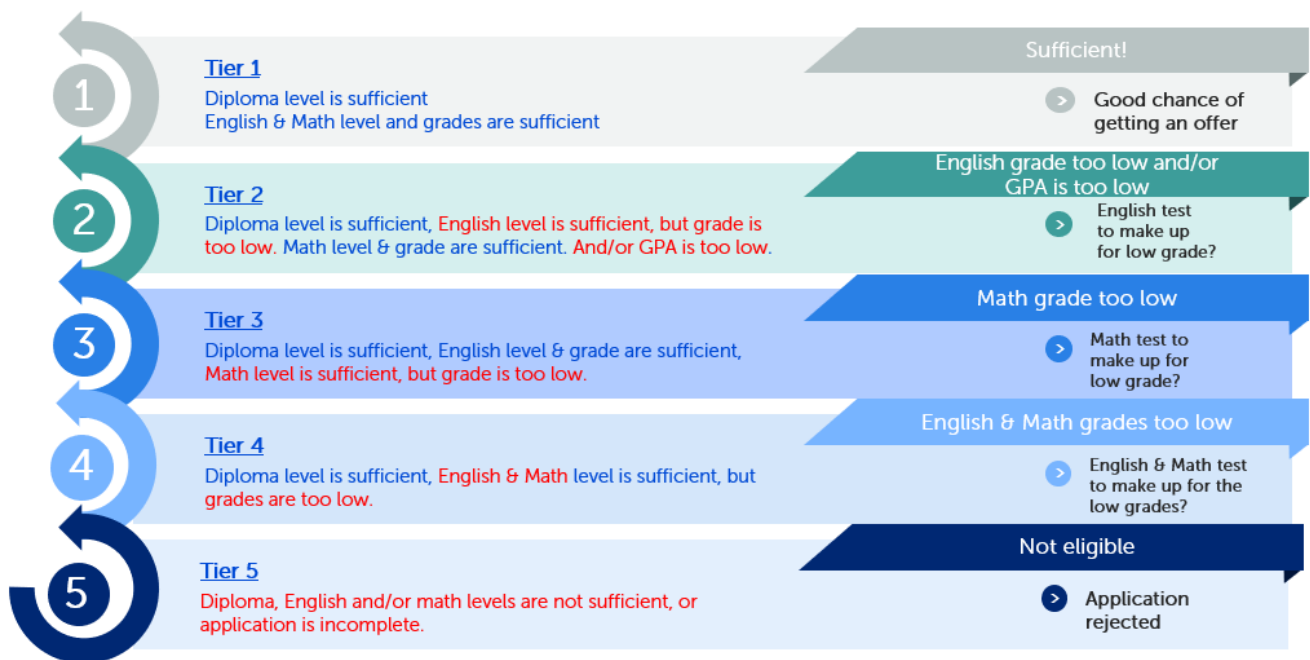
The IBA bachelor is a *Numerus Fixus* programme and therefore selects students in accordance with the guidelines outlined by the Dutch government.

The Tiers

Submitted applications containing all necessary information are first assessed on four main points:

1. **General level of education** must be equivalent to a Dutch secondary school diploma (VWO)
2. **English level** meets the minimum requirement set by RSM (reference is VWO level, grade ≥ 7.0 or CEFR B2)
3. **Math level** meets the minimum requirement set by RSM (reference is VWO math level A, grade ≥ 7.0 or VWO math level B, ≥ 6.0)
4. **Overall GPA** meets the minimum grade threshold (reference is a 7.0 in the Dutch education system)

The results of the initial assessment determine whether an applicant meets the four general entry requirements. We place applicants who meet the four requirements in Tier 1. The reason we sort applicants into tiers is to ensure that those who meet all general entry requirements are at the top of the ranking. The lower tiers contain applicants who do not meet all general requirements.



Final Score & rank

Next, applicants receive scores for their unrounded grade point average (75% of the final score) and either their CV OR motivation (25% of the final score). We allow the choice between motivation and CV to give applicants the chance to express their drive and suitability for the programme in a way that represents them the most. It is possible to earn the same number of points with both options and there is no right or wrong choice. Applicants should choose the option they feel most comfortable with. RSM will not offer applicants advice on either option. The two scores are added together to generate a "final score". Applicants in each tier are sorted by their final score and are assigned a final rank accordingly.