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## 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 writing, speaking, listening and reading.

## Introduction

All applicants who studied in EU and outside the EU need to 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:

### The minimum entry requirements shall be as follows:

- a. **MCAST Proficiency Examination**
- b. **MCAST Preparatory Access Course**
- c. **Certificate Level (MQF Level 3) – CEFR B1: IELTS score 4.5; Cambridge English Preliminary: PET; Pearson Academic PTE General Level 2: 43-58; TOEFL: iBT 57-86;**
- d. **Diploma Level (MQF Level 3) - CEFR B1: IELTS score 4.5; Cambridge English Preliminary: PET; Pearson Academic PTE General Level 2: 43-58; TOEFL: iBT 57-86;**
- e. **Advanced Diploma (MQF Level 4) - CEFR B1: IELTS score 4.5; Cambridge English Preliminary: PET; Pearson Academic PTE General Level 2: 43-58; TOEFL: iBT 57-86;**
- f. **Higher Diploma (MQF Level 5) – CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5; Cambridge English First (FCE); Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75; TOEFL: iBT 87-109;**
- g. **Undergraduate Diploma (MQF Level 5) - CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5; Cambridge English First (FCE); Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75; TOEFL: iBT 87-109;**
- h. **Degree Level (MQF Level 6) – CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5; Cambridge English First (FCE); Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75; TOEFL: iBT 87-109;**
- i. **Masters Level (MQF Level 7) - CEFR B2: IELTS score 5.5; Cambridge English First (FCE); Pearson Academic PTE General Level 3 : 59 -75; TOEFL: iBT 87-109;**

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<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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- j.** Foreign National Qualifications comparable to entry ratings (a-i above) will be accepted against MQRIC level rating.
- k.** Specific country English Language requirements for admission of international students will also be issued from time-to-time.



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## Appendix 1.

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

- a. Certificate Level (MQF Level 3) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (50% marks) in English Language Subject;
- b. Diploma Level (MQF Level 3) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (50% marks) in English Language Subject;
- c. Advanced Diploma (MQF Level 4) –**  
Higher Secondary Certificate (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 Masters 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 Masters Level.