



Qualification Equivalencies Information

Academic Qualifications

GCSE	Points	GCSE Equivalency
A* or 9	6	1 GCSE
A or 8/7	5	1 GCSE
B or 6	4	1 GCSE
C* or 5	4	1 GCSE
C or 4	3	1 GCSE
D or 3	2	1 GCSE
E-G or 2-1	1	1 GCSE
GCSE Mathematics & English Language only		
A* or 9	7	1 GCSE
A or 8/7	6	1 GCSE
B or 6	5	1 GCSE
C* or 5	5	1 GCSE
C or 4	4	1 GCSE
Occupational Studies		
D2*	6	A*
D2	5	A
M2	4	B
P2	3	C
D1	2	D
M1	1	E
P1	1	F/G
Key Skills / Essential Skills		
Level 2 Pass	3	C
Level 1 Pass	2	D
Certificate Of Personal Effectiveness (COPE)		
Certificate Of Personal Effectiveness - Level 1	1	D-G
Certificate Of Personal Effectiveness - Level 2	4	B

Vocational & Technical Skills Qualifications

VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS (listed by Awarding Body)	Level	Points	GCSE Equivalency
Ascentis (Please note: these qualifications will not provide exemptions from Essential Skills qualifications)			
Ascentis Level 1 Certificate in Mathematical Skills	Level 1	1	1 F-G
Ascentis Level 1 Certificate in English Skills	Level 1	1	1 F-G
Ascentis Level 2 Certificate in English Skills	Level 2	6	2 A*-C
Ascentis Level 2 Certificate in Mathematical Skills	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
ASDAN			
ASDAN Level 1 Award in Personal and Social Effectiveness	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
ASDAN Level 1 Certificate in Employability	Level 1	1	1 F-G
ASDAN Level 1 Certificate in Personal and Social Development/Effectiveness	Level 1	1	1 F-G
ASDAN Level 2 Award in Employability	Level 2	0	0.5 A*-C
ASDAN Level 2 Award in Personal and Social Development/Effectiveness	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C
ASDAN Level 2 Certificate in Personal and Social Development/Effectiveness	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
ASDAN Level 2 Certificate in Employability	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
BTEC			
BTEC Level 1 / Level 2 First Extended Certificate (* pre-qual.)	Pass	9	3 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Certificate (* pre-qual.)	Distinction	10	2 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Certificate (* pre-qual.)	Merit	8	2 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Certificate (* pre-qual.)	Pass	6	2 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Diploma / First Extended Certificate	Distinction	20	4 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Diploma / First Extended Certificate	Merit	16	4 A*-C
BTEC Level 2 First Diploma / First Extended Certificate	Pass	12	4 A*-C
BCS			
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ)	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ)	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
Cambridge			
Cambridge English Level 1 Certificate in English (IELTS 5.5-6.5) (ESOL)	Level 1	-	-
Cambridge English Level 2 Certificate in English (IELTS 7.0-8.0) (ESOL)	Level 2	-	-
CCEA			
CCEA Level 1 Award in Preparation for Adult Life	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
CCEA Level 1 Award in Substance Misuse Awareness	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G
CCEA Level 1 Certificate in Performance Skills	Level 1	1	1 F-G
CCEA Level 1 Certificate in Preparation for Adult Life	Level 1	1	1 F-G
CCEA Level 2 Award in Substance Misuse	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C
CCEA Level 2 Award in Understanding Business Enterprise	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C
CCEA Level 2 Certificate in Performance Skills	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
CCEA Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Adult Life	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
CCEA Level 2 Certificate Preparation for Adult Life : Personal & Social Education	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
City & Guilds			
City & Guilds Level 1 Award in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Award in Retail Knowledge	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Award for IT Users (ITQ)	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate for IT Users (ITQ)	Level 1	1	1 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Construction Skills	Level 1	2	2 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Introductory Welding Skills	Level 1	1	1 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Food and Beverage Service	Level 1	2	2 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Food Preparation and Cooking	Level 1	2	2 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Hospitality Services	Level 1	2	2 F-G
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector	Level 1	1	1 F-G
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Leadership and Team Skills	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Culinary Skills	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service	Level 2	3	1 A*-C
City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma for IT Users (ITQ)	Level 2	9	3 A*-C
VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS (listed by Awarding Body)			
iCQ			
iCQ Level 2 Award in Digital Marketing Using Social Media (RQF)	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C

* pre-qual. = This relates to the qualification which precedes the current qualification.

LIBF				
LIBF Level 2 Certificate in Financial Education	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
NCFE				
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Music Technology	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Photography	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Sport	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
NCFE Level 2 Diploma in Sport	Level 2	9	3 A*-C	
NOCN				
NOCN Level 1 Award in Basic Construction Skills	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G	
NOCN Level 1 Award in Employability	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G	
NOCN Level 1 Award in General Religious Education	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G	
NOCN Level 1 Award in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G	
NOCN Level 1 Certificate in Construction Crafts	Level 1	2	2 F-G	
NOCN Level 1 Certificate in Developing Skills for Employment	Level 1	1	0.5 F-G	
NOCN Level 1 Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life	Level 1	3	3 F-G	
NOCN Level 2 Award in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C	
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Developing Skills for Employment	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life	Level 2	9	3 A*-C	
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Personal Well-Being	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
OCN NI				
OCN NI Level 1 Award in Business Admin / Personal Success & Well-being	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G	
OCN NI Level 1 Award in Vocational Skills/Digital Fabrication/ Managing Personal Finances/ Peer Mentoring for Young People/Religious Education	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G	
OCN NI Level 1 Certificate	Level 1	1	1 F-G	
OCN NI Level 1 Certificate in Personal Success and Well-Being	Level 1	1	1 F-G	
OCN NI Level 1 Certificate in Vocational Skills / Hospitality & Catering	Level 1	1	1 F-G	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Art and Design	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Craft	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Creative Arts and Digital Technologies	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Employability Skills	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Geographical Information Systems	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Information Technology Applications	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Managing Personal Finances	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Peer Mentoring Practice	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Personal Success and Well-Being	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Personal and Social Development	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Religious Studies	Level 2	0	0.50 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Skills for Business	Level 2	0	0	
OCN NI Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice	Level 2	0	0	
OCN NI Level 2 Certificate	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Personal Success and Well-Being	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Construction	Level 2	9	3 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Creative Arts and Digital Technologies	Level 2	9	3 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Early Learning, Care and Development	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Photography	Level 2	9	3 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport	Level 2	9	3 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Diploma in Retail Knowledge	Level 2	9	3 A*-C	
OCN NI Level 2 Diploma in Vocational Skills	Level 2	9	3 A*-C	
OCR				
OCR Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G	
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Administration (Business Professional)	Level 1	1	1 F-G	
OCR Level 1 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 1	1	1 F-G	
OCR Level 2 Award in Administration (Business Professional)	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Administration (Business Professional)	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
OCR Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
OCR Level 2 Extended Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in ICT	Level 1 Pass	1	1 F-G	
OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in ICT	Level 1 Merit / Dist.	2	1 D-G	
OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in ICT	Level 2 Pass/Merit/Dist./Dist.*	3	1 A*-C	
OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Certificate	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
Pearson				
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award	Level 1	1	1 F-G	
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate	Level 1 Pass	3	3 F-G	
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate	Level 2 Pass	9	3 A*-C	
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Technical Award	Level 1 Pass	1	1 F-G	
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Technical Award	Level 1 Merit/Dist.	2	1 D-G	
Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Technical Award	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate	Level 1	1	1 F-G	
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (CEF C1)	Level 2 Pass/Merit/Dist.	6	2 A*-C	
Prince's Trust				
Prince's Trust Level 1 Award in Personal Development and Employability Skills	Level 1 Pass	0	0.25 F-G	
Prince's Trust Level 1 Certificate in Personal Development and Employability Skills	Level 1 Pass	3	1 F-G	
Prince's Trust Level 2 Award in Personal Development and Employability Skills	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C	
Prince's Trust Level 2 Certificate	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
Prince's Trust Level 2 Extended Certificate/Diploma in Personal Development and Employability Skills	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
RSL				
RSL Level 2 Certificate in Performance for Music Practitioners	Level 2	6	2 A*-C	
Signature				
Signature Level 1 Award in British Sign Language (RQF)	Level 1	0	0.50 F-G	
Signature Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness and Communication (RQF)	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G	
Signature Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language (RQF)	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	
SLQ				
SLQ Level 1 Qualification in Dance Leadership	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G	
SLQ Level 1 Qualification in Sports Leadership	Level 1	0	0.25 F-G	
SLQ Level 2 Qualification in Community Sports Leadership	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C	
SLQ Level 2 Qualification in Sports Leadership	Level 2	0	0.25 A*-C	
WJEC				
WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award	Level 2	3	1 A*-C	

Irish Qualifications

LEAVING CERTIFICATE		
Leaving Certificate - Ordinary Level (Pre-2017)	Points	GCSE Equivalency
A1	6	A*
A2	5	A
B1-B3	4	B
C1-C3	3	C
D1-D3	2	D
Leaving Certificate - Ordinary Level (2017 onwards)		
1	6	A*
2	5	A
3	4	B
4	3	C
5 & 6	2	D
7	0	Nil
JUNIOR CERTIFICATE Higher		
Junior Certificate - (Pre-2022)	Junior Cycle - (2022 onwards)	
A	Distinction (90%-100%)	
B	Higher Merit (75%-89%)	
C	Merit (55%-74%)	
D	Achieved (40%-54%)	
E-F	Partially Achieved (20%-39%)	
Not Graded	Not Graded (0%-19%)	

NOTE: Junior Certificate Ordinary is not equivalent to GCSE and does not equate to GCSE points.

Applicants presenting with a Junior Certificate at Higher Level must have achieved 4 A-C or Distinction - Merit grades (must include English Language and Mathematics) to facilitate entry to Level 2 Courses.

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cycle must have achieved 4 Merits or above (must include English Language and Mathematics) to facilitate entry to Level 2 Courses.

Leaving Certificate Applied is equivalent to a BTEC First i.e. equivalent to a L2 programme.