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| **Acceptable current and prior equivalent qualifications for English and maths minimum requirements in level 3 apprenticeships** | | | | |
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| \* 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. | | | |  |
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| **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 | Mathematics | C or 4 |  |
| English Literature |  |
| Core Maths level 3\*\*\* |  | Mathematical Studies | E |  |
| Using and Applying Mathematics |  |
| Quantitative Problem Solving |  |
| Quantitative Reasoning |  |
| Mathematics in Context |  |
| Mathematics for Work and Life |  |
| Pre U Certificate | Literature in English | Mathematics | P3 |  |
| Further Mathematics |  |
| IBO Middle Years Programme level 1/ 2 Certificate | Language and Literature | Mathematics | 3 |  |
| Extended Mathematics |  |
| International Baccalaureate Diploma | Standard or Higher level qualification in: | Standard or Higher level qualification in: | 3 |  |
| English A: Literature | Mathematics |  |
| English A: Language and Literature | Further Mathematics |  |
| Or English Literature and Performance |  |  |
| Free-Standing Mathematics level 2 |  | Foundations of Advanced Mathematics | C |  |
| British Sign Language\*\*\*\* Level 2 | British Sign Language |  | Pass |  |
| O Level | English language | Mathematics | C (pre 1975 Pass) |  |
| English literature |  |
| 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 | English | Mathematics | C |  |
| (SCQF level 7) |  |
| Scottish Higher | English | Mathematics | C |  |
| (SCQF level 6) |  |
| Scottish National Certificate Unit | Communication 4 |  | Pass |  |
| (SCQF level 6) |  |  |
| Scottish Ordinary Grade | English | Mathematics | C or 3 |  |
| (SCQF level 5) |  |
| Scottish National 5 | English | Mathematics | C |  |
| (SCQF level 5) | Life Skills Mathematics |  |
|  | Application of Mathematics |  |
| Scottish Intermediate 2 | English | Mathematics | C |  |
| (SCQF level 5) |  |
| Scottish Standard Grade Credit | English | Mathematics | 2 |  |
| (SCQF level 5) |  |
| Scottish Core Skill Unit | Communication | Numeracy | Pass |  |
| (SCQF level 5) |  |
| Scottish Workplace Core Skills Unit | Communication | Numeracy | Pass |  |
| (SCQF level 5) |  |
| Scottish National Unit | Literacy | Numeracy | Pass |  |
| (SCQF Level 5) |  |
| Essential Skills (Wales) Level 2 | Communication Skills Communication | Application of Number Skills Application of Number | Pass |  |

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English and Maths qualifications at higher levels

Where the apprentice has a qualification at level 4 or above (SCQF level 7 and above such as an Advanced Higher) this is acceptable if the qualification is predominantly in the subject of English Language or English Literature and/or Mathematics.

Overseas qualifications

Overseas qualifications will be acceptable where there is clear evidence from UK NARIC that the qualification is an equivalent level and grade to the minimum requirements for English and maths.

In order to be acceptable the evidence must confirm that the qualification achieved is:

• comparable with the relevant English framework level (Regulated Qualifications Framework Level 1 / Level 2)

• comparable with the relevant English qualification (GCSE)

• comparable with the required minimum grades (for instance A\* to C / 9 to 4 for level 2 and E / 2 for level 1)

• and additional comparison information confirmed (that the qualification is GCSE English and/or maths equivalent)

Such evidence may be from a statement of comparability (which also confirms the student name and date grade/qualification awarded and whether this is comparable to GCSE A\* to C / 9 to 4) or it may be from the NARIC International Comparisons database.

Where the NARIC database is used, this will only confirm the equivalency of the qualification to GCSE English and/or maths it will not confirm that this is the qualification the individual achieved.

Therefore, where the database is used, evidence that the individual achieved the qualification and the date of their achievement, must also be provided.

Acceptable Evidence

If an apprentice does not have a certificate and/or a notification of results from the awarding organisation, the provider can ask the apprentice to get a replacement certificate (there will be a cost for this). Guidance on obtaining replacement certificates and what to do if the examination board no longer exists can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/replacement-exam-certificate>

If it is not possible to obtain a replacement certificate, providers can accept one of the following as evidence of achievement in English and/or maths

• a report generated from the apprentice’s Personal Learning Record (PLR)

• a report from the school information management system (SIMS) or Candidate Management Information System (CMIS), which must be authenticated with a stamp from the relevant school/college or provider, and signed by the examinations officer or other equivalent authority

• a National Record of Achievement (NRA), which must contain relevant awarding organisation verifiable achievement

These types of evidence must contain: the apprentice’s full name, date of birth, the full name of qualification (including awarding organisation name and qualification accreditation number), the grade awarded, and the date of achievement.

A statement of results on headed paper from a school, college, or other provider is not acceptable evidence of achievement in English and/or maths.

ESFA funded apprenticeship providers must satisfy themselves that the apprentice can practically demonstrate the appropriate level of English and maths.

For further information about apprenticeship funding please see the apprenticeship funding rules

If you have a query about this list and prior equivalent qualifications for English and maths please email:

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