

 

# Guidelines for applicants to Cardiff Metropolitan University

**Equivalencies to GCSE English and Mathematics B grade for entry to Initial Teacher Training Education**

All PGCE programmes in Wales require applicants to have a minimum B grade or equivalent in English Language and Mathematics at GCSE to be eligible to apply for entry to ITET courses. For courses of Primary and Physical Education ITET, a minimum C grade in GCSE Science is also required.

Concerning recent changes to GCSE qualifications, a grade 5 will be accepted as equivalent to the B grade requirement from the reformed GCSE’s within England. Both Mathematics and Numeracy at grade B will be accepted as equivalent to Maths from the changes within GCSE’s in Wales.

# Notes:

* Key Skills and Essential Skills qualifications in Application of Number and Communication are not sufficient to meet the requirements for entry to ITET.
* A CSE Grade 1 in English or Mathematics will not be acceptable as GCSE B grade equivalent.
* A GCSE Statistics Grade B is not an acceptable equivalent qualification.
* GCSE Grade B/grade 5 or above in English Literature, English Language, Welsh Language (First Language) or Welsh Literature\*

\*Where an equivalent to a grade B/grade 5 in either English Literature or Welsh Literature is achieved, a minimum of a grade C/grade 4 must be achieved in the corresponding GCSE examination in English or Welsh (First) Language

# Equivalent overseas qualifications

* The National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) provides guidance on whether an overseas qualification is comparable in standard to a given UK qualification but decisions about suitability for entry to ITET courses remain at the discretion of ITT providers.
* There is a requirement that applicants are able to demonstrate equivalent qualifications at a level above C grade GCSE English and Mathematics.

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| **English Achievement** | **GCSE B grade equivalence guidance** |
| Access to HE Diploma | 15 credits with a minimum of 3 at Level 3 within English units (Agored Cymru)  *Specific credits must be completed in order to be valid as an equivalent, please contact Admissions.* |
| GCE O level | English Language B grade or above. |
| IGCSE/ Cambridge International Level 2 | English Language B grade or above. |
| A2 | E grade or above in A2 English language. |
| AS | C grade or above in AS English language. |
| Scottish Certificate of Higher Education | Grade B or above at National 5, or grade C or above at Highers, or grade E at Advanced Highers.  **In or after 1986**, grade 2 or above on the standard grade of the Scottish certificate of education.  **Until 1985**, B or above on the ordinary grade of the Scottish certificate of education.  Grade B or above in the certificate of sixth-year studies in English. |
| Irish Leaving Certificate | **Prior to 2017** Grade B or above at Ordinary or Grade C or above at Higher.  **From 2017** onwards O3 or above at Ordinary or H4 or above at Higher. |
| International Baccalaureate | Higher Level English at a minimum of Grade 4 or Standard Level English at minimum grade 5. |
| European baccalaureate | English language (mother tongue) pass (Grade 6 minimum). |
| International English language testing system (IELTS) | IELTS band score 7.5 overall and minimum of 7.0 in each component in the ‘academic’ IELTS test. |
| BTEC | Pearson BTEC (QCF)/OCR/NQF – First, National or Higher National Diplomas dependent on level of study and achievement.   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |
| Open University | May be considered dependant on modules completed. *Please contact Admissions.* |
| Certificate of Higher Education or University credits | May be considered dependant on modules completed. *Please contact Admissions.* |

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| **Mathematics Achievement** | **GCSE B grade equivalence guidance** |
| Access | 15 credits with a minimum of 3 at Level 3 within Mathematic units (Agored Cymru)  *Specific credits must be completed in order to be valid as an equivalent, please contact Admissions* |
| GCE O level | B grade or above in Mathematics |
| IGCSE/ Cambridge International Level 2 | B grade or above in Mathematics. |
| A2 | E grade or above in A2 Mathematics or any A2 level subject with Mathematics in its title.  E grade in A2 Statistics |
| AS | C grade or above AS in mathematics, statistics, additional statistics or pure mathematics. |
| Scottish Certificate of Higher Education | Grade B or above at National 5, or grade C or above at Highers, or grade E at Advanced Highers.  **Until 1985,** B or above in mathematics on the ordinary grade of the Scottish certificate of education.  **In or after 1986**, grade 2 or above on the standard grade of the Scottish certificate of education.  Grade B or above in the certificate of sixth-year studies in mathematics. |
| Irish Leaving Certificate | Prior to 2017 Grade B or above at Ordinary or Grade C or above at Higher. From 2017 onwards O3 or above at Ordinary or H4 or above at Higher. |
| International baccalaureate | Higher Level Mathematics at a minimum of Grade 4 or Standard Level Mathematics at a minimum grade of 5. |
| European baccalaureate | Pass (minimum Grade 6) in Mathematics. |
| BTEC | Pearson BTEC (QCF)/OCR/NQF – First, National or Higher National Diplomas dependent on level of study and achievement. |
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