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Equivalencies to GCSE English Language and Mathematics C / 4 grade for entry to Initial Teacher Training Education

All ITE programmes in Wales require applicants to have a minimum C / 4 grade or equivalent in English Language and Mathematics at GCSE to be eligible to apply for entry to ITE courses. For courses of Primary and Physical Education ITE, a minimum C / 4 grade in GCSE Science is also required.

Both Mathematics and Mathematics - Numeracy at grade C will be accepted as equivalent to Maths.

Notes:

- Key Skills and Essential Skills qualifications in Application of Number and Communication are not sufficient to meet the requirements for entry to ITE.
- A GCSE Statistics Grade C is not an acceptable equivalent qualification.

Equivalent overseas qualifications

- The National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) provides guidance on whether an overseas qualification is comparable in standard to a given UK qualification but decisions about suitability for entry to ITE courses remain at the discretion of ITE providers.
- There is a requirement that applicants are able to demonstrate equivalent qualifications at a level above C grade in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

English Achievement	GCSE C grade equivalence guidance
CSE	Grade 1
GCE O level	English Language C grade or above
GCSE (CCEA Northern Ireland)	English Language C grade or above
IGCSE/ Cambridge International Level 2	English Language C grade or above
A2	E grade or above in A2 English language
AS	D grade or above in AS English language
Scottish Certificate of Higher Education	<p>Grade C or above at National 5, or grade D or above at Highers, or grade E at Advanced Highers.</p> <p>In or after 1986, grade 2 or above on the standard grade of the Scottish certificate of education.</p> <p>Until 1985, C or above on the ordinary grade of the Scottish certificate of education.</p> <p>Grade C or above in the certificate of sixth-year studies in English.</p>
Irish Leaving Certificate	<p>Prior to 2017 Grade C or above at Ordinary or Grade D1 or above at Higher.</p> <p>From 2017 onwards O4 or above at Ordinary or H5 or above at Higher.</p>
International Baccalaureate	Higher Level English at a minimum of Grade 3 or Standard Level English at minimum grade 4.
European baccalaureate	English language (mother tongue) pass (Grade 5 minimum).
International English language testing system (IELTS)	IELTS band score 7.5 overall and minimum of 7 in each component in the 'academic' IELTS test.
BTEC	Pearson BTEC (RQF/QCF)/OCR/NQF – First (minimum 180 guided learning hours) National or Higher National Diplomas may be considered dependent on level of study and achievement.
Open University	May be considered dependant on modules completed. <i>Please contact Admissions.</i>
Certificate of Higher Education or University credits	May be considered dependant on modules completed. <i>Please contact Admissions.</i>

Mathematics Achievement	GCSE C grade equivalence guidance
CSE	Grade 1
GCE O level	Mathematics C grade or above.
GCSE (CCEA Northern Ireland)	Mathematics C grade or above.
IGCSE/ Cambridge International Level 2	Mathematics C grade or above.
A2	E grade or above in A2 Mathematics or any A2 level subject with Mathematics in its title. E grade in A2 Statistics
AS	D grade or above in AS Mathematics, statistics, additional statistics or pure mathematics.
Scottish Certificate of Higher Education	Grade C or above at National 5, or grade D or above at Highers, or grade E at Advanced Highers. In or after 1986 , grade 2 or above on the standard grade of the Scottish certificate of education. Until 1985 , C or above in mathematics on the ordinary grade of the Scottish certificate of education. Grade C or above in the certificate of sixth-year studies in mathematics.
Irish Leaving Certificate	Prior to 2017 Grade C or above at Ordinary or Grade D1 or above at Higher. From 2017 onwards O4 or above at Ordinary or H5 or above at Higher.
International baccalaureate	Higher Level Mathematics at a minimum of Grade 3 or Standard Level Mathematics at a minimum grade 4
European baccalaureate	Pass (minimum Grade 5) in Mathematics.
BTEC	Pearson BTEC (RQF/QCF)/OCR/NQF – First (minimum 180 guided learning hours) National or Higher National Diplomas may be considered dependent on level of study and achievement
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