

Table of Equivalence of Qualifications for Entry to the Standards Based Apprenticeship in Ireland

Apprenticeship Requirements for Entry:

Qualification	Level Required
Preparatory training for Apprenticeship programmes	Full certificate
Junior Certificate	5 grades D's or higher
Leaving Certificate Applied	50 credits or above
Vocational Leaving Certificate	3 grades D's or higher
Leaving Certificate	3 grades D's or higher
FETAC/QQI Level 3 Major Awards	Minimum 6 modules including 3 core – Communication, Mathematics OR Application of Number and Functional Mathematics, Personal Effectiveness OR Personal & Interpersonal Skills
FETAC/QQI Level 4 Major Awards	Minimum 5 modules
FETAC/QQI Level 5 Major Awards	Minimum 5 modules

Note: The qualification used for entry to an apprenticeship programme must be from one specific programme.

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National Qualifications Framework for England and Northern Ireland (NQFENI)

Qualification	Level Required
GCSE	5 grades at level E or above (Level 1)
NVQ Level 1	Full certificate (Level 1 on NQFENI)
Level 1 Certificate <i>Also includes: ESOL skills for life, Foundation Diplomas (England), Functional skills Level 1 (England) (English, mathematics & ICT), Essential & Key Skills Qualifications (NI)</i>	Full certificate (Level 1 on NQFENI)

Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework (SCQF)

Qualification	Level Required
Intermediate 1, Standard Grade General (until August 2015). Will be replaced by National 4 (introduced from 2013/2014).	5 grade D or above (level 4 on SCQF)
Intermediate 2, Standard Credit Grade (until August 2015). Will be replaced by National 5 (introduced from 2013/2014).	5 grade D or above (Level 5 on SCQF)
SVQ1	Full Certificate (Level 4 on SCQF)

Credit & Qualifications Framework for Wales (CQFW)

Qualification	Level Required
GCSE	5 grades at level E or above (level 1 on CQFW)
NVQ Level 1	Full certificate (level 1 on CQFW)

Note: All foreign based qualifications must be submitted to the QQI for determination of equivalence