



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

* Regulated by Ofqual, CCEA and Qualifications Wales

** From 2017; where 9 to 1 grading scale is used

*** Where included in Performance Tables

**** All English qualifications should refer only to those qualifications where English is the primary language, unless explicitly stated.

English and maths minimum requirements

Qualifications	English****	Maths	Minimum acceptable grade
GCSE*	Any GCSE with English in the title	Any GCSE with Mathematics in the title	C or 4**
Functional Skills level 2	English	Mathematics	Pass

Other acceptable current and prior equivalent qualifications

Qualifications	English****	Maths	Minimum acceptable grade
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
International GCSE	Any International GCSE with English in the title	Any International GCSE with Mathematics in the title	C or 4
Level 1/2 Certificates	English Language English Literature	Mathematics	C or 4
Core Maths level 3***		Mathematical Studies Using and Applying Mathematics Quantitative Problem Solving Quantitative Reasoning Mathematics in Context Mathematics for Work and Life	E
Pre U Certificate	Literature in English	Mathematics Further Mathematics	P3
IBO Middle Years Programme level 1/2 Certificate	Language and Literature	Mathematics Extended Mathematics	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: Mathematics Further Mathematics	3
Free-Standing Mathematics level 2		Foundations of Advanced Mathematics	C
British Sign Language**** Level 2	British Sign Language		Pass
O Level	English language English literature	Mathematics	C (pre 1975 Pass)
CSE	English	Mathematics	1
Key Skills Level 2 (qualification or units)	Communication (Literacy)	Application of Number (Numeracy)	Pass
Basic Skills Certificates Level 2	Certificate in Adult Literacy	Certificate in Adult Numeracy	Pass
International Certificate of Christian Education (General or Advanced)	English	Mathematics	E

Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales acceptable current and prior equivalent qualifications

Qualifications	English****	Maths	Minimum acceptable grade
Essential Skills (Northern Ireland) level 2	Communication	Application of Number	Pass
Scottish Advanced Higher (SCQF level 7)	English	Mathematics	C
Scottish Higher (SCQF level 6)	English	Mathematics	C
Scottish National Certificate Unit (SCQF level 6)	Communication 4		Pass
Scottish Ordinary Grade (SCQF level 5)	English	Mathematics	C or 3
Scottish National 5 (SCQF level 5)	English	Mathematics Life Skills Mathematics Application of Mathematics	C
Scottish Intermediate 2 (SCQF level 5)	English	Mathematics	C
Scottish Standard Grade Credit (SCQF level 5)	English	Mathematics	2
Scottish Core Skill Unit (SCQF level 5)	Communication	Numeracy	Pass
Scottish Workplace Core Skills Unit (SCQF level 5)	Communication	Numeracy	Pass
Scottish National Unit (SCQF Level 5)	Literacy	Numeracy	Pass
Essential Skills (Wales) Level 2	Communication Skills Communication	Application of Number Skills Application of Number	Pass