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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 qualification¹. 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	MCAST Proficiency Examination	N/A
b	MCAST Preparatory Access Course (MQF Level 5)	N/A
c	Certificate Level (MQF Level 3)	- MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Pre-Intermediate (MQF Level 3; 8 ECTS); - CEFR B1: IELTS score 4.5; - Cambridge English Preliminary: PET; - Pearson Academic PTE General Level 2: 43-58; - TOEFL: iBT 57-86; - ISE – Trinity College see Appendix 2;
d	Diploma Level (MQF Level 3)	- MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Pre-Intermediate (MQF Level 3; 8 ECTS); - CEFR B1: IELTS score 4.5; - Cambridge English Preliminary: PET; - Pearson Academic PTE General Level 2: 43-58; - TOEFL: iBT 57-86; - ISE – Trinity College see Appendix 2;
e	Advanced Diploma (MQF Level 4)	- MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Intermediate (MQF Level 4; 8 ECTS); - CEFR B1: IELTS score 4.5; - Cambridge English Preliminary: PET; - Pearson Academic PTE General Level 2: 43-58; - TOEFL: iBT 57-86; - ISE – Trinity College see Appendix 2;

¹ 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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f	Higher Diploma (MQF Level 5)	• MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Advanced (MQF Level 5; 16 ECTS); • CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5; • Cambridge English First (FCE); • Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75; • TOEFL: iBT 87-109; • ISE – Trinity College see Appendix 2;
g	Undergraduate Diploma (MQF Level 5)	• MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Advanced (MQF Level 5; 16 ECTS); • CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5; • Cambridge English First (FCE); • Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75; • TOEFL: iBT 87-109; • ISE – Trinity College see Appendix 2;
h	Degree Level (MQF Level 6)	• MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Advanced (MQF Level 5; 16 ECTS); • CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5; • Cambridge English First (FCE); • Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75; • TOEFL: iBT 87-109; • ISE – Trinity College see Appendix 2;
i	Masters Level (MQF Level 7)	• MCAST Award in Preparation for English Language Skills – Advanced (MQF Level 5; 16 ECTS); • CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5; • Cambridge English First (FCE); • Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75; • TOEFL: iBT 87-109; • ISE – Trinity College see Appendix 2;

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;
- Advanced Diploma (MQF Level 4) –**
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (50% marks) in English Language Subject;



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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.



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Appendix 2

Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English (ISE)		Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)	TOEFL iBT minimum score	International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS)
ISE (paper edition)* and ISE Digital	ISE minimum scaled score			
ISE IV (C2)**	130	C2	6	9.0
ISE III (C1)	105	C1	5.5	8.0
			5	7.5
ISE II (B2)	80	B2	4.5	7.0
			4	6.5
ISE I (B1)	55	B1	4.5	6.0
			3	5.5
				5.0
				4.5
				4.0
ISE Foundation (A2)	30	A2	2.5	
			2	
ISE A1	5	A1	1.5	
			1	

* The overall outcome of ISE (paper edition) is Pass or Fail.
 **ISE IV has a different format and is not covered here – please visit www.trinitycollege.com/ISEIV.

Sources:

trinitycollege.com/CEFR | ets.org/toefl/score-users/ibt/compare-scores | ielts.org/about-ielts/ielts-in-cefr-scale