

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### Entry requirements

The course is taught at QCF Level 3 (A Level equivalent).

Students are admitted to the course on the basis of a combination of academic and personal factors. All applicants for full-time courses receive an extensive interview.

The normal minimum academic qualification is five GCSEs at grade C or above, or the equivalent. Applicants without minimum academic qualifications may be admitted to the programme on the basis of substantial relevant experience.

### Language Entry Requirements

English Language level 5.0 (IELTS)-*International English Language Testing System* is a requirement for IBIOL students. For more information on Level 5.0 tests contact the [IBIOL office](#) as indicated at the end of this *FAQ* summary.

### What are the hours of study?

The diploma course year is a full time course. Week-day class sessions run from **9am–1pm** daily **Monday–Friday**. Students are required to arrive at 8:45 am for registration and daily duties. The schedule per week incorporates **15 hours** of teaching time. Students would be notified in advance of any other term commitments outside of this schedule.

### Attendance

IBIOL maintains strict attendance registers to monitor student performance and comply with UK Border Agency requirements (for overseas students). Generally, any students whose attendance falls below 80% will fail the course. Furthermore IBIOL is obliged to inform the government authorities if a visa student's attendance falls below 80%. Attendance is reviewed in the middle and at the end of each term to ascertain this.

### Are all courses compulsory?

All modules in our diploma courses are internally awarded and are compulsory. Elective options are available for streams in areas of specialisation. Students wishing to transfer to IBIOL from another college would be required to provide a full transcript and/or report of subjects studied with their application. Where appropriate, credit will be given for comparable work from a recognised institution.

### Does the fee include accommodation and living expenses?

The course fee covers tuition only and does not include accommodation costs. Students would need to find accommodation if relocating to London. IBIOL assists students in finding accommodation by providing useful information on relevant websites and local newspapers. This information is available on request for enrolling students.

The average cost of accommodation in West London is £280-£430(single) and £459-£690 (double) while the cost of a one bedroom rental is £700-£800.\*

(\*This information is provided as a guideline and should be checked at the time of application).

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### What information is available for visa requiring applicants?

For all visa requiring applicants please refer to the Home Office Guidelines for students migrating to the UK -

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/Tier4migrantguidance.pdf>

Further details can also be obtained from the British Embassy/High Commission office in your country.

### When can overseas students apply?

IBIOL is currently NOT a licensed sponsor for those wishing to enter the UK under a Tier 4 Educational Visa. We hope to obtain our license shortly and will then be welcoming applications from overseas students. We advise you check on our license status at the time you consider submitting an application.

### How much funding is required by overseas students?

The cost of living in the UK and funding requirements are covered under the "Money" section of the guidance notes. Under the new Tier 4 regulations points are awarded on assessment of whether a student has enough money for their course and living expenses. IBIOL is located in West London which comes falls under "inner London" therefore students would need to show that they can raise the course fee as well as £7200 for one year of study.

### Does IBIOL offer any distant learning courses?

IBIOL does not currently offer correspondence courses for any of the diploma courses in Christian Ministry. All courses require full time attendance. Please refer to the "hours of study" question below.

*For those interested in understanding biblical principles and being established in ministry in equipping and teaching others to know God more deeply, Kensington Temple offers **online courses** on the Sword of the Spirit Series. For more details on this visit our website on <http://www.swordofthespirit.co.uk/>*

### Does IBIOL provide scholarships?

IBIOL does not provide scholarships or run a bursary program for our courses. Our courses are also NOT eligible for any government funding schemes or discounts.

### Any other enquiries:

For any question not covered here please contact our administration office directly on telephone **020 8799 6162** or email [info@ibiol.org](mailto:info@ibiol.org)