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Home Country	Further Education Equivalent Entry Criteria (for A Level & Diploma applicants)	Higher Education Equivalent Entry Criteria (For Foundation & Honours degree applicants)
AUSTRIA	Abschlussprüfungszeugnis is considered comparable to BTEC Level 2 Extended Diploma, when studied for between 2 and 3 years. It is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 (90-Credit Diploma) standard when studied for between 3 to 4 or 4 to 5 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reife- und Diplomprüfung / Matura is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma standard • Reifeprüfung / Matura is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard, when awarded by an 'Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule'. Every subject, where a mark of 1-4 has been obtained, may be considered at least comparable to grades A*-C, with the exception of English. The subject of English may be considered comparable to grades A*-C provided a mark of 2 or 'gut' has been obtained.
BELGIUM - FLANDERS	Getuigschrift van hoger secundair onderwijs is considered comparable to a standard between GCSE and GCE AS level. Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C. English is studied as a second language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma van secundair onderwijs is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard • Diploma van de hogere secundaire technische school is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard • Brevet van de aanvullende secundaire beroepsschool is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma standard
BELGIUM - WALLONIA	Certificat d'enseignement secondaire supérieur is considered comparable to a standard between GCSE and GCE AS level. Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificat d'études de sixième année de l'enseignement secondaire professionnel (CE6P) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Certificate (90-Credit) standard • Diplôme d'aptitude à accéder à l'enseignement supérieur is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard

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<p>CYPRUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Απολυτήριο Γυμνασίου (Lower Secondary School (Gymnasium) Leaving Certificate) is considered to be below GCSE standard • Απολυτήριο Λυκείου (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate) is considered comparable to be AS Level standard. Individual academic subjects passed, which have counterparts within the UK GCSE syllabus, may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Απολυτήριο Τεχνικής Σχολής (Upper Secondary Vocational School Leaving Certificate) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Certificate (90-Credit) standard. • Πιστοποιητικό (Certificate) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma standard. • Ανώτερο Δίπλωμα (Higher Diploma) is considered comparable to Foundation degree standard
<p>DENMARK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erhvervsfaglig Grunduddannelse (EFG) (Basic Vocational Training Diploma) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 2 Extended Diploma standard (4 x GCSEs) • Folkeskolens 10. Klasseprøve (Class 10 Advanced Leaving Examination) is considered comparable to GCSE (grades A*-C / 9-4), for every subject passed, where grades of 12, 10 and 7 have been obtained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF) (Higher Preparatory Examination Certificate) is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard. Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C; including English, provided a mark of 7 has been obtained. • Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen (HHX) (Higher Commerce Examination), the Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) (Higher Technical Examination Certificate), the Bevis for Studentereksamen (STX) (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate) are each considered comparable to the overall A Level standard. Every subject where a mark of 02 has been obtained may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C, with the exception of English. The subject of English may be considered comparable to GCSE grades A*-C provided a mark of 7 has been obtained.

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<p>ESTONIA</p>	<p>Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) is considered comparable to AS level standard. Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C.</p>	<p>Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus with the Riigieksamitunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate with the State Examination Certificate) is considered comparable to be AS Level standard. Students with a high performance in the State Examination (Riigieksamid) and in individual subjects on the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus) may be considered to satisfy the general entrance requirements of British higher education institutions. Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C.</p>
<p>FINLAND</p>	<p>Ammatillinen Perustutkinto / Yrkesinriktad Grundexamen (Vocational Upper Secondary Award) is considered comparable to N/SVQ level 3 standard</p>	<p>Ylioppilastutkinto / Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination) is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard.</p>
<p>FRANCE</p>	<p>Brevet d'Études Professionnelles is considered comparable to a standard between NVQ level 2 and level 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brevet de Maîtrise, Brevet de Technicien and Brevet des Métiers d'Art are considered comparable to NVQ level 3 standard • Brevet Professionnel is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma standard • Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général and the Option internationale du baccalauréat are both considered comparable to the overall A Level standard. • Diplôme du Baccalauréat Professionnel and Diplôme du Baccalauréat Technologique are both considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma standard

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<p>GERMANY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hauptschulabschluss (awarded on completion of year 10) is considered comparable to GCSE (grades A*-C / 9-4), for every subject passed, where grades of 1-4 are obtained. Realschulabschluss / Mittlere Reife / Mittlerer Schulabschluss / Erweiterter Realschulabschluss / Fachoberschulreife / Sekundarabschluss 1 is considered comparable to GCSE (grades A*-C / 9-4), for every subject passed, where grades of 1-4 are obtained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard, for every subject where a mark of 4 (ausreichend) and above has been obtained. Berufsfachschulabschluss (Assistentenberufe / Vollqualifizierende Berufsausbildung) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma standard
<p>GREECE</p>	<p>ΠΤΥΧΙΟ ΕΠΑΓΓΕΛΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ (ΕΠΑΛ) (Diploma from Upper Secondary Vocational School) is considered comparable to a standard between NVQ level 2 and level 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ΑΠΟΛΥΤΗΡΙΟ ΕΠΑΓΓΕΛΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ (ΕΠΑΛ) (Upper Secondary Vocational School Leaving Certificate) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Diploma (90-Credit) standard ΠΤΥΧΙΟ ΑΝΩΤΕΡΩΝ ΣΧΟΛΩΝ (Diploma by Higher Schools) is considered comparable to Foundation degree standard
<p>HUNGARY</p>	<p>Szakmunkás Bizonyítvány (Skilled Worker Certificate). Individual academic subjects passed, which have counterparts within the British GCSE syllabus, may be considered comparable to GCSE grades A*-C, where a grade of 2 or above has been obtained.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Érettségi Bizonyítvány (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate) is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard. Szakközépiskola Érettségi Bizonyítvány (Vocational Secondary School Leaving Certificate) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma standard
<p>IRELAND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaving Certificate is considered comparable to GCSE (grades A*-C or 9-4), when STANDARD LEVEL grade have been awarded Leaving Certificate Applied Is considered comparable to BTEC Level 2 standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaving Certificate is considered comparable to AS Level (grades A*-C / 9-4), when HIGHER LEVEL grade have been awarded National Certificate is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma standard
<p>ITALY</p>	<p>Diploma di Maestro d'Arte is considered comparable to BTEC Level 2 Extended Diploma standard.</p>	<p>Diploma di Esame di Stato is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard.</p>

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<p>LATVIA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību (Certificate of General Secondary Education) - Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C. • Atestats par arodizglitību (level II) (Certificate of Vocational Education) - Individual academic subjects passed, which have counterparts within the British GCSE syllabus, may be considered comparable to GCSE grades A*-C. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploms par arodizglītību (Diploma of Vocational Education), the Diploms par vidējo arodizglitību (Diploma of Secondary Vocational Education), the Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību (level III) (Diploma of Secondary Professional Education) and the Diploms T par vidējo speciālo izglītību (Diploma T of Specialised Secondary Education) are all considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 (90-Credit) standards. • Diploms par pirmā līmeņa profesionālo augstāko izglītību (level IV) (First Level Higher Vocational Diploma) is considered comparable to Foundation degree standard
<p>LITHUANIA</p>	<p>No GCSE equivalent</p>	<p>Brandos Atestatas (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) is considered comparable to AS Level standard. May be considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Diploma (90-Credit) standard if awarded on completion of vocational streams of secondary education</p>
<p>MALTA</p>	<p>Secondary Education Certificate is considered comparable to GCSE grades A*-C standard on a subject-for-subject basis when grades of 1 to 5 have been obtained.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matriculation Certificate Examination is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard. • Extended Skill Training Scheme Diploma is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Diploma (90-Credit) standard
<p>POLAND</p>	<p>Świadectwo Ukończenia Szkoły Zasadniczej (Certificate of Completion from a Basic Vocational School). Individual academic subjects passed, which have counterparts within the British GCSE syllabus, may be considered comparable to GCSE grades A*-C, where a grade of 2 or above has been obtained</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Świadectwo Dojrzałości (Certificate of Maturity) is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard. May be considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma standard if awarded by vocational schools. • Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Profilowanego / Technicznego / Zawodowego / Technikum (Certificate of Completion from a Vocational / Technical Secondary School) s considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Diploma (90-Credit) standard

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<p>PORTUGAL</p>	<p>Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários / Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano is considered comparable to the overall GCSE and GCE A Level standard. Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C</p>	<p>Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard.</p>
<p>ROMANIA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificat de Absolvire a Ciclului Inferior al Liceului (Junior High School Graduation Certificate) is considered comparable to GCSE (grades A*-C / 9-4) standard, for every subject passed where grades of 5 and above have been obtained. • Certificat de Absolvire a Liceului (High School Graduation Certificate) is considered comparable to a standard between GCSE and GCE AS level. Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C. • Diplomă / Certificat de Absolvire a Invățământului Obligatoriu de 10 ani (Compulsory Education Graduation Diploma / Certificate (Grade 10)) is considered comparable to GCSE (grades A*-C / 9-4) standard, for every subject passed where grades of 5 and above have been obtained. • Diplomă/Certificat de Absolvire a Școlii Profesionale (Vocational Secondary Education Graduation Diploma/Certificate) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 2 Award. Individual academic subjects passed, which have counterparts within the British GCSE syllabus, may be considered comparable to GCSE grades A*-C, where a grade of 5 or above has been obtained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificat de Competențe Profesionale (de la Liceu/Colegiu) (Professional Competence Certificate (from a high school/college)) is considered comparable to NVQ level 3 standard. • Diplomă de Bacalaureat (Baccalaureate Diploma) is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard.

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<p>SPAIN</p>	<p>Título de Graduado en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria (ESO) is considered comparable to GCSE (grades A*-C / 9-4) standard, for every subject passed where grades of 5 or <i>suficiente</i> has been obtained.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curso de Orientación Universitaria (COU) is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard. • Título de Bachiller is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard. • Título de Técnico en [subject area] Is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Diploma (90-Credit Diploma) standard.
<p>SWEDEN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg (Upper secondary school leaving certificate in vocational streams) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 2 Award standard when studied for 2 to 3 years. • Slutbetyg från Grundskola (Compulsory Education Leaving Certificate) is considered comparable to GCSE (grades A*-C / 9-4) standard, for every subject passed, where grades of A-C / 5-3 have been achieved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg (Upper secondary school leaving certificate in vocational streams) is considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Award standard when studied for 3 to 4 years. • Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola (Upper secondary school leaving certificate) is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard. • Högskoleförberedande examen (Higher Education Preparatory Diploma) is considered comparable to the overall A Level standard.