



Acceptable current and prior equivalent qualifications for English and maths minimum requirements in level 3 apprenticeship

* Regulated by Ofqual, CCEA and Qualifications Wales
 ** From 2017; where 9 to 1 grading scale is used
 *** Where included in Performance Tables
 **** Where British Sign Language is primary language
 ***** All English qualifications should refer only to those qualifications where English is the primary language, unless explicitly stated.

Qualifications	English*****	Maths	Minimum acceptable grade
GCSE*	Any GCSE with English in the title	Any GCSE with Mathematics in the title	C or 4**
International GCSE	Any International GCSE with English in the title	Any International GCSE with Mathematics in the title	C or 4
Functional Skills level 2	English	Mathematics	Pass
Key Skills level 2	Communication (Literacy)	Application of Number (Numeracy)	Pass
A Level	Any A Level with English in the title	Any A Level with Mathematics in the title	E or Ordinary Grade (pre 1986)
AS Level	Any AS Level with English in the title	Any AS Level with Mathematics in the title	E
Core Maths level 3***	-	Mathematical Studies Using and Applying Mathematics Quantitative Problem Solving Quantitative Reasoning Mathematics in Context Mathematics in Work and Life	E
Pre U Certificate	Literature in English	Mathematics Further mathematics	P3
Free-Standing Mathematics level 2		Level 2 Free-Standing Mathematics Qualification - Foundations of Advanced Mathematics	C
O Level	English language English literature	Mathematics	C (pre 1975 evidence of a Pass)
CSE	English	Mathematics	1
British Sign Language**** (Regulated Qualifications Framework level 2) (Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework level 5)	British Sign Language		Pass
Essential Skills Wales level 2	Essential Communication Skills or Essential Skills Wales in Communication	Essential Application of Number Skills or Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number	Pass
Essential Skills (Northern Ireland) level 2	Certificate in Essential Skills Communication	Certificate in Essential Skills Application of Number	Pass
Scottish Advanced Higher (SCQF level 7)	English	Mathematics	C
Scottish Higher (SCQF level 6)	English	Mathematics	C
Scottish National 5 (SCQF level 5)	English	Mathematics Life skills Mathematics Applications of Mathematics	C
Scottish Intermediate 2 (SCQF level 5)	English	Mathematics	C
Scottish Standard Grade Credit (SCQF level 5)	English	Mathematics	2
Scottish National Certificate Unit (SCQF level 6)	Communication		Pass
Scottish Core Skill Unit (SCQF level 5)	Communication	Numeracy	Pass
Scottish Workplace Core Skill Unit (SCQF level 5)	Communication	Numeracy	Pass
Scottish National Unit (SCQF level 5)	Literacy	Numeracy	Pass
Scottish Ordinary Grade (SCQF level 5)	English	Mathematics	C
IBO Middle Years Programme level 1/level 2 Certificate	Language and Literature	Mathematics Mathematics - Extended	Grade 3
International Baccalaureate Diploma	Standard or Higher level qualification in: English A: Literature English A: Language and Literature Or English Literature and Performance	Standard or Higher level qualification in: Mathematical Studies Mathematics Further Mathematics	Grade 3

English and maths qualifications at higher levels
 English and mathematics qualifications at a higher level (e.g. level four and above) will be acceptable. For Scotland this would be an English or Mathematics qualification at SCQF level 7 and above (e.g. Advanced Higher)

For overseas qualifications
 Overseas qualifications will be acceptable where there is clear evidence, from NARIC (via a certificate/statement of comparability) that the qualification is an equivalent level to the minimum requirements for English and maths and there is additional comparison information that confirm the qualification is an equivalent of GCSE English and/or maths (A* to C).
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