

*The following guidance was provided by the University of Greenwich who accredit our PGCE:*

What is not acceptable?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Level 2 Key skills/Functional Skills in application of number and communication</li> <li>✗ Certificates in adult literacy and numeracy.</li> <li>✗ Modules in Foundation Degrees (or any other degree course).</li> <li>✗ City and Guilds.</li> <li>✗ IELTS (Note: this may be an entry requirement as well as the GCSE equivalence)</li> <li>✗ International Diploma/Certificate "Higher or subsidiary level in English language at grade 4 or above".</li> <li>✗ A Level/AS-levels (although they are a higher level they don't cover the breadth of a GCSE)</li> <li>✗ ONC/OND.</li> <li>✗ BTEC, Any first, national or higher national certificate or diploma in English.</li> <li>✗ University of Cambridge English for speakers of other languages Certificate of English language skills (Higher)</li> <li>✗ Any qualifications not listed as acceptable on the English Language requirements- International Document</li> </ul>

Common GCSE Equivalent Qualifications				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ We also accept GCSE equivalent qualifications provided by UK HE institutions.</li> <li>✓ We can accept international qualifications which are considered GCSE A-C comparable on NARIC.</li> <li>✓ Below are the acceptable grades from GCSE CSE and O Level:</li> </ul>				
GCSE Grade	CSE Grade	O Level		
		1975 onwards	Pre 1975 (numeric)	Pre 1975 (alphabetic)
A*				
A		A	1	A
			2	B
B		B	3	C
			4	
C	1	C	5	D
			6	E

GCSE English – Suitable equivalent qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ GCSE English, grade A-C.</li> <li>✓ O Level English, grade A-C or 1-3.</li> <li>✓ CSE English, English language or English studies, grade 1.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Scottish Qualifications Authority:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ National 5, Intermediate 2, Skills for Work National 5.</li> <li>✓ Standard Grade – Credit Level.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Irish Republic awards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In or after 1975, leaving certificate in English language at grade C or above (ordinary) or at grade D or above (higher), Level 4 certificate.</li> </ul>

**European baccalaureate:**

- ✓ A score of 6/10 or higher is acceptable in place of GCSE grade C

**International baccalaureate:**

- ✓ Higher or subsidiary level in English language at grade 4 or above.

**University of London Examinations and Assessment Council:**

- ✓ Certificate of attainment in English at level 4 or above.

**IGCSE:**

- ✓ IGCSE in English language

**GCSE Maths – Suitable equivalent qualifications**

**Any recognised UK board:**

- ✓ GCSE Mathematics, grade A-C
- ✓ GCSE Additional Mathematics, grade A-C
- ✓ GCE O-level Mathematics (only), grade A-C or 1-3.
- ✓ CSE Mathematics, grade 1.
- ✓ O-level or AO-level in additional mathematics, grade A-C.

**Scottish Qualifications Authority:**

- ✓ National 5, Intermediate 2, Skills for Work National 5.
- ✓ Standard Grade – Credit Level.

**Irish Republic awards:**

- ✓ In or after 1975, leaving certificate in mathematics at grade C or above (ordinary) or at grade D or above (honours), Level 4 certificate.

**European baccalaureate:**

- ✓ A score of 6/10 or higher is acceptable in place of GCSE grade C

**International baccalaureate:**

- ✓ Higher or subsidiary level in mathematics at grade 4 or above.

**University of London Examinations and Assessment Council:**

- ✓ Certificate of attainment in English at level 4 or above.

**IGCSE:**

- ✓ IGCSE in mathematics.

**Equivalency Tests**

If you do not yet have a GCSE Grade 4 or above or recognised equivalence, then we do recognise the maths and English qualifications offered by:

Equivalency Testing: <https://www.equivalencytesting.com/>

A Star Equivalency: <https://astarequivalency.co.uk/>

***Please do ensure that you are sitting a paper that enables you to achieve at least a Grade 4.***