

## GCSE CTE Equivalence Test Policy

This sets out which scenarios are appropriate to offer candidates our GCSE Equivalence Test. A CTE GCSE Equivalence Test pass allows them to meet the NCTL entry requirement of GCSE Grade C or above in English Language, Mathematics or Science - in conjunction with their original qualification documentation.

Situation	CTE Equivalence test to be offered?
Holds a UK A or AS Level but does not hold GCSE Grade C or above.	<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Case by Case basis</p> (Expectation is that candidates will already hold UK GCSEs unless mitigating circumstances)
International High school qualifications confirmed as equivalent to UK Level 3 (e.g. AS or A Levels)	<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">YES for English</p> Not Required for Maths and Science
International English qualification shown to be at an equivalent level, however English was taught as a foreign language.	YES
All UK Boards GCSE grade D or lower held	NO
Level 2 Qualification held, not considered to be equivalent to Grade C or above.	NO
International high school qualifications but cannot prove exact level	YES
Exam Board provides proof that they cannot provide replacement certificates  E.g. Some Exam Boards lost records around 1984-1986 when exam boards taken over	YES
International qualifications shown to be equivalent but no original certificates due to accepted mitigating circumstance	YES
International qualifications NARIC has no information for	NO
International qualifications shown to be equivalent to a GCSE grade D or lower	NO
GCSE Results (All UK Boards) due after the PGCE start date	N/A (Start dates will be after GCSE results date)

In addition, CTE will not accept equivalence tests offered by any other provider (e.g. A\* Teachers, Equivalencytesting.com and other institutions)