

Qualification Equivalencies Information

Academic Qualifications

GCSE / IGCSE / Cambridge O-Level	Points	GCSE Equivalency
A* or 9	6	1 GCSE
A or 8/7	5	1 GCSE
B or 6	4	1 GCSE
C* or 5	4	1 GCSE
C or 4	3	1 GCSE
D or 3	2	1 GCSE
E-G or 2-1	1	1 GCSE
GCSE Mathematics & English Language only		
A* or 9	7	1 GCSE
A or 8/7	6	1 GCSE
B or 6	5	1 GCSE
C* or 5	5	1 GCSE
C or 4	4	1 GCSE
GCSE Double Award Science only		
A*A*	12	2 GCSE
A*A	11	2 GCSE
AA	10	2 GCSE
AB	9	2 GCSE
BB	8	2 GCSE
B1	8	2 GCSE
C1	8	2 GCSE
C2	7	2 GCSE
CC	6	2 GCSE
D1	5	2 GCSE
DD	4	2 GCSE
E1	3	2 GCSE
EE	2	2 GCSE
Occupational Studies		
D2*	6	A*
D2	5	A
M2	4	B
P2	3	C
D1	2	D
M1	1	E
P1	1	F/G
Key Skills / Essential Skills		
Level 2 Pass	3	C
Level 1 Pass	2	D
Certificate Of Personal Effectiveness (COPE)		
Certificate Of Personal Effectiveness - Level 1	1	D-G
Certificate Of Personal Effectiveness - Level 2	4	B

Vocational & Technical Skills Qualifications

VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS (listed by Awarding Body)	Level	Points	GCSE Equivalency
Ascentis (Please note: these qualifications will not provide exemptions from Essential Skills qualifications)			
Ascentis Level 1 Certificate in Mathematical Skills	Level 1	1	1 F-G
Ascentis Level 1 Certificate in English Skills	Level 1	1	1 F-G
Ascentis Level 2 Certificate in English Skills	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
Ascentis Level 2 Certificate in Mathematical Skills	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
ASDAN			
ASDAN Level 1 Award in Personal and Social Effectiveness	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
ASDAN Level 1 Certificate in Employability	Level 1	1	1 F-G
ASDAN Level 1 Certificate in Personal and Social Development/Effectiveness	Level 1	1	1 F-G
ASDAN Level 2 Award in Employability	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
ASDAN Level 2 Award in Personal and Social Development/Effectiveness	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C
ASDAN Level 2 Certificate in Personal and Social Development/Effectiveness	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
ASDAN Level 2 Certificate in Employability	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
BTEC			
BTEC Level 1 / Level 2 First Extended Certificate (* pre-qual.)	Pass	9	3 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Certificate (* pre-qual.)	Distinction	10	2 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Certificate (* pre-qual.)	Merit	8	2 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Certificate (* pre-qual.)	Pass	6	2 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Diploma / First Extended Certificate	Distinction	20	4 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Diploma / First Extended Certificate	Merit	16	4 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Diploma / First Extended Certificate	Pass	12	4 A*-C
BCS			
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ)	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ)	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
CCEA			
CCEA Level 1 Award in Preparation for Adult Life	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
CCEA Level 1 Award in Substance Misuse Awareness	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
CCEA Level 1 Certificate in Performance Skills	Level 1	1	1 F-G
CCEA Level 1 Certificate in Preparation for Adult Life	Level 1	1	1 F-G
CCEA Level 2 Award in Substance Misuse	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C
CCEA Level 2 Award in Understanding Business Enterprise	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C
CCEA Level 2 Certificate in Performance Skills	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
CCEA Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Adult Life	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
CCEA Level 2 Certificate Preparation for Adult Life : Personal & Social Education	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
City & Guilds			
City & Guilds Level 1 Award in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Award in Retail Knowledge	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Award for IT Users (ITQ)	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate for IT Users (ITQ)	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Construction Skills	Level 1	2	2 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Introductory Welding Skills	Level 1	1	1 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Food and Beverage Service	Level 1	0	0
City & Guilds Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Food Preparation and Cooking	Level 1	1	1 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Hospitality Services	Level 1	0	0.5 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector	Level 1	0	0
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Level 2	0	0
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Leadership and Team Skills	Level 2	0	0
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Culinary Skills	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service	Level 2	0	0.5 A*-C
City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma for IT Users (ITQ)	Level 2	6	2 A*-C

VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS (listed by Awarding Body)	Level	Points	GCSE Equivalency
ICQ			
ICQ Level 2 Award in Digital Marketing Using Social Media (RQF)	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
LIBF			
LIBF Level 2 Certificate in Financial Education	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
NCFE			
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Music Technology	Level 2	0	0.5 A*-C
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Photography	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Sport	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
NCFE Level 2 Diploma in Sport	Level 2	9	3 A*-C
NOCN			
NOCN Level 1 Award in Basic Construction Skills	Level 1	0	0.5 F-G
NOCN Level 1 Award in Employability	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
NOCN Level 1 Award in General Religious Education	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
NOCN Level 1 Award in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
NOCN Level 1 Certificate in Construction Crafts	Level 1	2	2 F-G
NOCN Level 1 Certificate in Developing Skills for Employment	Level 1	1	0.5 F-G
NOCN Level 1 Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life	Level 1	2	2 F-G
NOCN Level 2 Award in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Developing Skills for Employment	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life	Level 2	9	3 A*-C
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Personal Well-Being	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
OCN NI			
OCN NI Level 1 Award in Business Admin / Personal Success & Well-being	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
OCN NI Level 1 Award in Vocational Skills/Digital Fabrication/ Managing Personal Finances/ Peer Mentoring for Young People/Religious Education	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
OCN NI Level 1 Certificate	Level 1	0	0.5 F-G
OCN NI Level 1 Certificate in Personal Success and Well-Being	Level 1	0	0.5 F-G
OCN NI Level 1 Certificate in Vocational Skills / Hospitality & Catering	Level 1	0	0.5 F-G
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Art and Design	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Craft	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Creative Arts and Digital Technologies	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Employability Skills	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Geographical Information Systems	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Information Technology Applications	Level 2	0	0.5 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Managing Personal Finances	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Peer Mentoring Practice	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Personal Success and Well-Being	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Personal and Social Development	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Religious Studies	Level 2	0	0.5 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Skills for Business	Level 2	0	0.5 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice	Level 2	0	0
OCN NI Level 2 Certificate	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Personal Success and Well-Being	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Construction	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Creative Arts and Digital Technologies	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Early Learning, Care and Development	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Photography	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Diploma in Retail Knowledge	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
OCN NI Level 2 Diploma in Vocational Skills	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
OCR			
OCR Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 1	0	0.5 F-G
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Administration (Business Professional)	Level 1	1	1 F-G
OCR Level 1 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 1	1	1 F-G
OCR Level 2 Award in Administration (Business Professional)	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Administration (Business Professional)	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
OCR Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
OCR Level 2 Extended Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in ICT	Level 1 Pass	1	1 F-G
OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in ICT	Level 1 Merit / Dist.	2	1 D-G
OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in ICT	Level 2 Pass/Merit/Dist./Dist.*	3	1 A*-C
OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Certificate	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate / Technical Diploma	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	Level 2	0	0.5 A*-C
Pearson / Edexcel			
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award	Level 1	1	1 F-G
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate	Level 1 Pass	3	3 F-G
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate	Level 2 Pass	9	3 A*-C
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Technical Award	Level 1 Pass	1	1 F-G
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Technical Award	Level 1 Merit/Dist.	2	1 D-G
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Technical Award	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate	Level 1	1	1 F-G
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate / Diploma	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (CEF C1)	Level 2 Pass/Merit/Dist.	6	2 A*-C
King's Trust			
King's Trust Level 1 Award in Personal Development and Employability Skills	Level 1 Pass	0	0.25 F-G
King's Trust Level 1 Certificate in Personal Development and Employability Skills	Level 1 Pass	3	1 F-G
King's Trust Level 2 Award in Personal Development and Employability Skills	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
King's Trust Level 2 Certificate	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
King's Trust Level 2 Extended Certificate/Diploma in Personal Development and Employability Skills	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
RSL			
RSL Level 2 Certificate in Performance for Music Practitioners	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
Signature			
Signature Level 1 Award in British Sign Language (RQF)	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
Signature Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness and Communication (RQF)	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
Signature Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language (RQF)	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
SLQ			
SLQ Level 1 Qualification in Dance Leadership	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
SLQ Level 1 Qualification in Sports Leadership	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
SLQ Level 2 Qualification in Community Sports Leadership	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
SLQ Level 2 Qualification in Sports Leadership	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
WJEC			
WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award	Level 2	3	1 A*-C

* pre-qual. = This relates to the qualification which precedes the current qualification.

Irish Qualifications

LEAVING CERTIFICATE		Points	GCSE Equivalency
Leaving Certificate - Ordinary Level (Pre-2017)			
A1		6	A*
A2		5	A
B1-B3		4	B
C1-C3		3	C
D1-D3		2	D
Leaving Certificate - Ordinary Level (2017 onwards)			
1		6	A*
2		5	A
3		4	B
4		3	C
5 & 6		2	D
7		0	Nil
JUNIOR CERTIFICATE Higher			
Junior Certificate - (Pre-2022)		Junior Cycle - (2022 onwards)	
A		Distinction (90%-100%)	
B		Higher Merit (75%-89%)	
C		Merit (55%-74%)	
D		Achieved (40%-54%)	
E-F		Partially Achieved (20%-39%)	
Not Graded		Not Graded (0%-19%)	

NOTE: Junior Certificate Ordinary is not equivalent to GCSE and does not equate to GCSE points.

Applicants presenting with a Junior Certificate at Higher Level must have achieved 4 A-C or Distinction - Merit grades (must include English Language and Mathematics) to facilitate entry to Level 2 Courses.

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cycle must have achieved 4 Merits or above (must include English Language and Mathematics) to facilitate entry to Level 2 Courses.

Leaving Certificate Applied is equivalent to a BTEC First i.e. equivalent to a L2 programme.

Leaving Certificate: every subject passed at higher level, where the grades 1-7 or A1 - D3 have been achieved, may be considered at least comparable to GCSE A* - C / 9-4.

English Language Requirements

Applicants for whom English is not their first language will be required to demonstrate that they have an adequate standard or English. Examples of accepted qualifications, which meet the minimum English language entry requirements, for further and higher education are as follows.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEVEL 3 FE COURSES & BELOW	HIGHER EDUCATION APPLICANTS
IELTS 6.0 with not less than 5.5 in any of the four parts of the test	IEL TS 6.5 with not less than 6.0 in any of the four parts or the test
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) with a score of 52	Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) with a score of 58
TOEFL IBT 60	TOEFL IBT 79
TOEIC: Listening 400; Reading 385; Speaking 160; Writing 150	TOEIC: listening 490; Reading 455; Speaking 180; Writing 180