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## 1. Rationale

A sound level of English language skills is a key requisite while studying at MCAST. Applicants with international qualifications need to provide evidence indicating their level of proficiency in English skills, namely written, spoken, listening/comprehension and reading.

## 2. Introduction

All applicants who studied in EU and outside the EU need to apply for and provide the Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre (MQRIC) recognition for their qualification<sup>1</sup>. In addition, applicants holding non-Maltese qualifications also need to provide evidence of proficiency in the English Language, as follows:

## 3. Minimum Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirements shall be as follows:

No.	Entry Level	Evidence of Proficiency in English Language Required for Entry <i>(only one item from the lists shown below)</i>
a	<b>MCAST Proficiency Examination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
b	<b>MCAST Preparatory Access Course (MQF Level 5)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
c	<b>Certificate Level (MQF Level 3)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Pre-Intermediate (MQF Level 3; 8 ECTS);</li> <li>CEFR B1: IELTS score 4.5;</li> <li>Cambridge English Preliminary: PET;</li> <li>Pearson Academic PTE General Level 2: 43-58;</li> <li>TOEFL: iBT 57-86;</li> </ul>
d	<b>Diploma Level (MQF Level 3)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Pre-Intermediate (MQF Level 3; 8 ECTS);</li> <li>CEFR B1: IELTS score 4.5;</li> <li>Cambridge English Preliminary: PET;</li> <li>Pearson Academic PTE General Level 2: 43-58;</li> <li>TOEFL: iBT 57-86;</li> </ul>
e	<b>Advanced Diploma (MQF Level 4)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Intermediate (MQF Level 4; 8 ECTS);</li> <li>CEFR B1: IELTS score 4.5;</li> <li>Cambridge English Preliminary: PET;</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> This also applies to local qualifications where the MQF level is not clearly stated on the certificate or the Diploma Supplement. Information about MQRIC can be accessed via:

<https://ncfhe.gov.mt/en/services/Pages/All%20Services/mqric.aspx>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pearson Academic PTE General Level 2: 43-58;</li> <li>• TOEFL: iBT 57-86;</li> </ul>
<b>f</b>	<b>Higher Diploma (MQF Level 5)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Advanced (MQF Level 5; 16 ECTS);</li> <li>• CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5;</li> <li>• Cambridge English First (FCE);</li> <li>• Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75;</li> <li>• TOEFL: iBT 87-109;</li> </ul>
<b>g</b>	<b>Undergraduate Diploma (MQF Level 5)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Advanced (MQF Level 5; 16 ECTS);</li> <li>• CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5;</li> <li>• Cambridge English First (FCE);</li> <li>• Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75;</li> <li>• TOEFL: iBT 87-109;</li> </ul>
<b>h</b>	<b>Degree Level (MQF Level 6)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Advanced (MQF Level 5; 16 ECTS);</li> <li>• CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5;</li> <li>• Cambridge English First (FCE);</li> <li>• Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75;</li> <li>• TOEFL: iBT 87-109;</li> </ul>
<b>i</b>	<b>Masters Level (MQF Level 7)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Advanced (MQF Level 5; 16 ECTS);</li> <li>• CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5;</li> <li>• Cambridge English First (FCE);</li> <li>• Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75;</li> <li>• TOEFL: iBT 87-109;</li> </ul>

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

- Foreign National Qualifications comparable to entry ratings (a-i above) will be accepted against MQRIC level rating;
- Specific country English Language requirements for admission of international students will also be issued from time-to-time and are outlined in the appendices of this document.

**4. Appendix 1.**

Country specific English Language requirements for students with qualifications obtained from **India**.

- Certificate Level (MQF Level 3) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (50% marks) in English Language Subject;
- Diploma Level (MQF Level 3) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (50% marks) in English Language Subject;



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- c. Advanced Diploma (MQF Level 4) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (50% marks) in English Language Subject;
- d. Higher Diploma (MQF Level 5) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (55% marks) in English Language Subject or IELTS 5;
- e. Undergraduate Diploma (MQF Level 5) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (55% marks) in English Language Subject or IELTS 5;
- f. Degree Level (MQF Level 6) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (60% marks in English Language Subject or medium of instruction letter by the University confirming their UG tuition was in English. The IELTS overall score should be 6 for the Bachelor's Level;
- g. Masters Level (MQF Level 7) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (65% marks) in English Language Subject or medium of instruction letter by the University confirming their UG tuition was in English. The IELTS overall score should be 6 for Master's Level.