

ENGLISH LANGUAGE		CONFIRMED Accepted as GCSE Equivalent					
Exam Board	Qualification	Grade	Notes	Comment	Level	QA committee confirmed as directly equivalent?	Notes
Any UK board	UK GCE O level	Grades A*-C			2	YES	
	UK GCSE	Grades A*-C			2	YES	
	iGCSE	Grades A*-C			2	YES	
	UK GCSE 'English Studies'	Grades A*-C			2	YES	
	UK CSE (Certificate of Secondary Education)	Grade 1 only			2	YES	
	UK CEE (Certificate of Extended Education)	Grades I, II & III			2	YES	Will appear on a CSE certificate, along with a CEE "Letter of Credit"
	UK A level	Grades A* - E			3	Case by Case Basis if no GCSEs	Expectation is that candidates will already hold UK GCSEs
	UK AS level	Grades A* - E			3	Case by Case Basis if no GCSEs	Expectation is that candidates will already hold UK GCSEs
SCEEB (Scottish Certificate of Education Examination Board) then SEB (Scottish Examination Board) then SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority)	Scottish Certificate of Education (SCE) - Ordinary	Grade A* - C	only acceptable for those issued before 1985		2	YES	The most able students are fast tracked directly to Highers and do not have the opportunity to sit the level 2 quals. We would waive equivalence test for this reason
	SCE then SQC - Standard (credit level only)	Grade 1 - 2 (Credit Lvl only)	only acceptable in or after 1986		2	YES	
	Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) - Intermediate 2	Grades A* - C	Introduced in 2000		2	YES	
	Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) - National 5	Grades A* - C	Introduced 2015		2	YES	
	Scottish Certificate of Education (SCE) - Higher				3	YES	
	Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) - Higher						
	SCE then SQC - Advanced Higher		Introduced in 2000		3/4	YES	
Certificate of 6th year studies (CSYS)		Equivalent A Level standard		3/4	YES		
SQA Communication and Literature				SCQF 6	YES		
Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit - State Examinations Commission (Republic of Ireland)	Leaving Certificate in or after 1975 - Ordinary/Standard Leaving Certificate in or after 1975 - Higher/Honours	Grades O1-O4 (or A - C/A1-C3) Grades H1-H7 (or A-D/A1-D3)	Equivalent 1 x GCSE A*-C Equivalent to AS standard		2 2/3	YES	The most able students are fast tracked directly to Highers and do not have the opportunity to sit the level 2 quals. We would waive equivalence test for this reason
OCN	Access to HE - GCSE equivalence module	GCSE equivalence stream	PG admissions check on case by case basis to ensure correct credits attributed to module. 15/11/18 - PGT4 unable to check Access to HE quals directly with the Access to HE site, due to GDPR. Will accept the qualification if GCSE modules are noted on certificate (pass grade and above)	Access to HE is equivalent to A Levels and offer specific modules with equivalency to GCSE in English, Maths and Science	2	Case by Case Basis	
Open University	Undergraduate Degree module prefixed with the letter A or D	Pass	PG admissions check on case by case basis to ensure correct credits attributed to module	Some Open University degrees offer specific modules with equivalency to GCSE in English, Maths and Science	2?	Case by Case Basis	
Relevant UK or international boards	International Baccalaureate Higher level or Standard Subsidiary level	4/7 or better		English Language only. An Equivalence test does not have to be taken	2/3	YES	
Relevant UK or international boards	International Baccalaureate Higher level or Standard Subsidiary level	4/7 or better		English Language and Literature	2/3		New query for 2019. If only has a GCSE in English Literature DfE guidance says look for breadth of knowledge
Relevant UK or international boards	European Baccalaureate	60+/100			2/3	YES	
AQA / Edexcel / CCEA / Cambridge International Examinations / WJEC	Level 1/2 certificate	Level 1 Pass & Level 2 Pass		Will be discontinued from 2017		YES	Okayed by Des Hewitt 10/07/18