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Equivalencies to GCSE English / Welsh (First Language) and Mathematics B grade for entry to Initial Teacher Training Education

All PGCE programmes in Wales require applicants to have a minimum B grade or equivalent in English / Welsh (First 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 grade in GCSE Science is also required.

Concerning recent changes to GCSE qualifications, a grade 5 will be accepted as equivalent to the B grade requirement from the reformed GCSE's within England. Both Mathematics and Numeracy at grade B will be accepted as equivalent to Maths from the changes within GCSE's in Wales.

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 CSE Grade 1 in English or Mathematics will not be acceptable as GCSE B grade equivalent.
- A GCSE Statistics Grade B is not an acceptable equivalent qualification.
- GCSE Grade B/grade 5 or above in English Literature, English Language, Welsh Language (First Language) or Welsh Literature* are considered as acceptable for meeting the requirements for entry.

*Where an equivalent to a grade B/grade 5 in either English Literature or Welsh Literature is achieved, a minimum of a grade C/grade 4 must be achieved in the corresponding GCSE examination in English or Welsh (First) Language

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 GCSE English and Mathematics.

English Achievement	GCSE B grade equivalence guidance
Access to HE Diploma	15 credits with a minimum of 3 at Level 3 within English units (Agored Cymru) <i>Specific credits must be completed in order to be valid as an equivalent, please contact Admissions.</i>
GCE O level	B grade or above in English / Welsh (First Language).
GCSE (CCEA Northern Ireland)	C* grade or above in English
IGCSE/ Cambridge International Level 2	B grade or above in English
A2	E grade or above in A2 English / Welsh (First Language).
AS	D grade or above in AS English / Welsh (First Language).
Scottish Certificate of Higher Education	Grade B or above at National 5, or grade D or above at Highers, or grade D at Advanced Highers. In or after 1986 , grade 2 or above on the standard grade of the Scottish certificate of education. Until 1985 , B or above on the ordinary grade of the Scottish certificate of education. Grade B or above in the certificate of sixth-year studies in English.
Irish Leaving Certificate	Prior to 2017 Grade B or above at Ordinary or Grade C or above at Higher. From 2017 onwards O2 or above at Ordinary or H5 or above at Higher.
International Baccalaureate	Higher Level English at a minimum of Grade 4 or Standard Level English at minimum grade 5.
European baccalaureate	English language (mother tongue) pass (Grade 6 minimum).
International English language testing system (IELTS)	IELTS band score 7.5 overall and minimum of 7.0 in each component in the 'academic' IELTS test.
BTEC	Pearson BTEC (RQF/QCF)/OCR/NQF – First, National or Higher National Diplomas may be considered dependent on subject, 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 B grade equivalence guidance
Access to HE Diploma	15 credits with a minimum of 3 at Level 3 within Mathematic units (Agored Cymru) <i>Specific credits must be completed in order to be valid as an equivalent, please contact Admissions</i>
GCE O level	B grade or above in Mathematics
GCSE (CCEA Northern Ireland)	C* grade or above in Mathematics
IGCSE/ Cambridge International Level 2	B grade or above in Mathematics.
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 AS in mathematics, statistics, additional statistics or pure mathematics.
Scottish Certificate of Higher Education	Grade B or above at National 5, or grade D or above at Highers, or grade D at Advanced Highers. Until 1985 , B or above in mathematics on the ordinary grade of the Scottish certificate of education. In or after 1986 , grade 2 or above on the standard grade of the Scottish certificate of education. Grade B or above in the certificate of sixth-year studies in mathematics.
Irish Leaving Certificate	Prior to 2017 Grade B or above at Ordinary or Grade C or above at Higher. From 2017 onwards O2 or above at Ordinary or H5 or above at Higher.
International baccalaureate	Higher Level Mathematics at a minimum of Grade 4 or Standard Level Mathematics at a minimum grade of 5.
European baccalaureate	Pass (minimum Grade 6) in Mathematics.
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