

SCIENCE	CONFIRMED Accepted as GCSE Equivalent					
Exam Board	Qualification	Grade	Notes	Comment	Level	QA committee confirmed as directly equivalent?
Any UK board	GCE O level (any Science subject)	Grades A*-C	Also Human Biology, Geology, Human Health & Physiology		2	YES
	GCSE (any Science subject)	Grades A*-C	Also Human Biology, Geology, Human Health & Physiology		2	YES
	iGCSE (any Science subject)	Grades A*-C	Also Human Biology, Geology, Human Health & Physiology		2	YES
	CSE (Certificate of Secondary Education)	Grade 1 only	Also Human Biology, Geology, Human Health & Physiology		2	YES
	Intermediate GNVQ Science	Pass	Equivalent 4xGCSE's A*-C		2	YES
	CEE (Certificate of Extended Education)	Grades I, II & III		Will appear on a CSE certificate, along with a CE "Letter of Credit"	2	YES
	A level in Chemistry Biology or Physics	Grades A*- E	Also Zoology	Expectation is that candidates will already hold UK GCSEs	3	Case by Case Basis if no GCSEs
	AS level in Chemistry Biology or Physics	Grades A*- E		Expectation is that candidates will already hold UK GCSEs	3	Case by Case Basis if no 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
	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				3	YES
SCE then SQC - Advanced Higher Certificate of 6th year studies (CSYS)			Introduced in 2000		3/4	YES
			Equivalent A Level standard 1970 - 2002 (replaced by Advanced Highers)		3/4	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	Junior Certificate is below GCSE Level so cannot be accepted	2 2/3	YES
OCN	Access to HE - GCSE equivalence module (The last titled 'GCSE equivalent' modules were awarded in 2013/4 -replaced by the new QAA Access to HE Diploma Specification.	4 units have been taken with at least 12 credits obtained under the Module Title: Mathematics with GCSE Equivalency  (The level 2 units are listed without a grade when they have been achieved).	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 Equivalence" module titles are noted on certificate AND 12 credits (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
AQA	Access to HE Science Module (Part of Access to HE Diploma)		AQA unable to confirm Science equivalency	Diploma equivalent to Alevels -therefore eligible for CPE EQUIV TEST		Case by Case Basis if no GCSEs
Open University	Undergraduate Degree module prefixed with the letter S	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 level	4/7 or better		The full International Baccalaureate Diploma may be considered comparable to overall GCSE	2/3	YES
Relevant UK or international boards	European Baccalaureate	60+/100			2/3	YES
OCR	Nationals - First Award - Award Level 2 - First Certificate - Certificate	Grades 'Pass' - 'Distinction'	Equivalent 1 x GCSE A*-C Equivalent 2 x GCSE A*-C Equivalent 3 x GCSE A*-C Equivalent 4 x GCSE A*-C		2	YES
Edexcel BTEC (Level 2s)	Firsts - Certificate - Diploma  Level 2 Diploma  Level 2 Extended certificate (QCF)	Grades 'Pass' - 'Distinction'	Equivalent 2 x GCSE A*-C Equivalent 4 x GCSE A*-C	Okay if cert says 'Notification of performance' as long as the bottom of the certificate states the person has qualified	2	YES
Edexcel BTEC (Level 3s)	Nationals - (NQF/QCF) - Subsidiary Award (NQF) / Certificate (QCF) - Award (NQF) / Subsidiary Diploma (QCF) - Subsidiary Certificate (NQF) 90-credit  Diploma (QCF) - Certificate (NQF) / Diploma (QCF) - Diploma (NQF) / Extended Diploma (QCF)	Grades 'Pass' - 'Distinction'	Equivalent 1 x A Level D-E Equivalent 1 x A Level A*-E Equivalent 2 x A Level B-E  Equivalent 2 x A Level A*-E Equivalent 3 x A Level A*-E		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
GCSE Science Equivalence Test	Centre for Teacher Education Test - Combined Science  Equivalencytesting.com - Combined Science	Pass	Equivalent to Grade C  Equivalent to Grade C	Offered to candidates who experience difficulties evidencing they hold an equivalent qualification  Third party tests will be accepted in 2021/22 recruitment round only where applicants exams are cancelled/suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions	2	Other third party tests will be considered on a case-by-case basis