

ENGLISH LANGUAGE		CONFIRMED Accepted as GCSE Equivalent				
Exam Board	Qualification	Grade	Notes	Comment	Level	QA committee confirmed as directly equivalent?
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
	UK A level	Grades A* - E		Expectation is that candidates will already hold UK GCSEs	3	Case by Case Basis if no GCSEs
	UK AS level	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	Grades A* - E	Equivalent to English A level (? GB investigating)		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				PGTEAM 4 Reiterated 25/02/20	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	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: English with GCSE Equivalency (The level 2 units are listed without a grade when they have been achieved).	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 AccessExam Boards, 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 has offered specific modules with equivalency to GCSE in English, Maths and Science prior to 2014.	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	The full International Baccalaureate Diploma may be considered comparable to overall GCE	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	The full International Baccalaureate Diploma may be considered comparable to overall GCE Advanced level / Scottish Advanced Higher standard.	English Language and Literature	2/3	
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
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		2	CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS
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	CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS
GCSE English Language Equivalence Test	Centre for Teacher Education Test Equivalencytesting.com	Pass	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