



# Entry requirements criteria for EU/EFTA/UK Applicants

(other than Irish Leaving Certificate)

for 2026 entry

**Full list of participating institutions [page 6](#)**

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## ***Important Note***

Please note this document refers to 2026 only. It is revised annually. For future years, it will, therefore, act as a guideline only. Adjustments to the scoring may be required where changes occur in educational systems, or in trends in grades awarded, in any of the countries described in the document.

If such changes are necessary for 2026, they will be highlighted on this page, with the date at which they are incorporated into the document.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Date of change</b>	<b>Effective from</b>

**This document is produced jointly by the participating institutions and not CAO.**

**Any queries should be addressed to the Admissions Officer of the HEI applied for (see page 6)**

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# Part 1

# General Information

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## Participating Institutions

Name	Website	Locations and contacts
Atlantic Technological University	<a href="http://atu.ie">atu.ie</a>	Galway <a href="mailto:admissions.galwaymayo@atu.ie">admissions.galwaymayo@atu.ie</a> Letterkenny <a href="mailto:admissions.donegal@atu.ie">admissions.donegal@atu.ie</a> Sligo <a href="mailto:admissions.sligo@atu.ie">admissions.sligo@atu.ie</a>
Dublin City University	<a href="http://dcu.ie">dcu.ie</a>	Dublin 9 <a href="mailto:ugadmissions@dcu.ie">ugadmissions@dcu.ie</a>
Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology	<a href="http://iadt.ie">iadt.ie</a>	Dun Laoghaire <a href="mailto:admissions@iadt.ie">admissions@iadt.ie</a>
Dundalk Institute of Technology	<a href="http://dkit.ie">dkit.ie</a>	Dundalk <a href="mailto:admissions@dkit.ie">admissions@dkit.ie</a>
Mary Immaculate College	<a href="http://mic.ul.ie">mic.ul.ie</a>	Limerick <a href="mailto:admissions@mic.ul.ie">admissions@mic.ul.ie</a>
Maynooth University	<a href="http://maynoothuniversity.ie">maynoothuniversity.ie</a>	Maynooth <a href="mailto:admissions@mu.ie">admissions@mu.ie</a>
Munster Technological University	<a href="http://mtu.ie">mtu.ie</a>	Cork <a href="mailto:admissionscork@mtu.ie">admissionscork@mtu.ie</a> Kerry <a href="mailto:admissionskerry@mtu.ie">admissionskerry@mtu.ie</a>
National College of Art and Design	<a href="http://ncad.ie">ncad.ie</a>	Dublin 2 <a href="mailto:admissions@ncad.ie">admissions@ncad.ie</a>
RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences	<a href="http://rcsi.ie">rcsi.ie</a> <a href="http://www.rcsi.ie/study">http://www.rcsi.ie/study</a>	Dublin 2 <a href="mailto:admissions@rcsi.ie">admissions@rcsi.ie</a>
South East Technological University	<a href="http://setu.ie">setu.ie</a>	Carlow <a href="mailto:admissions.cw@setu.ie">admissions.cw@setu.ie</a> Waterford <a href="mailto:caoadmissions.wd@setu.ie">caoadmissions.wd@setu.ie</a>
Technological University Dublin	<a href="http://tudublin.ie">tudublin.ie</a>	Dublin 7 <a href="mailto:admissions@tudublin.ie">admissions@tudublin.ie</a> Dublin 15 <a href="mailto:admissions@tudublin.ie">admissions@tudublin.ie</a> Dublin 24 <a href="mailto:admissions@tudublin.ie">admissions@tudublin.ie</a>
Technological University of the Shannon	<a href="http://tus.ie">tus.ie</a>	Midlands <a href="mailto:admissions.midlands@tus.ie">admissions.midlands@tus.ie</a> Midwest <a href="mailto:admissions.midwest@tus.ie">admissions.midwest@tus.ie</a>
Trinity College Dublin	<a href="http://tcd.ie">tcd.ie</a>	Dublin 2 <a href="mailto:academic.registry@tcd.ie">academic.registry@tcd.ie</a>
University College Cork	<a href="http://ucc.ie">ucc.ie</a>	Cork <a href="http://www.ucc.ie/en/ask">www.ucc.ie/en/ask</a>
University College Dublin	<a href="http://ucd.ie/admissions">ucd.ie/admissions</a>	Dublin 4 <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/askus">www.ucd.ie/askus</a>
University of Galway	<a href="http://universityofgalway.ie">universityofgalway.ie</a>	Galway <a href="mailto:admissions@universityofgalway.ie">admissions@universityofgalway.ie</a>
University of Limerick	<a href="http://ul.ie">ul.ie</a>	Limerick <a href="mailto:admissions@ul.ie">admissions@ul.ie</a>

**Queries should be addressed to the Admissions Officer of the HEI applied for, not to the CAO**

# **Introduction**

Qualifications listed in this document are recognised for access to higher education institutions in Ireland who manage competitive admissions to specific short and first cycle (EQF Level 6, NFQ, Levels 7 and 8) academic programmes through the Central Admissions Office, CAO. This process ensures a fast, fair and consistent recognition of qualifications.

The quality, level and workload of these qualifications are automatically recognised and individual achievement in the relevant qualification is evaluated comparably to that applied to achievement in national qualifications. If the qualification you hold is listed here, you are eligible to apply for admission. Access is the right of qualified applicants to apply and be considered for admission to higher education.

Specific evaluation and admission criteria have been agreed and published, consistent with our national approach. These are general and specific requirements that must be met by applicants. However, each institution may have its own additional entry requirements beyond those outlined in this document. These criteria give you the opportunity to demonstrate your aptitude and help give reassurance that programme participation will be successful for you.

Evidence supporting your application for admissions is verified.

The inclusion of qualifications is carefully managed by representatives of the Higher education institutions on a cyclical basis. Applications for the inclusion of additional qualifications must be made by completing this [form](#) by 1 August of each preceding year.

The criteria for inclusion of a qualification require that it is awarded by a recognised and quality assured awarding body, forms part of the national education system and confers access in the home jurisdiction to higher education programmes. If there is a substantial difference in the qualification under consideration and that which gives access to higher education nationally, the qualification may not be included. National arrangements are therefore considered in the evaluation process and may influence general and specific requirements and admission criteria.

If you wish to appeal a recognition decision within this scheme, please fill out this [form](#).

## **1. Background**

This document is based on a combination of information available from international qualifications recognition databases, historical data for admissions standards for entry in the past and examination performance statistics where available.

The purpose of this document on Entry Requirements for EU students presenting with qualifications (other than the Irish School Leaving Certificate Examination) is to provide a framework for comparisons of European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) qualifications for entry to undergraduate Degree Programmes in Irish Universities.

This will facilitate applicants in understanding the factors that determine the minimum entry requirements and the competitive entry requirements that equate with achievements in the school leaving qualifications in their country. However, applicants should be advised that in the case of high demand programmes, e.g., Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, other criteria may be also applied to particular examination qualifications.

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This document is a policy document and is the agreed criteria of the participating institutions. If institutions differ from the agreed criteria, this will be noted on the page for that country. It is planned to review and refine the document at the end of each CAO season, with a view to publishing the scheme for the following year's entry.

### 2. Scope of the Document

This document covers admission to undergraduate courses in the participating Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) only for EU/EFTA/UK applicants<sup>1</sup>. At undergraduate level, the HEIs offer courses spanning levels 6, 7, 8 on the National Qualifications Framework (see [www.nfq.ie](http://www.nfq.ie) for details)

- Level 8 = Honours Bachelor Degree
- Level 7 = Ordinary Bachelor Degree
- Level 6 = Higher Certificate or Advanced Certificate

Unless otherwise specified it refers to examination systems currently in operation. Applicants presenting older examinations or qualifications not listed should contact the Admissions Office of the HEI to which they are applying in advance of making an application. It will not be possible to review the recognition of a qualification following the issue of offers.

### 3. General principles for comparison

The Admissions Officers of the participating institutions endeavour to be fair to all applicants when comparing examinations systems. Due to timelines, it is not possible to adjust scoring based on changes in statistics in the current year.

Where there is an overall score for an examination that score is used to calculate the points conversion as this preserves the integrity of the examination system. In other cases, the score is based on the individual subject results.

Individual subject grades are used for comparison in terms of meeting subject entry requirements.

Only recognised subjects are considered. Where an applicant presents an exemption in lieu of taking a subject in the examination, this cannot be considered in points calculations or for meeting entry requirements higher than O6. Unless specified on the country page, subjects such as Project and Thesis are not recognised.

Please note: as with most countries, there was grade inflation in Ireland in recent years due to adjustments during the Covid pandemic. As grades return to normal levels this will be reflected in comparisons and could lead to lower conversions.

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<sup>1</sup> Generally, this is determined by fee status. Applicants whose nationality or country of birth is not EU/EFTA/UK or have lived for outside this region, should check their status with the HEI(s) to which they are applying.

## **Minimum Entry Requirements (Matriculation)**

The minimum standard to be eligible for consideration for admission is specified for Level 8 and Level 6/7 in each country section. In all cases, proof of English proficiency is required (see next section). It must be noted that for some HEIs and/or some courses the minimum eligibility may differ both in terms of grades and subject requirements (e.g., for some HEIs Mathematics is required for matriculation). In addition, there are specific subject requirements for most courses and this document should be read in conjunction with the HEIs entry requirement literature.

Only subjects which are normally recognised for purposes of admission to Irish Higher Education Institutions will be considered. In general, vocational qualifications/subjects will not be considered for Level 8 courses.

In general, in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate matriculation for **level 8 degrees** is either

- 2 H5 required i.e. 6 subjects at ordinary level grade 6 or better including 2 with minimum of grade 5 at higher level  
or
- 3 H5 required i.e. 6 subjects at ordinary level grade 6 or better including 3 with minimum of grade 5 at higher level.

For **level 7/6 awards**, matriculation is normally

- 5 subjects at ordinary level grade 5 or better

In all cases English must be normally included as one of the recognised subjects. Applicants should check the HEIs website for other specific subjects needed for particular courses.

Please note entry to undergraduate courses in Ireland, and especially Level 8, **is competitive** and attainment of the minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee a place. A points scoring system is in operation. It is not possible to forecast how many points will be required for a particular course until the current year's examination results are known and places are allocated (mid-late August each year).

Only recognised subjects are considered. In general subjects deemed equivalent to a subject offered in the Irish Leaving Certificate or listed on the [A-level list of recognised subjects](#) are considered. If you are presenting subjects not listed, please contact the Admissions Office of the HEI to which you are applying well in advance of making application – subjects recognition request cannot be considered after offers have issued.

## English Language requirements<sup>2</sup>

Teaching in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) is normally through the medium of English; therefore, all applicants are required to demonstrate a high level of competence in English Language.

Applicants presenting Irish Leaving Certificate or A-level are expected to meet English language requirements through those examinations (Leaving Certificate: minimum H7/O6, A level minimum GCSE 4/C). Applicants presenting other examinations, must normally provide an English result as part of that examination. If the grade in English is below the requirement or the result is more than 2 years old, the applicant must also present evidence of equivalent competence in English Language in a recognised English language test, as specified below (note applicants are assessed on the results of a single sitting only):

Note: there may be higher levels for matriculation and/or particular programmes in individual institutions.

Test	Requirements
<b>EU Countries' Matriculation Examination<sup>3</sup></b>	Matriculation Examinations from European Countries where English is presented as a subject and an acceptable level is achieved. Where the examination has been taken more than 2 years previously candidates may be required to take a proficiency test. Where an English proficiency test which is scored on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is presented as part of a school-leaving qualification, grade must be C1/C2.
<b>Duolingo DET</b>	A score of 120 is required with at least 110 in each subscore.
<b>English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes (ETAPP):</b>	With grade C1 or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)
<b>IELCA Academic</b>	Minimum score 35 with a minimum of 33 in each band
<b>International English Language Testing System (IELTS) - Academic</b>	An average score of 6.5 over all components and a minimum of 6.0 in each band. Note: In 2026 we will accept IELTS indicator. It may not be recognised after that depending on the outcome of a review.
<b>Language Cert<sup>4</sup></b>	B2 Communicator High Pass with no less than 33 in each skill taken with no more than 3 months between components.

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## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

Test	Requirements
<b>Language Cert Academic</b>	70 overall will 65 in each skill
<b>Oxford Test of English <sup>4</sup></b>	Minimum score of 140 overall with a minimum score of 125 in each skill.
<b>Pearson English language text (PTE Academic):</b>	minimum of 63 (with at least 59 for each item in the Communicative Skills section) <sup>5</sup> .
<b>QQI FET ESL</b>	Merit in the module "English as a Second Language" or "Communications" (level 5)
<b>Skills for English UKBI B2 (4 Component Test)</b>	Pass with Merit in all components
<b>Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)</b>	iBT: 90 (no less than 21 in writing and at least 19 in every other section) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Note: In 2026 we will accept TOEFL Home Edition . It may not be recognised after that depending on the outcome of a review.
<b>Trinity ISE</b>	Trinity ISE III with at least merit in each skill category
<b>UK Examining Boards/Bodies</b>	GCE O Level English Language at Grade C/4 or above GCSE English Language at Grade C/4 or above GCSE English Literature at Grade C/4 or above CSE Grade 1 Pass in English English as a second language GCSE grades 7-9
<b>University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES)</b>	with English at grade C or above (incorporating the Oxford Examining Body's English as a Foreign Language (Higher Paper)

<sup>4</sup> Subject to local approval. Note: while in most cases all components of an EFL test must be taken in a single sitting as the nature of this examination requires two sittings, this will be accepted provided they are within 3 months of each other.

<sup>5</sup> Pearson English Language is not currently accepted by DCU

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Test	Requirements
<b>University of Cambridge:</b>	176+ on Cambridge English scale with no less than 169 in each skill and use of English i.e. Proficiency Certificate, Grade C or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2) Advanced Certificate, Grade C or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2) First Certificate, Grade A (CEFR Level C1) Linguaskill (CEFR Level C1 or C2)

Proficiency tests are used to meet entry requirements but do not count towards points scores. For all proficiency tests the results must normally have issued within two years prior to the start of your course (i.e., for entry in September 2026, only results attained since 1 February 2024 will be accepted).

Note: Where an applicant shows evidence of hearing impairment which meets the requirements for access, the English language requirements can be met without the hearing and speaking components

## **Application process**

EU/EFTA/UK applicants must apply through the Central Applications System (CAO). Complete information on the CAO system is available in the CAO Handbook which is on the CAO Website at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). Each application must be accompanied by appropriate documentation as outlined below.

### **Documentation to be submitted with CAO Application Form**

When submitting an application to the CAO it must be supported by the following documentation:

- Certified true copy of official transcripts of academic results. This is essential. Your application cannot be assessed without the official results.
- In some cases, the final school report is also required (to show the full range of subjects taken). Where required this will be shown on the country page.
- A certified English translation is required in the case of qualifications not issued originally in English or Irish, in addition to the certified A4 photocopies of the documents themselves.
- Unless specified by a HEI we do not require references or personal statements,
- You do not need to include duplicates for each HEI for which you have applied as they are shared electronically.

In the absence of these documents and translations the application may not be processed. Please note results should be sent or uploaded to CAO. Results sent to an individual institution will be forwarded to CAO and made available to all relevant HEIs.

Documents for examinations already completed should be sent or uploaded to CAO within 10 days of applying. Applicants who are awaiting current year examination results must post or upload their results to CAO as soon as they become available. As per CAO handbook documents should be with CAO 12 days before the relevant offer round. Generally, for round 1, this means results should arrive with CAO no later than 1 August. We cannot guarantee that results received after that will be processed in time for inclusion in Round 1. Inclusion in later rounds is subject to availability of places.

For applicants who are successful in their application, the HEI will require that the original documentation be presented at registration for verification. Offers of places are provisional until such time as all Registration formalities have been completed within the University.

Please note: The purpose of the Central Applications Office (CAO) is to process centrally applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and to deal with them in an efficient and fair manner. The HEIs retain the function of making decisions on admissions.

### **4. Evaluating Applications**

The first stage of the evaluation process requires an applicant's results to meet the **Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation** and specific subject requirements of a programme.

The second stage of the evaluation process involves scoring the applicant's results to enable ranking relative to other EU applicants. All EU applicants will compete on equivalences as outlined in the tables, which follow.

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When EU applicants' results are being scored it will be based on the results of any one examination taken in a single sitting i.e. one academic year (i.e. 2025 academic year runs from September 2025-August 2026). Any exceptions will be stated on the individual country page. Note: while scoring is based on a single sitting, in general, matriculation requirements can be met over any number of sittings.<sup>6</sup>

If applicants present examinations from two different examination system, these will be evaluated separately, and the better score used.

It should be noted that where subjects are being presented to meet course or matriculation requirements, then only those subjects which have an appropriate weighting in the relevant examination and are recognised for matriculation/entry purposes by Higher Education Institutions which are party to this document, will be considered. Where oral and written examinations are presented in the same subject in the same sitting used for scoring, the average of the two will normally be used for eligibility and scoring.

For each European Union country, the recognised examinations, matriculation requirements and the method of calculating the points score (IPS) are now presented in alphabetical order in the pages, which follow.

Applicants presenting examinations from different examination systems, seeking to combine these to meet matriculation and entry requirements should contact the HEI(s) to which they are applying, as this is considered only in exceptional circumstances. This should be done as early as possible so that approval, if granted, can be done before 1 August.

Two different examination types cannot be combined for scoring purposes.

Where an applicant presents joint examinations or qualifications, and either or both are acceptable for the purpose of meeting matriculation requirements, only one examination will be considered for assessment. The examination deemed most advantageous to the applicant, for example where specific subject requirements for a chosen course are satisfied or a higher Indicative Points Score (IPS) is achieved, will be selected for consideration. In instances where a joint examination is presented, the examination type shall be determined with reference to the scoring framework employed.

To ensure that that a consistent approach is taken to evaluating EU qualifications the HEIs may share the work of evaluating these qualifications. This means, for example, one HEI may evaluate applicants presenting EU qualifications from a specific country (e.g., HEI "A" evaluates all French qualifications, HEI "B" evaluates all German qualifications, etc.). This does mean, in limited circumstances, that a representative from a HEI that you have not applied to may have temporary access to details of your personal data provided during this evaluation process.

### **5. EU applicants presenting non-EU qualifications**

It is not possible to include every qualification worldwide in this document. EU/EFTA/UK applicants presenting non-EU qualifications are assessed jointly insofar as possible. Applicants presenting non-EU qualifications should seek advice from the Admissions Office of the HEI(s) to which they are applying regarding eligibility and entry requirements. While an Admissions Office may give an indication of likely points conversion, this will not be final until agreed by all relevant Admissions Officers. Appendix II gives some broad guidelines to assist applicants.

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<sup>6</sup> Some courses may require matriculation in a single sitting e.g. Medicine.

**In some HEIs applicants with non-EU fee status apply direct to the HEI. Please check your fees status with the institutions to which you are applying if in doubt.**

### 6. Applicant's Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide full and accurate information in the application and to notify the University of any changes or corrections made to the original application. Applicants must provide copies of both the official (untranslated) document and a translation where the official document is not issued in English.

The HEI may request verification from the issuing authority of any or all details on documentation presented. If documents are found to have been falsified the awarding body will be notified.

In the light of additional information, which was not available at the time of selection, an offer may be amended or, in exceptional circumstances, withdrawn. The University also reserves the right to correct errors where they have been made in the communication of decisions and offers.

The onus is on the applicant to check entry criteria for the programmes for which they are applying. Please note, criteria can change from year to year.

#### Latest date for submitting documentation

- Documents for qualifications already complete should arrive in CAO within 10 days of submission of the online application
- For current year's examination results: Results should be forwarded as soon as they issue. To be considered in the competition for places in Round One, these results must arrive in CAO by 1 August, otherwise they will be considered for subsequent rounds, subject to availability of places and at the discretion of the HEI.

It may not be possible to gain entry in the current year if documents and/or results are presented later than the dates stated above.

### 7. Bonus points for Mathematics

For Irish Leaving Certificate, 25 bonus points are awarded to students attaining a minimum of grade 6 in Higher Level Mathematics (H6). Where there is a clear distinction between levels of mathematics in other examination systems, this bonus applies to those examinations. As it is not possible to attain this bonus in all systems, if a candidate presents either grade H6 or better in Leaving Cert Mathematics or grade E or better in A level Mathematics, 25 bonus points will be added to the score from their school examination, *provided* Mathematics is one of the subjects used to attain that score and that both examinations were taken in the same examination session (e.g. summer 2026).

### 8. Subjects not available in examination

Where a specific subject requirement is not available in an examination system, applicants may meet the requirement from another recognised examination. They should consult with the relevant Admissions Office to ensure requirements will be met.

## Summary of Application Process

1	<p>Apply through CAO (<a href="http://www.cao.ie">www.cao.ie</a>) by 1 February 2026 for entry in September 2026</p> <p>Late applications are accepted up to 1 May with the payment of an additional late application fee</p> <p>In general applicants can change their course choices up to 1 July although there are some restrictions</p> <p>Some courses require additional tests so check the requirements on the website of the HEI(s) to which you are applying. These courses may not accept late applications</p>
2	<p>Post copies of your results to</p> <p>CAO, Tower House Eglinton Street Galway</p> <p><u>Or</u></p> <p>Upload your results to the CAO, instructions can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><u>Do not do both.</u></p> <p>Make sure you put your CAO number on the top right-hand corner of your documents.</p> <p>If you have already completed your school leaving examinations and/or your proof of English, You must send or upload them within ten days of submitting your application.</p> <p>If you are taking examinations in 2026, you should submit your results as soon as they issue. Results should arrive with CAO no later than 1 August. We cannot guarantee that results received after that will be processed in time for inclusion in round 1. Inclusion in later rounds is subject to availability of places and at the discretion of the HEI.</p> <p>The exception to this is UK 2026 A-level results which are received electronically.</p> <p>When sending your results, you must send or upload a copy of the original result <u>and</u> a translation if they are not issued in English.</p> <p>In some cases, you must also send or upload your final year of school report – please check the page for your country</p>
3	<p>Await offers</p> <p>EU applicants are considered in competition with Irish school leavers. Consequently, offers cannot issue until the 2026 Irish school leaving results are known. This is usually mid-August with round 1 offers following a few days later.</p> <p>Eligible applicants remain on the waiting list and may be offered in order of merit in later rounds, in accordance with CAO procedures.</p>

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**Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK**

	We do not issue conditional offers.
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## Understanding the page for each country

### A brief note about education in Ireland

In Ireland, students normally take 7 subjects for their terminal second level examination, known as the Leaving Certificate (LC). For most subjects there are two levels of examination, Higher (H) and Ordinary (O). Each subject is graded from 1 (max) to 8, with 6 as the minimum pass mark. However, a H7 may be accepted as a pass in some cases.

Entry to third level is very competitive. Firstly, applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements (matriculation). For each institution there is an overall minimum requirement, (e.g., 2 H5 and 4 O6 including Mathematics and English). In addition, there may be specific requirements for individual courses. All applicants who meet minimum requirements compete based on their overall points score which is attained from their six best subjects, attained in a single sitting, with 100 being the maximum for each subject. If Higher Level Mathematics is counted among the subjects, 25 bonus points are awarded; the maximum available is 625 points.

### Meeting these requirements

On the page for your country, you will see the following headings

### What qualifications are accepted?

Check that your examination is listed here. Not all examinations are automatically accepted.

### What is the minimum I need?

This explains the minimum entry requirements for the HEIs. Generally, there are different levels for Level 8 and Level 6/7 qualifications. Within level 8, some HEIs require 2H5 and others require 3H5.

### What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

Shows the minimum which will be accepted as a pass mark.

### What level of English do I need?

The minimum English language requirement for school-leavers. It may be higher for some courses or some HEIs

### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

This shows you how to convert the specific subject grades you will find on a HEI's website to the requirement for your country. E.g., on the sample below if Mathematics H5 is required you will need to attain an Advanced level grade C.

LC Higher	Country exam	LC Ordinary	Country Exam
H1	Advanced A	O1	Ordinary A
H2	Advanced B	O2	Ordinary B
H3	Advanced B	O3	Ordinary B
H4	Advanced C	O4	Ordinary C
H5	Advanced C	O5	Ordinary C
H6	Advanced D	O6	Ordinary D
H7	Advanced E		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

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## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

### How do I work out my points score?

Explains the calculation of points in a table headed Table 2: Points Conversion Table

<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
100	600
90	574
80	506

These points equivalences are indicative only as it is not possible to include every result in the document. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as, for most countries they are based on statistical comparisons.

A HEI may operate a numerus clausus i.e. if there is a significant imbalance in the proportions of eligible applicants for a course between Leaving Certificate and other qualifications, places are offered to eligible applicants from each examination system group on the basis of ranking within their group proportionally.

#### **Single Sitting:**

As points for Irish school-leavers are calculated based on a single sitting, EU qualifications are assessed on this basis. If this is not feasible within the structure of the exam, what is acceptable is explained.

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Shows how bonus points for Mathematics are awarded (they are not awarded where there is only one level of Mathematics available in the country).

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

Shows any qualifications which are not acceptable for Level 8 courses but may be accepted for level 6/7

<sup>7</sup> NB Sample grades only.

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## Undergraduate Applications Appeals Process

1. Applications presenting EU/EFTA qualifications are assessed on the basis of criteria published by the participating HEIs (in prospectuses and on websites) and in this document.
2. Applicants who feel their application has not been fairly assessed should contact the Admissions Office of the relevant Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the first instance and if the issue is a clerical error or documentation not previously available, it may be resolved locally. The HEIs cannot deal with agents or other third parties.
3. If the applicant has already contacted the HEI and the matter cannot be resolved locally, a formal appeal may be lodged to the Admissions Officer of the relevant HEI on one or both of the following grounds:
  - a. Incorrect process; specific evidence of irregularity in the applications assessment process
  - b. Specified/stated grounds where the decision was based on misinterpretation of data or information provided as part of the application process
4. Appeals will only be considered on the grounds stated above. Formal appeals will be referred to a Committee of Admissions Officers.
5. In the event that the outcome of the appeal does not satisfy the applicant, a further and final appeal may be made to the Registrar<sup>8</sup> of the relevant HEI. The Registrar will consult with the other HEIs as appropriate.
6. The Admissions Officers will endeavour to reply to appeals as speedily as possible. However, decisions may take 5-7 working days.
7. This appeals process operates in conjunction with any local appeals processes within the HEIs.
8. Please note appeals must be made within 20 days of the Round 1 offer date and must be made by the applicant. We cannot enter into correspondence with third parties.

<sup>8</sup> Or The Senior Lecturer in TCD

## Glossary

<b>CAO</b>	Central Applications Office
<b>EU</b>	European Union Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Croatia; Cyprus; Czechia; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malta; Netherlands; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden;
<b>EFTA</b>	European Free Trade Association: Iceland; Norway; Lichtenstein; Switzerland
<b>HEI</b>	Higher Education Institution
<b>IPS</b>	Indicative points score
<b>LC</b>	Irish Leaving Certificate
<b>Level 6</b>	Higher Certificate – see <a href="http://www.nfq.ie">www.nfq.ie</a> for details of qualification framework
<b>Level 7</b>	Ordinary degree – see <a href="http://www.nfq.ie">www.nfq.ie</a> for details of qualification framework
<b>Level 8</b>	Honours degree – see <a href="http://www.nfq.ie">www.nfq.ie</a> for details of qualification framework
<b>Matric:</b>	Matriculation i.e., minimum requirement to be eligible for consideration for admission to the institution.
<b>Points</b>	The mechanism by which applicants who meet basic matriculation requirements are scored. Eligible applicants are ranked in descending points order and places allocated from the highest score downwards until the programme is full.
<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

# Part 2

# Country Information

# Austria

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Reifeprüfung/Matura (from Allgemeinbildendehöhere Schulen or Berufsbildende Höhere Schule)
- Reifezeugnis/Maturezeugnis (from Allgemeinbildendehöhere Schulen)

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria based on Reifeprüfung/Matura/Reifezeugnis/Maturezeugnis examination follows. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Austrian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects at grade 3 and 4 subjects at grade 4 (of which no more than 2 may be from final year of school)
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects at grade 3 and 3 subjects at grade 4 (of which no more than 2 may be from final year of school)
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects at grade 4 (of which no more than 2 may be from final year of school).

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

4 (scale 5-1 where 1 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum level of English required is 3 in the final exam or equivalent competence in English (see page 9). Note: applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Austrian Matura Examination	LC Ordinary	Austrian Matura Examination
H1	1	O1	2
H2	1	O2	2
H3	1	O3	3
H4	2	O4	4
H5	2	O5	4
H6	2	O6	4 (can be taken from final year of school)
H7	3		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

Up to 2 subjects from the final year of school may be used to make the 6 subjects required for matriculation. Only examined subjects can meet subject entry requirements higher than H7/O6. Please note while the examinations from BHS are recognised, the vocational subject will not normally be a recognised subject.

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

	<b>Score for each of best 5 subjects</b>	<b>Bonus for 6th subject</b>
1. Sehr gut	110	50
2. Gut	85	25
3. Befriedigend	62	12
4. Genügend	45	5

Students will be scored on their best 5 or 6 distinct recognised subjects. Where written and oral in the same subject are presented, the score will be averaged. The maximum score with 5 subjects is 550 and a bonus is added for a 6th subject to make 600 points attainable.

Only examined subjects are used for points calculation.

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Not applicable as Mathematics is undifferentiated. See also Page 14

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Abschlussprüfungszeugnis when studied for more than 3 years
- Diplom

# Belgium

## What qualifications are accepted?

<b>Flanders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs</li> <li>Diploma van de Hogere Secundaire Technische School</li> </ul>
<b>Wallonia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur</li> <li>Diplôme d'Aptitude à Accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur</li> </ul>
<b>German Speaking Community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts</li> </ul>

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Belgian requirements
<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects at 70% and 4 subjects at 50%.
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects at 70% and 3 subjects at 50%
<b>Level 6/7</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects at 50%

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

50%

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum level of English is 60% in final year in 4-hour English or better or 90% in English if it is less than 4 hour or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	4-hour +	LC Ordinary	4-hour +	1 to 3-hour
H1	100	O1	65	
H2	90	O2	60	90
H3	80	O3	50	90
H4	75	O4	50	80
H5	65	O5	50	80
H6	60	O6	50	70
H7	50			

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

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### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
10	600
9	540
8	480
7	420
6	360
5	300

Average = average mark based on the 6 best distinct recognised subjects of 2 hours + which must include at least 3 individual subjects of 4 or more hours, normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes. Where written and oral are presented in the same subject, scores will be averaged.

In some districts, a grade is given for each of 4 semesters. These will be averaged to provide an overall grade per subject. In other districts, a single overall percentage is given which is an average of all subjects. This will be used to calculate IPS.

#### Single Sitting

For the purposes of points calculation, only subjects taken in a single sitting of final year are considered.

#### Bonus points for Mathematics:

Bonus of 25 points will be awarded for 4 hour or greater in Mathematics with grade 6 or better where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points.

### What documents do I need to send?

You must submit your official school results. Your school result must show the number of hours for each subject. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

#### Flanders

- Brevet van de Aanvullende Secundaire Beroepsschool
- Getuigschrift 6

#### Wallonia

- Brevet de [subject area]
- Certificat de Qualification 6

<sup>9</sup> NB Sample grades only

# Bulgaria

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Диплома за Средно Образование (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education)

**NB** from Professionalni utchilichta schools **this is only accepted with Matriculation.**

This is acceptable and carries a maximum points score of 500 points. To attain over 500 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first-year university examination taken in Bulgaria provided it is taken in a recognised 3rd level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. Please note that in some cases, specific subjects may be needed to meet entry requirements.

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Bulgarian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 2 examined subjects and 2 subjects at grade 5 or better
	3 H5 required	Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 2 examined subjects and 3 subjects at grade 5 or better
Level 7/6		Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 2 examined subjects

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

3 (scale 2-6 where 6 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

Applicants must present IELTS/TOEFL or other approved examination (see page 9)

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Bulgarian exam	LC Ordinary	Bulgarian Exam
H1	6 in examined subject	O1	5
H2	5 in examined subject	O2	4
H3	5 in examined subject	O3	4
H4	5 in examined subject	O4	3
H5	5 in examined subject	O5	3
H6	4	O6	3
H7	4		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
6	505
5.5	406
5	369
4.5	331
4	309
3.5	287
3	284

The average as calculated on the certificate is used, provided no repeat attempts are included. To attain over 500 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first-year university examination taken in Bulgaria provided it is taken in a recognised 3rd level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Not applicable. See also Page 14

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Диплома за Средно Специално Образование (Diploma of Completed Secondary Specialised Education)
- Диплома за Завършено Полувисше Образование (Diploma of Intermediate Higher Education)

<sup>10</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Croatia

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Svjedodžba o Maturi (Matura Certificate) or *državne mature* (Since 2009)

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Croatian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	2 distinct recognised subjects at grade 3 and 4 distinct recognised subjects at grade 2. A minimum of 3 of the 6 subjects must be examined in the Matura
	3 H5 required	3 distinct recognised subjects at grade 3 and 3 distinct recognised subjects at grade 2. A minimum of 3 of the 6 subjects must be examined in the Matura
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects at grade 2. A minimum of 3 of the subjects must be examined in the Matura

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

The minimum pass mark is 2 (scale 1-5 where 5 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum level of English is 4 in Maturi examination at Extended level or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Extended Level	LC Ordinary	Basic Level	Extended Level
H1	5 Maturi	O1	4 Maturi	3 Maturi
H2	4 Maturi	O2	3 Maturi	2 Maturi
H3	4 Maturi	O3	3 Maturi	2 Maturi
H4	3 Maturi	O4	2 Maturi	
H5	3 Maturi	O5	2 Maturi	
H6	2 Maturi	O6	2 (school level acceptable)	
H7	2 Maturi			

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### **How do I work out my points score?**

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Table 2: Points Conversion Table</b>			
<b>Score</b>	<b>Best 3 Extended</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Subject</b>	
		<b>Extended</b>	<b>Basic</b>
5	185	45	30
4	181	44	29
3	120	29	19
2	102	25	16
1	80	19	

- 1. A maximum of four different recognised examined subjects, which are not mutually exclusive, will be counted provided they are taken in a single sitting
  2. If 4 examined subjects at extended are presented, the lowest grade is scored at a lower rate.
  3. Only subjects awarded at the same date can be considered for computation.
  4. Optional subjects will be scored at advanced (unless specified as basic), except in the case of mother tongue, which is assumed to be basic.

### **What documents do I need to send?**

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Grade 2 or better in Extended Mathematics in Maturi examination where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points.

# Cyprus

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Apolytirion of Lykeiou (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate) (from 2010 only) is acceptable up to 525 points.  
To attain over 525 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first year university examination taken in Cyprus provided it is taken in a recognised 3rd level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. Please note that in some cases, specific subjects may be needed to meet entry requirements.

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Cypriot requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion which must include 5 distinct recognised examined subjects
	3 H5 required	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion which must include 5 distinct recognised examined subjects
Level 7/6		Overall minimum of 10 in Apolytirion which must include 5 distinct recognised subjects

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

15 (scale 0-20 where 20 is max)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum English requirement is 18.75 in Apolytirion of Lykeiou examination or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Apolytirion	LC Ordinary	Apolytirion
H1	20	O1	18.5
H2	19.5	O2	18
H3	19	O3	18
H4	18.75	O4	17
H5	18.5	O5	17
H6	18	O6	17
H7	17		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Overall Mark</b>	<b>IPS</b>
20	525
19.5	485
19	445
18.5	405
18	365
17.5	325
17	285

Provided there are adequate recognised subjects, the average as calculated on the Apolytirion will be used provided repeat attempts are not included. To attain over 525 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Not applicable. See also Page 14

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official Apolytirion results accompanied by a translation, only official Apolytirion results will be accepted. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Upper Secondary School (Techniki Scholi) Leaving Certificate (Apolytirio)

## *For Turkish Cypriot Students*

### What qualifications are accepted?

- Lise Diploması is acceptable up to 450 points. To attain over 450 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first year university examination taken in Cyprus provided it is taken in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. Please note that in some cases, specific subjects may be needed to meet entry requirements.

<sup>11</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

### What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Cypriot requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Award of Lise Diplomasi
	3 H5 required	Award of Lise Diplomasi
Level 7/6		Award of Lise Diplomasi

### What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

5 (scale 0-10 where 10 is max).

### What level of English do I need?

The minimum English requirement 3 on a 4-point scale in 1<sup>st</sup> university or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	3 <sup>rd</sup> level <sup>12</sup>	Lise Diplomasi	LC Ordinary	3 <sup>rd</sup> level	Lise Diplomasi
H1	A1 / 4.0		O1	C1 / 2.0	10
H2	A2 / 3.5		O2	C2 / 1.5	9
H3	B1 / 3.0		O3	D1 / 1.0	8
H4	B2 / 2.0		O4	D1 / 1.0	7
H5	C1 / 2.0		O5	D1 / 1.0	6
H6	C2 / 1.5	10	O6	D1 / 1.0	5
H7	D1 / 1.0	9			

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

<sup>12</sup> i.e., 1<sup>st</sup> year of level 8 equivalent degree or completed associate degree

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### **How do I work out my points score?**

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Overall Mark		IPS
% scale	1-10 Scale	
100	10	450
80	8	360
60	6	315

Provided there are adequate recognised subjects, the average as calculated on the Lise Diplomas will be used provided repeat attempts are not included. To attain over 450 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Not applicable. See also Page 14

### **What documents do I need to send?**

You must send or upload a copy of your official Apolytirion results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

<sup>13</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# Czechia

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Vysvedčení o Maturitní Zkoušce (Maturita) from Gymnazium, Lyceum, Secondary Technical School (stredni odborná škola) and Conservatoire where they are 4 years duration.

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Czech requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Average of 3.5 in best 4 distinct recognised subjects
	3 H5 required	Average of 3.5 in best 4 distinct recognised subjects
Level 7/6		Average of 4 in best 4 distinct recognised subjects

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

4 (scale 5-1 where 1 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum level of English is 2 in the final Maturita examination or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Maths	Maturita	LC Ordinary	Maturita
H1	Advanced 1	1	O1	3
H2	Advanced 1	1	O2	3
H3	Advanced 2	2	O3	3
H4	Advanced 2	2	O4	4
H5	Advanced 2	2	O5	4
H6	Advanced 3	3	O6	4 <sup>14</sup>
H7	Advanced 4	3		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

<sup>14</sup> A subject taken in final year of school may be used to meet this requirement.

### How do I work out my points score?

Each of the best four or five distinct recognised subject scores (normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes) taken in a single sitting will be scored as follows and summed to get the indicative equivalence.<sup>15</sup> Scoring will be based on the best 2 common subjects and up to 3 profile distinct recognised subjects:

Common (best 2)			Profile Subjects		
Percentage	Score <sup>16</sup>		Subject grades	Score for best 2 subjects	Bonus for 3rd subject
100%	137		1	137	52
90%	123		2	102	39
80%	110		3	56	21
70%	96		4	24	9

Consequently, to attain maximum points, applicants must present with 5 distinct subjects

#### **Bonus points for mathematics**

Bonus of 25 points will be awarded for Advanced Mathematics where Advanced mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points. Please note this does not count as a separate subject to standard Mathematics

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Vysvedčení o Maturitní Zkoušce (Maturita), (from technical/vocational schools)

<sup>15</sup> Note: projects may be considered, if the project is shown to constitute a distinct academic subject, on a case-by-case basis.

<sup>16</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Denmark

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Bevis for Studentereksamen (STX) (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate)
- Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF) (Higher Preparatory Examination Certificate)

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Danish requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects with grade 7 and 4 subjects with grade 2
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects with grade 7 and 3 subjects with grade 2
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects with grade 2

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

4 (Scale 2-12 with 12 as maximum).

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum English standard is 7 at level A in Bevis or 10 at level B on the post 2006 scale, or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Bevis	LC Ordinary	Bevis
H1	Level A Grade 12	O1	Level B Grade 12
H2	Level A Grade 12	O2	Level B Grade 12
H3	Level A Grade 10	O3	Level B Grade 10
H4	Level A Grade 10	O4	Level B Grade 10
H5	Level A Grade 7	O5	Level B Grade 7
H6	Level A Grade 4	O6	Level B Grade 4 Level C 7
H7	Level A Grade 2		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows. Provided there are adequate distinct recognised subjects, the average as calculated on the Bevis will be used (provided no repeat attempts are included):

Average	IPS
12	600
11	581
10	549
9	515
8	478
7	442
6	406
5	371
4	337
3	314
2	300

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for Level A Mathematics grade 4 or better where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points.

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen (HHX)
- Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) (Higher Commerce Examination)
- Higher Technical Examination Certificate)

<sup>17</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Estonia

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus (from 2007 only)
- Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus with the Riigieksamitunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate with the State Examination Certificate)

Both of these are acceptable up to 525 points. To attain over 525 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first year university examination taken in Estonia provided it is taken in a recognised 3rd level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. Please note that in some cases, specific subjects may be needed to meet entry requirements.

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Estonian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Pass in 6 distinct recognised subjects including minimum 2 subjects at State level and all with minimum 6 courses.
	3 H5 required	Pass in 6 distinct recognised subjects including minimum 3 subjects at State level and all with minimum 6 courses.
Level 7/6		Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects and all with minimum 6 courses

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

50% or 3 (on scale 1-5 where 5 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum level of English is 70% at State level or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Table 1: Subject Grade Comparisons:			
LC Higher	Estonian exam*	LC Ordinary	Estonian exam
H1		O1	5 school exam
H2	90% State exam	O2	5 school exam
H3	80% State exam	O3	4 school exam
H4	70% State exam	O4	4 school exam
H5	60% State exam	O5	3 school exam
H6	50% State exam	O6	3 school exam
H7	45% State exam		

\*Please note for a higher level Mathematics requirement the scores shown above must be in broad Mathematics.

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

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### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Average	IPS
100	525
90	524
80	523
70	488
60	404
50	316

The average is calculated on the best 6 distinct recognised subjects normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes with a weighting of state level 3:school 2. To attain over 525 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first-year university examination taken in Estonia provided it is taken in a recognised 3rd level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. Please note that in some cases, specific subjects may be needed to meet entry requirements.

### Bonus points for maths:

25 additional points will be awarded for 50% in Broad Mathematics examined at state level.

### Single sitting

Only State and final year of school results from the same academic year can be used for the purposes of points calculation.

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Lõputunnistus kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta (Vocational Secondary Education Certificate)
- Lõputunnistus põhihariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta (Vocational Secondary Education Certificate (post-basic education))

<sup>18</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

## Finland

### What qualifications are accepted?

- Ylioppilastutkintotodistus / studentexamen (Matriculation Examination)
- Lukionpäästötodistus / Studentexamsbetyg

(NB: Ammatillinenperustutkinto / yrkesinriktadgrundexamen is not recognised)

### What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Finnish requirements
<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Total of 6 distinct recognised subjects passed, of which at least 5 must be from matric with 2 at Grade C and 2 at Grade A. The remaining subjects can be taken from Leaving Cert or matric.
	3 H5 required	Minimum of 6 distinct recognised subjects with Grade 5 including 2 subjects at Advanced Level in the Ylioppilastutkintotodistus with grade C
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Total of 5 distinct recognised subjects passed in Leaving Cert or matric with minimum pass level.

**Please Note: for Finland the grades are abbreviated as follows:**

L	Laudatur	Excellent
E	Eximia cum laude approbatur	Exceptionally good
M	Magna cum Laude approbatur	Very good
C	Cum laude approbatur	Good
B	Lubenter approbatur	Satisfactory
A	Approbatur	Pass

### What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

A in Ylioppilastutkintotodistus or 5 in Lukion (scale 4-10 where 10 is best)

### What level of English do I need?

The minimum level of English is A in advanced or M in basic in the Matriculation or Grade 8 in English A1, B1 in Lukionpäästötodistus or Grade 10 in B2 – B3 English in Lukionpäästötodistus or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

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### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate (LC) as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Irish LC	Matriculation		Lukion	Irish LC	Matriculation		Lukion
	Advanced				Advanced	Basic	
H1	L (Excellent)	N/A		O1	B (Satisfactory)	L (Excellent)	8
H2	E (Exceptionally Good)	10		O2	A (Pass)	E (Exceptionally Good)	7
H3	M (Very good)	9		O3	A (Pass)	M (Very good)	7
H4	C (Good)	8		O4	A (Pass)	C (Good)	5
H5	B (Satisfactory)	8		O5	A (Pass)	B (Satisfactory)	5
H6	A (Pass)	7		O6	A (Pass)	A (Pass)	5
H7	A (Pass)	5					

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Grade in Ylioppilastutkinotodistus	Advanced	Basic
L	132	112
E	130	106
M	112	92
C	84	68
B	69	56
A	54	44

Candidates will be scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects. A maximum of 2 advanced subjects can be included. If more than 2 advanced subjects are included the lowest will be scored as basic

### Bonus points for mathematics:

25 additional points will be awarded a pass in Advanced Level Mathematics in the matriculation.

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results for both the Lukion and Ylioppilastutkintotodistus. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

# France

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général
- Baccalauréat français international/Option Internationale du Baccalauréat

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	French requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Overall 10 with a minimum of 6 distinct recognised subjects passed
	3 H5 required	Overall 10 with a minimum of 6 distinct recognised subjects passed
Level 7/6		Overall 10 with a minimum of 5 distinct recognised subjects passed

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

10. (scale 0-20 where 20 is best). Where there is a specific subject mark requirement, that subject must have a coefficient of at least 3 in the particular *option* taken.

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum level of English in the baccalaureate examination is 13 at coefficient  $\geq 16$  or 15 otherwise or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Coefficient <16	Coefficient $\geq 16$ (Epreuves Terminales)	LC Ordinary	Coefficient <16	Coefficient $\geq 16$ (Epreuves Terminales)
H1	18	16	O1	14	12
H2	17	15	O2	13	11
H3	16	14	O3	13	11
H4	15	13	O4	12	10
H5	14	12	O5	12	10
H6	13	11	O6	12	10
H7	12	10			

Mathématiques Complémentaires passed with grade 10 can meet O6/H7 requirement only.

The subject Physics with Chemistry may meet a Chemistry requirement if they are presented in the Epreuves Terminales as follows:

- H4 – score of 16+ with coefficient of  $\geq 16$
- H5 – score of 15+ with coefficient of  $\geq 16$

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**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated based on the overall average as calculated on the Baccalaureate provided repeat sittings are not included. Sample scoring conversions are given below.

<b>Moyenne sur 20</b>	<b>IPS</b>
20	600
19	599
18	598
17	570
16	541
15	498
14	454
13	411
12	368
11	309
10	250

### Single Sitting

It is normal for 1-2 subjects to be examined in the year prior to the final examination. This is acceptable for points calculation purposes provided the examined subjects cover only 2 consecutive years with the majority of subjects in the second year.

### Bonus points for mathematics

25 additional points will be awarded for Mathematics grade 11 or better with a minimum co-efficient of 16 in the Epreuves Terminales provided mathematics is included in the overall awarded used for points calculation.

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official baccalaureate results accompanied by a translation. Web print results will not suffice. The results must show co-efficients where available. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Brevet de Technicien
- Brevet Professionnel
- Diplôme du Baccalauréat Professionnel
- Diplôme du Baccalauréat Technologique

<sup>19</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Germany

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Abitur
- Zeugnis der Allgemein Hochschulreife

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	German requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects (examined or final school year) and minimum Durchschnittsnote of 3.5
	3 H5 required	Overall minimum of 3.0 in the Durchschnittsnote. Six distinct recognised subjects (examined or final year) to include English, mathematics and another language. Grade 10 in three examined subjects must also be presented.
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects (examined or final school year) and minimum Durchschnittsnote 4

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

4 (scale 0-15 where 15 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 11 at standard or 9 at intensive in the Abitur examination or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Table 1: Subject Grade Comparisons: (examined subjects only unless otherwise specified)				
LC Higher	Intensive <sup>20</sup>	LC Ordinary	Standard	Intensive
H1	13	O1	12	6
H2	11	O2	10	5
H3	9	O3	8 <sup>2</sup>	5
H4	7	O4	6 <sup>2</sup>	4
H5	6	O5	5 <sup>2</sup>	4
H6	5	O6	4 <sup>21</sup>	4
H7	5			

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

<sup>20</sup> Intensive subjects will only be recognised if distinctly identified on the transcript or an accompanying letter from the school is submitted.

<sup>21</sup> A non-examined subject at grade 13 may be used for this, except English

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### How do I work out my points score?

As a guideline, assuming there are sufficient distinct recognised subject, the equivalence will be based on the Durchschnittsnote, provided no repeat attempts are included. The table below shows sample conversions:

Durchschnittsnote	IPS
1.0	600
1.5	531
2.0	477
2.5	411
3.0	331
3.5	267
4	225

### Single Sitting

All subjects must be the final year of school (i.e. Grade 13) or examined in the same academic year.

### Bonus points for mathematics:

25 additional points will be awarded for an examined mathematics grade 5 at intensive level provided mathematics is included in the award used for points calculation

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official Abitur/Zeugnis results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may only be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Berufsfachschulabschluss (Assistentenberufe / Vollqualifizierende Berufsausbildung) (from 2013)
- Berufsfachschulabschluss (Mittlerer Schulabschluss) (from 2013)
- Berufsfachschulabschluss (until 2012) if studied for 2 years or more
- Fachgebundene Hochschulreife / Fachhochschulreife

<sup>22</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Greece

## What qualifications are accepted?

Apolytirion of Lykeiou is acceptable up to 525 points. To attain over 525 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first year university examination taken in Greece provided it is taken in a recognised 3rd level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. Please note that in some cases, specific subjects may be needed to meet entry requirements. **(NB: Apolytirion of Gymnasio is not acceptable)**. For examinations prior to 2001, a separate certificate *General (University) Entrance Examination* is also needed.

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Greek requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Overall minimum of 16 in Apolytirion with 6 distinct recognised subjects 16 or better
	3 H5 required	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion with 6 distinct recognised subjects 17 or better
Level 7/6		Overall minimum of 14 in Apolytirion with 5 distinct recognised subjects 14 or better

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

10 (scale 0-20 where 20 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 18.75 in the Apolytirion of Lykeiou or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Apolytirion	LC Ordinary	Apolytirion
H1	N/A	O1	18.5
H2	20	O2	18
H3	19.5	O3	18
H4	19	O4	17
H5	18.5	O5	17
H6	18	O6	17
H7	17		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The equivalence will be calculated based on the overall mark. Sample conversions follow:

Overall Mark	IPS
20	525
19.5	504
19	483
18.5	462
18	441
17.5	420
17	399
16	358
15	331
14	304

Provided there are adequate distinct recognised subjects and no repeat attempts included, the average as calculated on the Apolytirion will be used. To attain over 525 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first-year university examination taken in Greece provided it is taken in a recognised 3rd level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. Please note that in some cases, specific subjects may be needed to meet entry requirements.

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Not applicable. See also Page 14

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official Apolytirion results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may only be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- ΠΤΥΧΙΟ (Higher Diploma Cycle B (ΤΕΕ))
- ΠΤΥΧΙΟ - ΕΠΑΓΓΕΛΜΑΤΙΚΟ ΛΥΚΕΙΟ / ΕΠΑΓ/ΚΟ ΛΥΚΕΙΟ (Diploma of Vocational School (Lykeio))

<sup>23</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Hungary

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Erettsegi Bizonyítvány/ Matura (NB NOT Erettsegi awarded by Szakközépiskola see below)

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Hungarian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects including a minimum of 2 subjects at advanced level and 3 at intermediate.
	3 H5 required	Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects including a minimum of 2 subjects at advanced level and 3 at intermediate.
Level 7/6		Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects including a minimum of 5 subjects at intermediate level.

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

20% at advanced or 20% intermediate

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 47% in Advanced English in the Erettsegi Bizonyítvány/ Matura or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Matura	LC Ordinary	Matura
H1	60% Advanced	O1	80% Intermediate
H2	60% Advanced	O2	60% Intermediate
H3	47% Advanced	O3	60% Intermediate
H4	47% Advanced	O4	40% Intermediate
H5	33% Advanced	O5	40% Intermediate
H6	33% Advanced	O6	20% Intermediate
H7	20% Advanced		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### **How do I work out my points score?**

As a guideline, it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Advanced		Intermediate	
Percent	Points	Percent	Points
100	110	100	94
90	104	90	85
80	99	80	76
70	94	70	70
60	89	60	63
55	84	55	59
50	78	50	55
45	76	45	51
40	75	40	47
35	73	35	42
30	72	30	36
25	71	25	30
20	70	20	24

A minimum of 5 subjects is required. However, a bonus can be given for a 6<sup>th</sup> subject so the maximum score of 600 (excluding bonus for maths) is attainable.

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

25 additional points will be awarded for a grade of 20% or better in Advanced level Mathematics where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points.

### **What documents do I need to send?**

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### **Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Szakközépiskola Érettségi Byítvány (Vocational Secondary School Leaving Certificate)

<sup>24</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Iceland

**As an EFTA country Iceland is considered as an EU country for admissions purposes**

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Studentsprof (from Gymnasium)

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Icelandic requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Overall average score of 5, with at least 7 in 2 distinct recognised subjects.
	3 H5 required	Overall average score of 5, with at least 7 in 3 distinct recognised subjects.
Level 7/6		Overall average score of 5

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

5 (on a scale of 0-10 where 10 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 7 in the Studentsprof or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Table 1: Subject Grade Comparisons (4 credit or better subjects only):			
LC Higher	Studentsprof	LC Ordinary	Studentsprof
H1	10	O1	7
H2	9	O2	6
H3	8	O3	6
H4	7	O4	5
H5	7	O5	5
H6	6	O6	5
H7	5		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### **How do I work out my points score?**

As a guideline, it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Table 2: Points Conversion Table<sup>25</sup></b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
10	600
9	595
8	520
7	411
6	309
5	300

Where a weighted average is provided on the result report this will be used. Otherwise, the average will be calculated on the best 10 recognised subjects of 4 credits or more (distinct subjects normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purpose and from a single sitting in all cases).

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Not applicable. See also Page 14

### **What documents do I need to send?**

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results including a report showing all results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### **Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Stúdentpróf (from a Technical / Vocational School)(Matriculation Certificate)

<sup>25</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Italy

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Diploma Esame di Stato
- Diploma di Maturità:

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Italian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Overall 60%, with 6 distinct recognised subjects taken over the final two years of higher secondary school
	3 H5 required	Overall 60%, with 6 distinct subjects taken over the final two years of higher secondary school
Level 7/6		Overall 60%, with 5 distinct subjects taken over the final two years of higher secondary school

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

The minimum pass mark is 60%

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 80% in the final year of school or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table to compare final year grade in the Esame di Stato:

Table 1: Subject Grade Comparisons:			
LC Higher	Italian exams	LC Ordinary	Italian exams
H1	10	O1	8
H2	10	O2	8
H3	9	O3	7
H4	9	O4	7
H5	8	O5	6
H6	8	O6	6
H7	7		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### **How do I work out my points score?**

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows based on the overall in the Matura provided no repeat attempts are included:

<b>Table 2: Points Conversion Table<sup>26</sup></b>	
<b>Overall out of 100</b>	<b>IPS</b>
100 Lode	600
100	553
95	527
90	501
85	474
80	445
75	409
70	373
65	340
60	300

### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for Grade 7 or higher in mathematics where students complete and reach a scoring grade in the mathematics course in the Liceo Scientifico stream.

### **What documents do I need to send?**

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

<sup>26</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# Latvia

## What qualifications are accepted?

- **Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu** – Diploma of General Secondary Education AND
- **Sekmju izraksts** – Statement of Record showing positive assessment in subjects taught in chosen profile and also in national examinations certified by a General Secondary Education Certificate (Visparejas videjas izglitibas sertifikats)

Results from 2022 or earlier are acceptable up to 525 points. To attain over 525 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first-year university examination taken in Latvia provided it is taken in a recognised 3rd level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. Please note that in some cases, specific subjects may be needed to meet entry requirements.

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Latvian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Pass in 6 distinct recognised subjects which should include at 55% in at least 2 examined subjects.
	3 H5 required	Pass in 6 distinct recognised subjects which should include at 55% in at least 3 examined subjects.
Level 7/6		Award of Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

40% examined or 5 at school level

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 80% in the Atestats examination or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Latvian exam	LC Ordinary	Latvian Exam
H1	100%	O1	80%
H2	95%	O2	75%
H3	90%	O3	70%
H4	85%	O4	60%
H5	80%	O5	50%
H6	75%	O6	40% or 5 at school level
H7	70%		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

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### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows (Scoring Scheme for results 2009 and onwards):

Average Grade	IPS
100%	600
90%	577
80%	519
70%	470
60%	421
50%	369
40%	300

Applicants will be scored on their best 6 distinct subjects (normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes) which must include at least 3 state examined subjects.

#### Single Sitting

Only examined and subjects from the final year of school can be considered and they must be from a single sitting.

#### Bonus points for mathematics:

Not applicable as Mathematics in Latvia is not offered at 2 levels. See also Page 14

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Diploms par arodizglītību (Diploma of Vocational Education)
- Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību (level III) (Diploma of Secondary Professional Education)
- Diploms par videjo arodizglītību (Diploma of Secondary Vocational Education)
- Diploms T par vidējo speciālo izglītību (Diploma T of Specialised Secondary Education)

<sup>27</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Liechtenstein

**As an EFTA country Liechtenstein is considered as an EU country for admissions purposes**

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Matura certificate

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Liechtenstein requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	A minimum of 4 in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 2 at 5
	3 H5 required	A minimum of 4 in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 3 at 5
Level 7/6		4 in all 5 subjects

### Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:

4 (on a scale of 2-6 where 6 is best)

### Minimum English Language Competence

The minimum acceptable level of English is 4 in the Matura or equivalent English language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Matura	LC Ordinary	Matura
H1	6	O1	5
H2	6	O2	4
H3	6	O3	4
H4	5	O4	4
H5	5	O5	4
H6	4	O6	4
H7	4		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

**How do I work out my points score?**

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Subject Grade</b>	<b>Score per subject</b>
6	120
5	90
4	60

Applicants will be scored on the best 5 distinct subjects taken in a single sitting and normally recognised by HEIs for admissions purposes. Example IPS 480 = 1 X 6 + 4 X 5

**Bonus points for mathematics:**

Not applicable. See also Page 14

**What documents do I need to send?**

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

<sup>28</sup> NB Sample grades only

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# Lithuania

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Brandos Atestatas / Maturity Certificate, at State exam level. (from a Gymnasium or Secondary School) is acceptable up to 525 points. To attain over 525 points, additional points will be awarded for successful completion of a first year university examination taken in Lithuania provided it is taken in a recognised 3rd level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. Please note that in some cases, specific subjects may be needed to meet entry requirements.

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Lithuanian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Minimum grade 5 in 6 distinct recognised subjects, with minimum grade 8 in 2 subjects. Subjects presented must include a minimum of 2 examined at State level.
	3 H5 required	Minimum grade 5 in 6 distinct recognised subjects, with minimum grade 8 in 3 subjects. Subjects presented must include a minimum of 3 examined at State level.
Level 7/6		Minimum grade 5 in 5 distinct recognised subjects

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

5 (on a scale of 0-10 where 10 is best) or 30% at state level (examined).

## Minimum English Language Competence:

The minimum acceptable level of English is 8 in examined English or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Irish Leaving Cert	Brandos Examined except Maths	Mathematics	Irish Leaving Cert	Brandos All Subjects	
				Examined	School
H1			O1	80%	10
H2	100%	100% in Adv Mth $\geq$ 310 Hours	O2	70%	9
H3	95%	95% in Adv Mth $\geq$ 310 Hours	O3	60%	8
H4	90%	90% in Adv Mth $\geq$ 310 Hours	O4	50%	7
H5	80%	80% in Adv Mth $\geq$ 310 Hours	O5	40%	6
H6	70%	70% in Adv Mth $\geq$ 310 Hours	O6	30%	5
H7	60%	60% in Adv Mth $\geq$ 310 Hours			

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### **How do I work out my points score?**

The indicative equivalence will be calculated by summing the IPS for the best 6 subjects (normally recognised by HEIs for admissions purposes) which must include at least 2 at state level. Only school subjects taken at 100 hours or more will be counted.

<b>Average score</b>	<b>IPS</b>
100	525
90	474
80	438
70	412
60	386
50	360
40	333
35	317

The maximum attainable in this examination is 525 points. To attain more than 525 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

#### **Single Sitting**

Only school and examination subjects taken in the same examination sitting will be counted for the purposes of points calculation.

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for 60% and greater in Advanced Mathematics  $\geq$  310 hours where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points.

### **What documents do I need to send?**

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### **Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Brandos Atestatas / Maturity Certificate, at State exam level. (from a Vocational Technical School)

<sup>29</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Luxembourg

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Luxembourg requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects at coefficient 3 with minimum grade of 35, plus 4 subjects with minimum grade of 30.
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include: 3 subjects at coefficient 3 with minimum grade of 35, plus 3 subjects with minimum grade of 30.
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects with minimum grade of 30

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

30 (on a scale of 1-60 where 60 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 40 @ coefficient 3 in the Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Diplome	LC Ordinary	Diplome
H1	49, at coefficient 3	O1	35, at coefficient 3
H2	47, at coefficient 3	O2	30, at coefficient 3
H3	41, at coefficient 3	O3	30, at coefficient 3
H4	39, at coefficient 3	O4	30
H5	35, at coefficient 3	O5	30
H6	30, at coefficient 3	O6	30
H7	30		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### **How do I work out my points score?**

As a guideline, it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows using the weighted overall mark as calculated on the result and assuming an adequate number of distinct recognised subjects is presented and no repeat sitting is included. Sample conversions follow

<b>Overall weighted mark</b>	<b>IPS</b>
60	600
55	592
50	554
45	486
40	400
35	279
30	250

### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for Co-efficient 3 Mathematics grade 30/satisfactory or better, provided mathematics is included in the award used for points calculation.

### **What documents do I need to send?**

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### **Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Diplôme / Certificat de Fin d'Études Secondaires Techniques
- Diplôme de Technicien

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<sup>30</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# Malta

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Advanced Matriculation
- Matriculation Certificate Examination from the University of Malta

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required. Please note Systems of Knowledge is not a recognised subject.

Level	Irish matric type	Maltese requirements (in all cases subjects must be distinct and recognised)
Level 8	2 H5 required	2 subjects at Advanced Level grade C minimum and 3 other subjects at 5 or better in Secondary Education Cert
	3 H5 required	2 subjects at Advanced Level grade C minimum and 3 other subjects at 5 or better in Secondary Education Cert
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects at Intermediate Level Grade C minimum

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

Grade E (on a scale of E-A where A is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 3 in the Secondary Education Certificate or pass in the matriculation or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Maltese Matric	LC Ordinary	Maltese Matric
H1	Advanced level A	O1	Advanced level C
H2	Advanced level B	O2	Advanced level D
H3	Advanced level B	O3	Intermediate A
H4	Advanced level C	O4	Intermediate B
H5	Advanced level C	O5	Intermediate C
H6	Advanced level D	O6	Intermediate Level Grade E or 5 in Secondary Education Certificate
H7	Advanced level E		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### **How do I work out my points score?**

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Advanced Level grade</b>	<b>IPS per subject</b>		<b>Intermediate Level grade</b>	<b>IPS per subject</b>
A	171		A	86
B	168		B	84
C	130		C	65
D	80		D	40
E	34		E	17

The best 5 distinct subjects normally accepted for admissions purposes in Irish HEIs are totalled, in accordance with matriculation and entry requirements. Scoring is based on 2 Advanced subjects and 3 Intermediate taken in a single sitting.

#### **Single Sitting**

For the purposes of points calculation, only advanced presented at a single sitting (i.e., either April-June or September sitting) will be scored. Intermediate subjects can be presented from the same or previous sitting.

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for A Level Mathematics grade D or better where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points

### **What documents do I need to send?**

You must submit certified copies of both Advanced and Intermediate results. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### **Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Extended Skill Training Scheme Diploma

# Netherlands

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B) diploma)

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Dutch requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects grade 8 and 4 subjects grade 6 in the VWO
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects grade 8 and 3 subjects grade 6 in the VWO
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects grade 5 in the VWO

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

6 (on a scale of 5-10 where 10 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 8 in the VWO or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Irish Leaving Cert	VWO*	Irish Leaving Cert	VWO
H1	10	O1	8
H2	10	O2	8
H3	9	O3	7
H4	9	O4	7
H5	8	O5	6
H6	8	O6	6 or Pass in HAVO
H7	7		

\* For a higher maths requirement these scores must be in Maths B or D

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### **How do I work out my points score?**

The indicative equivalence will be calculated, based on the average of the best 6 distinct recognised subjects taken in a single sitting as follows:

<b>Average Mark</b>	<b>IPS</b>
10	600
9	595
8	541
7	374
6	250
5	200

If two versions of the same subject are presented, the average score will be included in the calculation.

### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for grade 6 or better in Advanced level Mathematics (i.e., B or D) where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points.

### **What documents do I need to send?**

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

<sup>31</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Norway

**As an EFTA country Norway is considered as an EU country for admissions purposes**

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Vitnemål for Videregående Opplæring with oppnådd generell studiekompetanse
- Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole with "og bestått"

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Norwegian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	At least 2 subjects in final year of school at grade 4 or better and at least 4 final year subjects at grade 2 or better
	3 H5 required	At least 3 subjects in final year of school at grade 4 or better and at least 3 final year subjects at grade 2 or better
Level 7/6		At least 5 subjects in final year of school at grade 2 or better

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

2 (on a scale of 1-6 max)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 4 in the Vitnemål or equivalent English language competence (examined or final year of school<sup>32</sup>) (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Irish Leaving Cert	Vitnemål (examined or final year <sup>5</sup> )	Irish Leaving Cert	Vitnemål (examined or final year <sup>5</sup> )
H1	6	O1	4
H2	6	O2	4
H3	5	O3	3
H4	5	O4	3
H5	4	O5	2
H6	4	O6	2
H7	3		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

<sup>32</sup> i.e., the same year as the most recent examined subjects

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### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows based on the average of the best 7 distinct recognised subjects taken in the final year of school. The average converts to points as follows:

Average Score	IPS
6	600
5	588
4	379
3	244
2	172

Note Bokmål NOR1267 and Nynorsk NOR1268 are often both translated as Norwegian but they are, in fact, 2 separate languages both of which are official languages of Norway and as such are treated as distinct subjects.

#### Single Sitting:

Subjects taken in the final year of school in the same academic year are considered a single sitting.

#### Bonus points for mathematics:

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for grade 3 in Mathematics VG3 where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may only be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Fagbrev/Svennebrev (Craftsman/Journeyman's Certificate)
- Vitnemål fra Teknisk Fagskole / Tekniker (Certificate from Technical College)
- Høgskolekandidat
- Ingeniør fra Ingeniør Høgskoler (Engineer from Engineering University Colleges)

<sup>33</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

# Poland

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Świadectwo Dojrzałości (Certificate of Maturity)

The following examination is accepted to a maximum of 525 points if examined since 2016

- Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Ogólnokształcącego (Certificate of Completion from a General Lyceum)

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Polish requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	A total of 6 distinct recognised subjects between Matura and final school-leaving examinations with 3 distinct subjects in the Matura including 2 Advanced subjects $\geq 30\%$
	3 H5 required	A total of 6 distinct recognised subjects between Matura and final school-leaving examinations with 3 distinct subjects in the Matura including 3 Advanced subjects $\geq 30\%$
Level 7/6		A total of 5 distinct recognised subjects between Matura and final school-leaving examinations with 3 distinct subjects in the Matura.

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

30% at Advanced or 40% at basic level

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 60% @ Advanced level in the Świadectwo Dojrzałości with oral at least 55% or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate (LC) as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Irish LC	Extended level <sup>34</sup>	Irish C	Basic Level
H1	90%	O1	90%
H2	80%	O2	80%
H3	70%	O3	70%
H4	60%	O4	60%
H5	50%	O5	50%
H6	40%	O6	30%
H7	30%		

Only examined subjects can meet subject entry requirements higher than H7/O6.

<sup>34</sup> For languages, Bilingual level may be substituted for Extended Level

**NB this table is NOT used for points conversion. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence for the Świadectwo Dojrzałości (Certificate of Maturity) will be calculated as follows:

- A maximum of four different recognised subjects taken in a single sitting, which are not mutually exclusive, will be counted. Subjects marked as exempt will not be included in calculations.
- The weighted average on the best 4 subjects is calculated. Basic level subjects are weighted at 60% of Advanced.
- Sample conversions are shown in the table below

<b>Average Percentile (based on 4 subjects at Extended)</b>	<b>IPS</b>
100%	600
90%	553
80%	509
70%	475
60%	444
50%	419
40%	388
30%	352
25%	337

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for 40% at extended level Mathematics in the Świadectwo Dojrzałości (Certificate of Maturity) where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Ogólnokształcącego

#### **What level of English do I need?**

The minimum acceptable level of English is Excellent or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

<sup>35</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate (LC) as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Irish LC	SULO	Irish C	SULO
H1	Excellent	O1	Very good
H2	Excellent	O2	Good
H3	Very Good	O3	Good
H4	Very Good	O4	Satisfactory
H5	Very Good	O5	Satisfactory
H6	Good	O6	Acceptable
H7	Good		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2a.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence for the Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Ogólnokształcącego will be calculated based on the average of the best 12 subjects:

- Sample conversions are shown in the table below

Average of best 12	IPS
Excellent	525
Very good	420
Good	315
Satisfactory	210

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Profilowanego/Technicznego/Zawodowego/Technikum (Certificate of Completion from a Vocational/Technical Secondary School)
- Świadectwo Ukończenia Szkoły Policealnej (Certificate of Completion from a Post-secondary School)
- Dyplom Ukończenia Szkoły Pomaturalnej (Diploma of Completion from a Post-maturity School)

These qualifications *may* be considered on a cases-by-case basis for level 8 courses, where a QQI-FET pathway exists

# Portugal

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Portuguese requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Award of Certificado/Diploma
	3 H5 required	Award of Certificado/Diploma
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects grade 12

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

12 (on a scale of 10-20 where 20 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 16 in the Certificado/Diploma or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Portuguese score in final award*	LC Ordinary	Portuguese score in final award
H1	19-20	O1	15
H2	18	O2	14
H3	17	O3	13
H4	16	O4	12
H5	15	O5	11
H6	14	O6	10
H7	13		

\* To meet a higher Maths requirement the grade shown must be attained in Mathematics A

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows using the average as shown on the results provided no repeat attempts are included:

Average Mark	IPS
20	600
19	595
18	577
17	554
16	530
15	497
14	460
13	431
12	390
11	343
10	275

### Bonus points for mathematics:

25 bonus points will be awarded for Mathematics A if examined in final year and a score of at least 10 is obtained

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Nível 4 Qualificação do Quadro Nacional de Qualificações
- Diploma de Especialização Tecnológica

<sup>36</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# Romania

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Diplomă de Bacalaureat

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Romanian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Total of 5 passes in distinct recognised subjects including with 2 @ 8 and a minimum average of 6 in the Bacalaureat. If only 3 subjects are examined in the Bacalaureat, matriculation requirements may be met with subjects in the school report.
	3 H5 required	Total of 5 passes in distinct recognised subjects including with 3 @ 8 and a minimum average of 6 in the Bacalaureat. If only 3 subjects are examined in the Bacalaureat, matriculation requirements may be met with subjects in the school report.
Level 7/6		Total of 5 passes in distinct recognised subjects. If only 3 subjects are examined in the Bacalaureat matriculation requirements may be met with subjects in the school report.

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

5 (on a scale of 1-10 where 10 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 90% in the Bacalaureat or C1 or C2 in English proficiency as part of Bacalaureat or equivalent (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table (subjects must be examined or final year of school):

Irish Leaving Cert	Bacalaureat except Maths	Mathematics <sup>37</sup>	Irish Leaving Cert	Bacalaureat except Maths	Mathematics <sup>6</sup>
H1	10	10	O1	8	7
H2	9	9	O2	7	6
H3	9	8	O3	7	6
H4	8	7	O4	6	6
H5	8	7	O5	5	5
H6	7	6	O6	5	5
H7	5	5			

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

<sup>37</sup> As defined for bonus points below

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## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows based on the overall weighted average assuming sufficient distinct recognised subjects are presented and no repeat attempts are included:

Overall weighted average	IPS
10	600
9.5	565
9	508
8.5	460
8	423
7.5	387
7	353
6.5	319
6	275

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for the subject Mathematics in the Baccalaureate award taken in the Maths Informatica stream with grade 6 or better if it is included in the overall award used for points calculation.

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Certificat de Competențe Profesionale (de la Școala Postliceală) (Professional Competence Certificate (from a post-secondary school))
- Diplomă/Certificat de Absolvire a Școlii Postliceale (Post-secondary School Diploma/Certificate)

<sup>38</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# Scotland

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Scottish Highers
- Plus Scottish Advanced Highers

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Scottish requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects at Higher level grade D, plus 1 other subjects at Standard/intermediate Level (national level 5) grade C
	3 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects at Higher level grade C and 1 subject at Standard/Intermediate Level grade 3. In addition, applicants must present a minimum of two Advanced Higher level subjects at grade C.
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects at Higher level grade D

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

D (on a scale of D-A where A is best) or C at Standard/Intermediate

## Minimum English Language Competence

The minimum acceptable level of English is C at standard/Intermediate level (national level 5).

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Scottish exams	LC Ordinary	Scottish exams
H1	B Advanced	O1	B Higher/D Advanced
H2	C Advanced	O2	C Higher/ D Advanced
H3	C Advanced	O3	C Higher/ D Advanced
H4	A Higher/ D Advanced	O4	A National 4/5
H5	B Higher/D Advanced	O5	B National 4/5
H6	C Higher/ D Advanced	O6	C National 4/5
H7	C Higher/ D Advanced		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Higher Level Grade</b>	<b>Subject Score</b>		<b>Advanced Higher</b>	<b>Additional Subject Score</b>
A	105		A	25
B	72		B	21
C	49		C	18
D	28		D	15

- Maximum best 5 distinct subjects normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes are counted.
- Additional points may be awarded for up to three subjects at Advanced Higher level, these may be the same subjects already counted at Higher level.
- NB not all subjects are recognised. Programmes over 525 points will require Advanced Higher Level subjects.

### Single Sitting

For the purposes of points calculation, Advanced Highers and Highers are considered over 2 consecutive years only. Highers may not be combined over 2 years but may be taken in the same year as advanced Highers.

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded mathematics Advanced Highers grade C where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload certified copies of all examinations taken from Standard level up. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

Please note, that while documents are normally required by 1 August, as Scottish results issue later, we will accept these later provided they are with CAO 10 days before Round 1 issues.

# Slovakia

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) from gymnasium or konzervatórium

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Slovakian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects including 2 at Grade 3 and 2 at Grade 4 in the Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške and a further 2 subjects from the final year of school
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects including 3 at Grade 3 and 1 at Grade 4 in the Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške and a further 2 subjects from the final year of school
Level 7/6		6 distinct recognised subjects including 4 at Grade 4 in the Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške and a further 2 subjects from the final year of school

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

4/pass (on a scale of 5-1 where 1 is best)

## Minimum English Language Competence:

The minimum acceptable level of English is 3 in English B2 or equivalent (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Table 1: Subject Grade Comparisons:			
LC Higher	Slovakian exam	LC Ordinary	Slovakian Exam
H1	1	O1	2
H2	1	O2	3
H3	2	O3	3
H4	2	O4	4
H5	2	O5	4
H6	3	O6	4 <sup>39</sup>
H7	3		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

<sup>39</sup> A grade of Very Good in the final year of school can satisfy the O6 requirement

## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

### How do I work out my points score?

The Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške is compared based on the average on the best 4 distinct recognised subjects taken in a single sitting. The average percentile of the 2 best external examinations can score up to 500 points and an additional score for the best 2 internal examinations will be added – at least 2 of which must be externally examined subjects; up to 2 internal subjects (not included as external) included as shown below.

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Average percentile	IPS	Additional score for Internal	
100	600		
90	553		
80	509		
70	470		
60	444	Excellent	50
50	419	Very Good	35
40	388	Good	20
30	352	Pass	5

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Not Applicable. See also Page 14

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) awarded from Stredná odborná škola - SOŠ (Secondary Technical School) or Stredné odborné učilište - SOU (Secondary Vocational School).
- Vysvedčenie o absolventskej skúške / Absolventský diplom (Certificate of Graduation Examination / Graduation Diploma)

<sup>40</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# Slovenia

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Maturitetno spričevalo (Matura Certificate)

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Slovenian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects including 2 subjects grade 3 minimum and 3 subjects grade 2 minimum
	3 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects including 3 subjects grade 3 minimum and 2 subjects grade 2 minimum
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects grade 2 minimum

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

2 (on a scale of 1-5 where 5 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 3 in the Maturitetno, or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Slovenian Higher Level	Slovenian Standard Level	LC Ordinary	Slovenian Exam
H1	5		O1	4
H2	5		O2	4
H3	4	5	O3	3
H4	4	5	O4	3
H5	3	4	O5	2
H6	3	4	O6	2
H7	2	3		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated from the average as calculated on the Maturitetno, assuming no repeat attempts are included, as follows:

Overall score	IPS
34	600
30	577
25	530
20	465
15	390
14	287
10	230

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Spričevalo o poklicni mature (Vocational Matura)

<sup>41</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# Spain

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Título de Bachiller/Título de Bachillerato

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Spanish requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects including 2 subjects grade 7 and 4 subjects grade 5
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects including 3 subjects grade 7 and 3 subjects grade 5
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects grade 5

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

5 (1-10 where 10 is best)

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 8 in the Bachiller/Bachillerato or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Spanish exam	LC Ordinary	Spanish Exam
H1	10	O1	8
H2	10	O2	8
H3	9	O3	7
H4	9	O4	7
H5	8	O5	6
H6	8	O6	5
H7	7		

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

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## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated based on the average on the Titulo de Bachiller, assuming no repeat attempts are included, as follows:

Average Titulo	IPS
10	600
9	555
8	526
7	493
6	395
5	285

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

Not applicable as there is no separate advanced level of Mathematics. See also Page 14

#### **Note re Mathematics:**

Applied Mathematics in the Social Sciences group has a syllabus which is only accepted to meet ordinary level (O6) mathematics leaving certificate requirements.

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results for the Bachillerato accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Título de Técnico en [subject area]
- Título de Técnico Superior

<sup>42</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

**November 2025.** This document is for 2026 entry. The matriculation and English language requirements are the minimum and will be higher for certain courses and in certain institutions. Applicants must also refer to HEI websites for details of specific subject requirements and previous points requirements.

# Sweden

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola (Upper secondary school leaving certificate)
- Högskoleförberedande examen (Higher Education Preparatory Diploma)

## What is the minimum I need?

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Swedish requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects of which at least 5 must be intermediate level or better and which must include 2 with Grade C
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects of which at least 5 must be at level B or better and which must include 3 with Grade C
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects at level A

### What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

E (on a scale F-A where A is best)

### What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is Level 6 (with at least grade E) in the Avgångsbetyg or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Swedish exam	LC Ordinary	Swedish
H1	A (Intermediate) or B (Advanced)	O1	C (Intermediate)
H2	B (Intermediate) or C (Advanced)	O2	D (Intermediate)
H3	B (Intermediate) or C (Advanced)	O3	D (Intermediate)
H4	C (Intermediate)	O4	A (Basic)
H5	C (Intermediate)	O5	C (Basic)
H6	D (Intermediate)	O6	E (Basic)
H7	E (Intermediate)		

Note: there can be up to 5 levels in each subject and the nomenclature of the levels for various subjects. Basic is the lowest level presented in the Avgångsbetyg/ Högskoleförberedande examen, Intermediate is the level above that and Advanced is any level higher than intermediate if available. Where there is more than 1 score for a subject, the best score will be used. It will not be counted twice.

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated by calculating a GPA across all subjects except project using the numeric value for each grade as shown below:

Average grade Intermediate	Numeric Value
A	20.0
B	17.5
C	15
D	12.5
E	10

The GPA will be converted to points. The table below shows sample conversions

GPA	IPS
20	600
19	579
18	542
17	497
16	459
15	421
13	348
11	288

### Single Sitting

Points are calculated based on a single sitting which is deemed to be first presentation of certificate. Subjects added subsequently will not be considered for points calculation.

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for Mathematics 3c, 4 and 5 courses where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points.

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg (Upper secondary school leaving certificate in vocational streams) 3 years +
- Kvalificerad Yrkeshögskoleexamen (400 Yh) (from 2010) ((Advanced) Diploma in Higher Vocational Education)
- Yrkeshögskoleexamen (200 Yh) (from 2010) (Diploma in Higher Vocational Education)

<sup>43</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

**November 2025.** This document is for 2026 entry. The matriculation and English language requirements are the minimum and will be higher for certain courses and in certain institutions. Applicants must also refer to HEI websites for details of specific subject requirements and previous points requirements.

# Switzerland

**As an EFTA country Switzerland is considered as an EU country for admissions purposes**

## What qualifications are accepted?

<b><u>French Speaking</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificat de Maturité / Certificat de Maturité Cantonal reconnu par la Confédération</li> <li>• Maturité Cantonale</li> </ul>
<b><u>German Speaking</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eidgenössisch anerkanntes kantonales Maturitätszeugnis</li> <li>• Maturitätsausweis</li> <li>• Kantonale Maturität partial recognition to a maximum of 500 points</li> </ul>
<b><u>Italian Speaking</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attestato di Maturità / Attestato di Maturità Cantonale riconosciuto dalla Confederazione</li> <li>• Maturità Cantonale – partial recognition to a maximum of 500 points</li> </ul>

### The following examination may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Cantonal Maturity Certificate (Kantonale Maturität/Maturité Cantonale/Maturità Cantonale): This certificate is not recognised federally. It is considered comparable to GCE Advanced Subsidiary AS level/Scottish Higher standard and does not automatically satisfy the general entrance requirements of British higher education institutions; students may be considered on an individual basis.

## What is the minimum I need?

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required. In all cases the subjects must be distinct recognised subjects.

Level	Irish matric type	Swiss Requirements (10-point scale)	Swiss Requirements (6-point scale)	Swiss Requirements (5-point scale)
<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	all 6 subjects at 6 with at least 2 at 8	all 6 subjects at 4 with at least 2 at 5	all 6 subjects at 3 with at least 2 at 2
	3 H5 required	all 6 subjects at 6 with at least 3 at 8	all 6 subjects at 4 with at least 3 at 5	all 6 subjects at 3 with at least 3 at 2
<b>Level 7/6</b>		all 6 subjects at 4	all 6 subjects at 4	all 6 subjects at 4

### What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

Pass on appropriate scale i.e., 6 on 10 points scale; 4 on 6 point scale and 3 on 5 point scale

## Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

### What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 4 on the 6-point scale<sup>44</sup> or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC higher	Swiss Scale			LC Ordinary	Swiss Scale		
	10 Point	6 Point	5 Point		10 Point	6 Point	5 Point
H1	10	6	1	O1	8	5	2
H2	9	6	1	O2	7	4	3
H3	9	6	1	O3	6	4	3
H4	8	5	2	O4	6	4	3
H5	8	5	2	O5	6	4	3
H6	7	4	3	O6	6	4	3
H7	6	4	3				

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows (counting the 6 best distinct subjects taken in a single sitting and normally recognised by Irish HEIs for admissions purposes) Note, for exams accepted to maximum of 500, this will be scaled pro rata:

10-point scale		6-point scale		5-point scale	
Score	Subject IPS	Score	Subject IPS	Score	Subject IPS
10	100	6	100	1	100
9	85	5	70	2	70
8	70	4	40	3	40
7	55	Example: 480 = 4 subjects at 6 + 2 at 4		Example: 480 = 4 subjects at 1 + 2 at 3	
6	40				
Example: 480 = 4 subjects at 9 + 2 at 8					

### Single Sitting

Points are calculated based on all subjects examined at the same time.

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Not applicable. See also Page 14

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

<sup>44</sup> Or 6 on the 10-point scale or 3 on the 5-point scale

<sup>45</sup> NB Sample grades only.

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**Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

**French Speaking**

- Certificat de Capacité
- Certificat de Maturité Professionnelle
- Maturité Commerciale
- Maturité Spécialisée
- Diplôme (awarded by an École Supérieure Spécialisée)
- Diplôme (awarded by an École Technique Supérieure)

**German Speaking**

- Berufsmaturitätszeugnis
- Berufsmittelschuldiplom
- Fachmittelschulausweis
- Handelsmaturität
- Fachmaturität
- Fähigkeitszeugnis
- Diplom (awarded by a Höhere Fachschule)
- Diplom (awarded by a Höhere Technische Lehranstalt)

**Italian Speaking**

- Attestato di Capacità
- Attestato di Maturità Professionale
- Attestato di Maturità Specializzata
- Diploma di Scuola Cultura Generale
- Maturità Commerciale
- Diploma (awarded by a Scuola Specializzata Superiore)
- Diploma (awarded by a Scuola Tecnica Superiore)

## United Kingdom

### GCE A-level/AS Level/GCSE

#### What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	A-level requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include: 2 subjects at GCE A Level grade C and a pass grade in 4 other subjects.
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects at GCE A Level grade C and a pass grade in 3 other subjects
Level 7/6		A total of 5 passes in distinct recognised subjects which must include at least one A Level.

#### What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

The pass grade is a minimum of E at A-level, D at AS or 4/C at GCSE (on a scale of E-A\* where A\* is best)

#### What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is Grade 4/C at GCSE Level or E at A-level or D at AS. English as a second language is acceptable provided grade 7-9 is attained.

#### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Table 1: Subject Grade Comparisons: showing the <i>minimum</i> score to meet each Leaving Cert grade			
Leaving Cert	A-level (A2)	AS	
H1	A		O1
H2	B		O2
H3	B		O3
H4	C		O4
H5	C		O5
H6	D	C	O6
H7	E	D	

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

The equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Table 2: Points conversion table</b>			
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Best 3 A-levels</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> A level</b>	<b>AS Level/EPQ<sup>46</sup></b>
<b>A*</b>	192	24	24
<b>A</b>	165	24	24
<b>B</b>	142	20	20
<b>C</b>	120	18	18
<b>D</b>	100	16	16
<b>E</b>	67	14	14

#### **Bonus points for mathematics:**

25 additional points will be awarded for a grade E or better in A level Mathematics. This applies to only ONE mathematics subject of the following: Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Mathematics, and only where that subject is used as one of the subjects for scoring purposes. NB Mathematics and Pure Mathematics cannot be counted separately for points purposes.

#### **Notes:**

Applicants are scored on a maximum of 4 different subject results at A and/or AS level/EPQ<sup>44</sup>. For scoring purposes, the following combinations of A Levels and AS Levels are permitted:

1. The best 4 A level results in a single sitting. If 4 A-levels are presented, the lowest grade is scored at the lower rate.
  2. The best 3 A level results in a single sitting, plus the best AS level result from the previous or the same sitting.
  3. The best 2 A level subject results in a single sitting, plus the best 2 results at AS level from the previous or the same sitting.
  4. The best 1 A level subject result in a single sitting, plus the best 3 results at AS level from the previous or the same sitting.
- NB Grades in the same subject in A and AS level cannot be combined.

#### **Important information for all GCE Applicants**

- Evidence of GCSE examinations must be supplied to meet minimum entry requirements.
- Please see [www.cao.ie/index.php?page=scoring&s=gce](http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=scoring&s=gce) for details of documents which must be provided to CAO.

### What documents do I need to send?

If you are applying with GCE exams to be taken this year, you must provide the Exam Board, Centre Number, Candidate Number, Subject(s) and Level in the spaces provided. For any GCE/GCSE examinations which you have already completed, and for which a certificate has been issued, you must submit certified A4 photocopies (**certified by a school stamp**) of the appropriate certificates to CAO.

**Please Note:** Certificates or statements of results must be issued by the exam boards (containing the exam board logo). Documents produced by schools will not be sufficient.

<sup>46</sup> Extended project (EPQ) is scored as an AS level (A\* is available in this). Throughout this AS level can be read to mean AS level or EPQ.

**Are any other qualifications accepted?**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission depending on the specific HEI policy, particularly for level 6/7 courses, in related areas only. Where accepted, vocational awards will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- IGCSE awarded by CAIE will be treated in the same manner as GCSEs awarded by other British boards
- AVCE
- BTEC Certificate at level 3 or higher
  - Pre 2010 awards, National Certificates & National Diplomas may be considered for, Levels 6 and 7 only
  - Post 2010 awards, Subsidiary Diploma or 90 Credit Diploma. may be considered for level 6/7 only Diploma, or Extended Diploma, may be considered for levels 6, 7, or 8
- Foundation Degree

***Welsh Baccaulaureate***

Individual A-level subjects presented as part of the Welsh Baccaulaureate will be accepted. The vocational parts of the Welsh Baccaulaureate do not fulfil matriculation or entry requirements or count for the award of points.

# Multi-national Qualifications

## European Baccalaureate

### What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	European Baccalaureate requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	Award of the Diploma
	3 H5 required	Award of the Diploma
Level 7/6		Award of the Diploma

### Subject pass mark:

D/6 OR E/5 in subjects  $\geq 3$  hours

### What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is 6 in 3 hour English or 5 in 5 hour English, or equivalent English Language competence (see page 9). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table to obtain the final mark required:

Table 1: Subject Grade Comparisons:				
LC	2 hours	$\geq 3$ hours	Languages $\geq 3$ hours	Mathematics
H1		9	8	9 in 5 hours
H2		8	7	8 in 5 hours
H3		8	7	8 in 5 hours
H4		7	6	7 in 5 hours
H5		7	6	7 in 5 hours
H6		6	5	7 (3 hours) / 6 (5 hours)
H7		5	5	D6 (3 hours) / 5 (5 hours)
O1		7	6	7 in 5 hours
O2		6	5	7 (3 hours) / 6 (5 hours)
O3		5	5	6 (3 hours) / 5 (5 hours)
O4	6	5	5	6 (3 hours) / 5 (5 hours)
O5	6	5	5	6 (3 hours) / 5 (5 hours)
O6	6	5	5	6 (3 hours) / 5 (5 hours)

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

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### How do I work out my points score?

As a guideline it is anticipated that the equivalence will be as follows based on the overall percentage as calculated on the Baccalaureate, provided no repeat attempts are included. The table below shows some sample grades – there are incremental changes in conversion between the points shown.

<b>Overall Mark</b>	<b>IPS</b>
100	600
95	600
92.5	592
90	565
87.5	542
85	519
80	474
75	441
70	409
65	382
60	368
55	358
50	350

### Single Sitting

All subjects are examined at the same time and points are calculated based on a single sitting.

### Bonus points for mathematics:

25 additional points will be awarded for grade 6 or better on 5 hours Mathematics or Advanced Mathematics provided mathematics is included in the award used for points calculation.

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation if it is not in English. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

<sup>47</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# International Baccalaureate

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	International Baccalaureate requirements
<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Award of diploma with 24 overall
	3 H5 required	overall 24 which must include 3 subjects grade 5 at higher level and 3 subjects grade 4 at standard level
<b>Level 7/6</b>		overall 24 and award of diploma (Note: some HEIs may consider those with scores over 18 who have not been awarded the Diploma – check with relevant HEI for detail)

### Pass mark:

4 at standard level where O6 is required.

## What level of English do I need?

The minimum acceptable level of English is

- English Language A: 3 at Higher level or 4 at Standard level
- English Language B or Ab initio: 4 at Higher Level or 6 at standard (4 @ either Level if presenting IB through English)
- Literature and Performance 3 at Higher level or 4 at Standard level provided additional documentation is supplied to show that this is the English option of the course.
- or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table to compare IB diploma results:

Table 1: Subject Grade Comparisons:			
LC Higher	Higher Level	LC Ordinary	Standard Level
H1	7	O1	7
H2	6	O2	6
H3	6	O3	6
H4	5	O4	5
H5	5	O5	5
H6	4	O6	4
H7	3		

Note re Mathematics:

- Both Mathematics (Analysis and Approaches and Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation) are acceptable. However, for courses with a Higher-Level Mathematics requirement we strongly recommend Analysis and Approaches and some HEIs may make this a mandatory requirement for particular courses.

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- Mathematical Studies comparison with Irish grades is slightly different.

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### How do I work out my points score?

Points will be awarded as follows based on the overall IB score based on a single sitting:

IB Score	IPS	IB Score	IPS
45	600	34	466
44	600	33	453
43	594	32	442
42	577	31	430
41	565	30	412
40	553	29	400
39	541	28	389
38	520	27	379
37	508	26	368
36	497	25	359
35	481	24	350

#### Single Sitting

All subjects are examined at the same time and points are calculated based on a single sitting.

#### Bonus points for mathematics:

25 additional points will be awarded for a grade 4 or better on higher level Mathematics ONLY provided mathematics is included in the overall award used for points calculation

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official examinations results accompanied by a translation if it is not in English. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

If you are a May 2026 IB candidate, please ask your IB coordinator to list 'Central Applications Office' among the list of institutions that will have permission to access your results. In this way, when results are released, CAO will be able to access your May 2026 results (only) online and add them to your application file. They will then be available to the Higher Education Institutions that you have applied to for their consideration.

### Are any other qualifications accepted for Level 6/7 courses?

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- International Baccalaureate Career-related Certificate

<sup>48</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# Ukraine

## What qualifications are accepted?

- Certificate of Independent External Examination IEE/NMT
- Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education (Atectat)

## What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Ukrainian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	A total of 6 distinct recognised subjects between IEE/NMT and Atectat
	3 H5 required	A total of 6 distinct recognised subjects between IEE/NMT and Atectat
Level 7/6		A total of 5 distinct recognised subjects between IEE/NMT and Atectat

## What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

130 in IEE/NMT or 4 in Atectat

## Minimum English Language Competence:

The minimum acceptable level of English is 8 in examined English in the Atectat or 150 in the IEE/NMT or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 9*). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

## How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Irish Leaving Cert			Irish Leaving Cert		
H1	90% 1st Uni		O1	180 IEE/NMT	11 Atectat
H2	85% 1st Uni		O2	170 IEE/NMT	10 Atectat
H3	80% 1st Uni		O3	160 IEE/NMT	9 Atectat
H4	75% 1st Uni	190 IEE/NMT	O4	150 IEE/NMT	8 Atectat
H5	70% 1st Uni	180 IEE/NMT	O5	140 IEE/NMT	6 Atectat
H6	65% 1st Uni	170 IEE/NMT	O6	130 IEE/NMT	4 Atectat
H7	60% 1st Uni	160 IEE/NMT			

**NB the table above is NOT used for points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

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### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Table 2: Points Conversion Table <sup>49</sup> for IEE/NMT	
Average score of best 3	IPS
>165	525
160	498
150	449
140	322
130	257

Table 2: Points Conversion Table <sup>47</sup> for Attectat	
Average score of best 12	IPS
12	525
10	459
8	393
6	327
4	261

The maximum attainable in these examinations is 525 points. To attain more than 525 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

### Single Sitting

Only school and examination subjects taken in the same examination sitting will be counted for the purposes of points calculation.

### Bonus points for mathematics:

Not applicable. See also Page 14

### What documents do I need to send?

You must send or upload a copy of your official IEE/NMT and ATTECTAT examinations. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent or uploaded to CAO and include your CAO application number.

<sup>49</sup> NB Sample grades only. The steps between points shown are not necessarily even as they are based on statistical comparisons.

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# Appendices:

## Appendix I: Guideline List of Recognised subjects

Any subject which is offered in the Irish Leaving Certificate Established is acceptable. The following subjects are currently available:

Accounting	Hebrew Studies
Agricultural Economics	History
Agricultural Science	Home Economics
Ancient Greek	Hungarian
Applied Mathematics	Irish
Arabic	Italian
Art (including crafts)	Japanese
Biology	Latin
Bulgarian	Latvian
Business	Lithuanian
Chemistry	Maltese
Classical Studies	Mathematics
Construction Studies	Modern Greek
Croatian	Music
Czech	Physics
Danish	Physics and Chemistry
Design and Communication Graphics	Polish
Dutch	Portuguese
Economics	Religious Education
Engineering	Romanian
English	Russian
Estonian	Slovakian
Finnish	Slovenian
French	Spanish
Geography	Swedish
German	Technology

### Candidates may not take any of the following combinations

1. Physics and Chemistry and either of the separate subjects, Physics or Chemistry.
2. Economics and Agricultural Economics.
3. Classical Studies and Latin.
4. Classical Studies and Ancient Greek.

In addition, the [National University of Ireland list of recognised GCE A-level/AS subjects](#) can be used as a *guide* to subject likely to be recognised for EU qualifications.

## Appendix II: Non-EU qualifications

The following is a guideline for EU/EFTA/UK applicants applying with examinations not included in the criteria. It includes the most frequent non-EU examinations presented.

Please note: Applicants whose nationality or country of birth is not EU/EFTA/UK or have lived outside this region for three of the last five years, should check their status with the HEI(s) to which they are applying.

The guidelines below are based on level 8 requirements and may be slightly lower for level 6/7. For any individual course, specific subjects and grades may be required.

Please see also [English language requirements section](#)

<b>African Examinations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cameroon</li> </ul>	<p>Cameroon A level and O level are scored the same as UK A level and GCSE.</p> <p>Cameroon Baccalauréat scores to a maximum of 525 points. To attain a points score over 525 a first university examination will also be required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South African National Senior Certificate</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is award of the NSC with matriculation. However, to attain a points score over 525 a first university examination will also be required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West African Senior School Certificate</li> </ul>	<p>This examination is not sufficient for matriculation without further study.</p>
<b>Australia</b>	
<p>Note in all cases applicants are assessed on their school-leaving examinations not ATAR</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Capital Territory</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is the Australian Capital Territory Year 12 Certificate with passes in 5 recognised subjects of which at least 4 should be T subjects with 2 grade C or better</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New South Wales</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is the Higher School Certificate with at least 10 units with 50% or better, including 2, 2 unit subjects with 60%+</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Territory</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is the Northern Territory Cert of Education and Training with at least 10 units with 50% or better, including 2, 2 unit subjects with 60%+</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queensland</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is the Queensland Certificate of Education with pass in 5 subjects with LA including at least 2 at SA (one VLA may be deemed as passed by compensation if other results are good). To attain maximum score 6 distinct subjects are required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Australia</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is South Australian Certificate of Education with 200 credits across stage 1 and 2 of senior cycle. As only 5 subjects are taken in stage 2 normally this requirement can be met across final 2 years.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tasmania</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is the Tasmanian Certificate of Education with pass in 5 subjects in stage 2. To attain maximum score distinct 6 subjects are required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is the Victorian Certificate of Education with 18 units (including 2, 3 unit courses), and 2 units English. This must include at least 5 distinct subjects.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western Australia</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is the Western Australian Certificate of Education with passes in 5 subjects in stage 2 or 3. To attain maximum score 6 distinct subjects are required.</p>

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<b>Brazil</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Médio</li> <li>• Certificado de Conclusão de Segundo Grau.</li> </ul>	Minimum matriculation is the award of Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Médio or the Certificado de Conclusão de Segundo Grau. Applicants presenting Exame Nacional do Ensino Médio – ENEM or other university entrance exams will gain additional points. However, to attain a points score over 525 a first university examination is also required.
<b>Canada</b>	
• Alberta	Minimum matriculation is award of the Alberta Higher School Diploma. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects.
• British Columbia	Minimum matriculation is award of the British Columbia Certificate of Graduation. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects.
• Manitoba	Minimum matriculation is award of the High School Graduation Diploma. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects best 5 in grade 12, or 4 in grade 12 + best different subject from grade 11 (weighted at 4/5)
• New Brunswick	Minimum matriculation is award of the High School Graduation Diploma. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects best 5 in grade 12, or 4 in grade 12 + best different subject from grade 11 (weighted at 4/5)
• Newfoundland & Labrador	Minimum matriculation is award of the High School Graduation Diploma. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects
• Northwest Territories	Minimum matriculation is award of the Northwest Territories High School Diploma. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects best 5 in grade 12, or 4 in grade 12 + best different subject from grade 11 (weighted at 4/5)
• Nova Scotia	Minimum matriculation is award of the Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma.
• Nunavut	Minimum matriculation is award of the Nunavut Secondary School Graduation Diploma. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects.
• Ontario	Minimum matriculation is award of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects.
• Prince Edward Island	Minimum matriculation is award of the Prince Edward Island High School Graduation Diploma. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects (U, C or M courses)
• Quebec	Minimum matriculation is award of the Diplôme d'Études Collégiales. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects
• Saskatchewan	Minimum matriculation is award of the Saskatchewan Transcript of Secondary Level Achievement. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects
• Yukon	Minimum matriculation is award of the Yukon Certificate of Graduation. Applicants are scored on their best 5 distinct recognised subjects
<b>Caribbean</b>	
• Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	Minimum matriculation is 3 subjects with at least 2 grade VI or better at 2 unit. Applicants are scored on their best 6 CAPE units.

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<b>India</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher Secondary Certificate / Standard 12</li> <li>All India Senior School Certificate Examination</li> <li>Indian School Certificate (Year 12)</li> </ul>	Minimum matriculation is award of Standard XII with sufficient relevant subjects. A points score is awarded based on the overall mark. To attain a score over 525 applicants must also present a first university examination.
<b>Moldova</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diplomă de Bacalaureat</li> </ul>	Minimum Matriculation is the award of the Bacalaureat. Applicants are scored on the overall Bacalaureat mark. To attain a points score higher than 525 applicants must also present a first university examination.
<b>New Zealand</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Certificate in Educational Achievement Level 3 <b>with</b> New Zealand University Entrance</li> </ul>	Minimum matriculation is award of NCEA.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education (NZCSE/CSE)</li> </ul>	The minimum is award with University Entrance at least 3 subjects and a total of 6 recognised subjects.
<b>United States of America</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US High school Diploma</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum matriculation is award of High School Diploma. A US High School Diploma can attain a maximum score of 400. Additional scores can be attained from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAT OR ACT (max 100)</li> <li>Advanced Placement (AP), 2 subjects ( ) OR International Baccalaureate standalone subjects 4 subjects (112)</li> <li>third level.</li> </ul> <p>US High School diplomas attained outside the US will only be considered if they are accredited by a recognised body.</p>
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<b>Non country specific</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Certificate of Christian Education (ICCE)</li> </ul>	For level 8, the minimum metrication is Pass in the Advanced diploma overall with at least three distinct recognised subjects at 84% or better at Advanced level <sup>50</sup>

**In all cases only official results issued by the examining body will be accepted.**

<sup>50</sup> Not recognised by all HEIs pending renewal of accreditation by international recognition bodies

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