



Directive of the Ministry of Education

Subject: Criteria of Equivalency of British Educational Qualifications

The Ministry of Education introduces the following criteria of equivalency of British educational qualifications to those of secondary and upper secondary education:

Qualifications equivalent to secondary education

1. Completion of Form 3 or Year 9.
2. GCE 'O' Level or GCSE or IGCSE diplomas with at least 4 different subjects, for which grades A-C must be earned.

Qualifications equivalent to upper secondary education

1. GCE 'O' level or GCSE or IGCSE diplomas with at least 5 different subjects, for which grades A-C must be earned.
2. GCE 'A' level diploma with at least 3 different subjects, for which grades A, B, C, D or E must be earned.
3. Combination of at least 5 subjects from a GCE 'A' level diploma with grades A, B, C, D or E given to each subject and GCE 'O' level, GCSE or IGCSE diplomas with grades A, B, or C given to each subject. 'A' level subjects can be similar to those in other levels.
4. General Certificate of Education Diplomas of Advanced Supplementary level or GCE 'AS' level with the following criteria:
 - 4.1 Considering GCE 'AS' level diplomas based on the results of each subject, for which grades A-E must be earned.
 - 4.2 2 subjects from GCE 'AS' level equal 1 subject from GCE 'A' level.
 - 4.3 Passing 6 different subjects in GCE 'AS' level.
 - 4.4 Considering GCE 'AS' level diplomas in accordance with 4.1 and 4.2 together with GCE 'A' level diplomas. At least 3 different subjects must be completed with Grades A-E.
 - 4.5 At least 5 subjects from GCE 'AS' level diplomas in accordance with 4.1 and 4.2 together with GCE 'A' level diplomas with grades A-E or with GCE 'O' level or GCSE or IGCSE with grades A-C. Subjects from 'A' and 'AS'

levels can be similar to those from other levels but those from 'A' level must not be similar to 'AS' subjects.

5. Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) with the following criteria:

5.1 Considering AICE (Full Credit) and AICE (Half Credit) based on the results of each subject, for which grades A-E must be earned.

5.2 2 subjects from AICE (Half Credit) equal 1 subject from AICE (Full Credit).

5.3 Passing 6 different subjects in AICE (Half Credit).

5.4 Considering AICE (Half Credit) in accordance with 5.1 and 5.2 together with AICE (Half Credit). At least 3 different subjects must be completed with grades A-E.

5.5 Considering AICE (Half Credit) in accordance with 5.1 and 5.2 together with one of the following qualifications:

5.5.1 AICE (Full Credit) or GCE 'A' level or GCE 'AS' level. At least 3 different subjects must be completed with grades A-E.

5.5.2 GCE 'O' level or IGCSE or GCSE. At least 5 subjects must be completed with grades A-C.

Subjects from AICE (Half Credit) and AICE (Full Credit) can be similar to those from other levels but those from AICE (Half Credit) must not be similar to AICE (Full Credit) subjects.

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