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General recognized qualifications:

• European Baccalaureate Diploma
• International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or IB Career-related certificate of the International Baccalaureate
• General Certificate of Secondary Education in 4 subjects (A*-C) + a General Certificate of Education with 2 relevant subjects at advanced subsidiary level (A*-C), 6 different subjects in total, preferably including English and mathematics
• General Certificate of Secondary Education in 4 subjects (A*-C) + a General Certificate of Education with 2 relevant subjects at advanced level (D-E), 6 different subjects in total, preferably including English and mathematics

Recognised qualifications listed by country:

Country	*Qualification*
Afghanistan	• 12th Grade graduation certificate
Albania	• Diplomë e Maturës Shtetërore (state matura diploma) • Diploma e Maturës Shtetoröre Profesionale (professional state matura diploma)
Algeria	• Baccalauréat
Aruba	• MBO-diploma (EPI, level 4)
Austria	• Reifezeugnis from a Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule (AHS) • Reifeprüfungszeugnis from a Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule (AHS)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	• Diploma o položenom maturskom ispitu/Diploma o završenoj srednjoj školi - Diploma of general secondary education (4 years)
Belgium	• Vlaamstalige regio: Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs, richting Kunst Secundair Onderwijs (KSO), Technisch Secundair Onderwijs (TSO) en Algemeen Secundair Onderwijs (ASO). • Franstalige regio: Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur, specialisation enseignement professionnel, enseignement artistique, enseignement technique or enseignement général.
Brazil	• Certificado de conclusão do 2° grau • Certificado de conclusão do ensino médio
Bulgaria	• Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie - Диплома за средно образование (academic stream)
Cameroon	• General Certificate Education, Ordinary Level (at least 4 subjects with an end result of at least A,B or C) **+** GCE, Advanced level (at least 2 subjects).
Chile	• Licencia de educación media humanístico-científica • Licencia de enseñanza media humanístico-científica
China	• Senior middle school graduation certificate
Colombia	• Bachiller académico
Costa Rica	• Bachiller en educación media (rama académica)
Croatia	• Svjedodžba o (državnoj) maturi
Curaçao, St	• MBO4 –diploma

Maarten, Bonaire, St Eustatius en Saba	• Diploma Secundair Beroepsonderwijs (niveau 4) van een opleiding tot middenkaderfunctionaris • Certificate of Secondary Education (CXC-examen) of St. Maarten, Carribean Examination Council with 1, 2 or 3 for at least 5 subjects on *general*-level
Czech Republic	• Vysvědčení o Maturitní Zkoušce (obtained at a Gymnázium)
Denmark	• Studentereksamenbevis (STX) / Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF) • Højere Handelseksamen/merkantil studentereksamen (HHX) / Højere Teknisk Eksamen / teknisk studentereksamen (HTX)
Ecuador	• Bachiller en ciencias
Egypt	• General secondary education certificate • Secondary education certificate of Al-Azhar • Intermediate institute diploma
Eritrea	• Eritrean Secondary Education Certificate Examination
Estonia	• Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus
Finland	• Ylioppilastutkintotodistus / Studentexamenbevis / Certificate of the Matriculation Examination)
France	• Diplôme du baccalauréat professionnel • Diplôme du baccalauréat technologique • Diplôme du baccalauréat général
Georgia	• General Education Diploma
Germany	• Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife • Fachhochschulreife • Zeugnis der fachgebundenen Hochschulreife
Ghana	• West African Senior School Certificate with a C6 or higher for at least 6 subjects
Greece	• Apolytirio Genikou Lykeiou (Απολυτήριο Γενικού Λυκείου) • Bebaiosi Epangelmatikis Katartisis
Hong Kong	• Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) obtained before 2024 in 5 subjects with grades 2-5** or 'attained' for 5 subjects, including English and Chinese (obtained from 2024) • Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) in 6 subjects with grades 3-5* of A-E • Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) in 6 subjects with grades 3-5* of A-C **+** Hong Kong Advanced Supplementary Level Examinations (HKASLE) with grades A-E • Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) in 6 subjects with grades 3-5* of A-C **+** Hong Kong Advanced Level Examinations (HKALE) with grades A-E
Hungary	• Gimnáziumi Érettségi Bizonyítvány
Iceland	• Stúdentspróf (Matriculation Examination) obtained at a Menntaskóli
India	• All India Senior School Certificate (CBSE) with grades A1, A2 or B1 in 5 relevant subjects* **The non-externally examined courses (e.g. Work Experience, Physical & Health Education and General Studies) do not count towards meeting the required minimum number of courses nor to the grade requirement for five courses as mentioned above.*

	• Migration Cum Transfer Certificate obtained at the Senior Secondary School Examination from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) with grades A, B or C in 5 relevant subjects
Indonesia	• Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Atas (SMA)
Iran	• Pre-university certificate • Certificate of completion of upper secondary school studies – theoretical
Iraq	• Secondary School Certificate / Baccaleureate ثو ةق ى ردم س ى/ لا حرم ل ةل علإا يداد ة (wathîqa madrasiyya / al-marhalla al-i'dâdiyya)
Ireland	• Leaving Certificate – Leaving Certificate Established (LCE) programme (with at least 5 subjects of the LCE programme, at least 5 subjects with a minimum of O6 or H7 and a minimum of 200 CAO-points) • Leaving Certificate from the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) (with at least 5 subjects of the Link Modules with a minimum of O6 or H7 and a minimum of 200 CAO-points).
Israël	• Te'udat Bagrut
Italy	• Diploma di Superamento dell'Esame di Stato conclusivo from a liceo classico/scientifico/ linguistico/scienze umane or an istituto tecnico, liceo artistico of liceo musicale e coreutico
Japan	• High School certificate of graduation (卒業証明書 Sotsugyoshomeisho)
Jemen	• Secondary School Final Examination Result
Jordan	• General Secondary Education Certificate شهادة الدراسة الثانوية العامة
Kazakhstan	• Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools (NIS) Grade 12 certificate • Жалпы Орта білім туралы аттестат/Аттестат об общем среднем образовании / Certificate of completed general secondary education
Kenya	• Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (at least 6 subjects with score A,B,C)
Latvia	• Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību
Lebanon	• Baccalauréat / General Secondary Education Certificate / البكالوري / العامة الثانوية شهادة
Lithuania	• Brandos Atestatas
Luxembourg	• Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires classiques/ Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires (before 2017) • Diplôme de technicien (DT)
Malaysia	• Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) • Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) / Matriculation Certificate • Unified Examination Certificate
Mexico	• Certificado de terminación de estudios - bachiller técnologico or bachillerato general
Moldova	• Diplomă de bacalaureat
Morocco	• Attestation du Baccalauréat
Nigeria	• National Diploma • West African Senior School Certificate (WAEC) with at least 6 subjects with an end score of A1, B2-3 or C4-6 • Senior School Certificate (NECO) with at least 6 subjects with an end score of A1 or B2-3
North Macedonia	• Диплома за положена училишна матура/Diploma za položena učilišna matura (Diploma general secondary education (4 years) • Диплома за положена државна матура/Diploma za položena državna matura Diploma general secondary education (4 years)
Norway	• Vitnemål for Videregående Skole opplæring *(*Certificate for upper secondary education and training)
Peru	• Certificado de educación secundaria común completa • Certificado oficial de estudios- educacion basica regular, nivel de educacion secundaria
Poland	• Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Ogólnokształcacego (General lyceum) • Świadectwo Dojrzałości

Portugal	• Diploma/Certificado/Certidão do Ensino Secundário
Romania	• Diplomă de Bacalaureat
Russia	• Attestat o srednem obsjtsjem obrazovanii - Аттестат о среднем общем образовании (certificate of secundary education)
Rwanda	• Rwanda Advanced General Certificate of Education
Saudi Arabia	• Secondary school graduation certificate
Scotland	• Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) with 4 Highers • Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) with 4 Highers + 2 Advanced Highers
Serbia	• Diploma o stečenom srednem obrazovanju • Diploma/Uverenje o položenom maturskom ispitu
Singapore	• Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' level in 2 H2 content-based subjects + Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'O' level in 4 subjects (A-C grades) (6 different subjects in total) • Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' level in 3 H2 + 1 H1 content-based subjects + the subject General Paper/ Knowledge and Inquiry (5 different subjects in total)
Slovakia	• Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Gymnázium or Konzervatórium)
Slovenia	• Splošna matura (general Matura)
South Africa	• National Senior Certificate with the remark that the student has met the minimum requirements for admission to a bachelor's degree programme
South Korea	• High School Certificate (General High School or Science High School)
Spain	• Título de Bachiller • Título de Técnico Superior
Surinam	• HAVO-diploma • VWO-diploma • NATIN diploma • IMEAO diploma
Sweden	• Högskoleförberedande Examen (ekonomiprogrammet, humanistiska programmet, Naturvetenskabsprogrammet)
Switzerland	• Maturity Certificate / Maturitätszeugnis / Maturitätsausweis / Certificat de Maturité
Syria	• Technical Diploma Certificate (تقاني دبلوم شهادة) • Certificate Associate Degree/Certificate of Licensed Assistant (المجاز مساعد شهادة) • General Secondary Education Certificate العامة الثانوية الشهادة / العامة الثانوية الدراسة شهادة
Taiwan	• Senior High School Diploma
Tanzania	• Certificate of Secondary Education (an A, B or C in at least 6 examination subjects) plus the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education with a principal pass for at least 1 subject • Certificate of Secondary Education (A, B or C in at least 5 examination subjects) plus the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education with a principal pass for at least 2 subjects and a subsidiary pass for at least 1 subject
Thailand	• Certificate of Secondary Education / Matayom 6 (M6)
Tunesia	• Diplôme du Baccalauréat
Turkey	• Lise Diplomasi
United Kingdom	• General Certificate of Secondary Education in 4 subjects (A*- C or 9-4) + a General Certificate of Education with 2 relevant subjects at advanced subsidiary level (A*-C), 6 different subjects in total, preferably including English and mathematics

	• General Certificate of Secondary Education in 4 subjects (A*-C) + a General Certificate of Education with 2 relevant subjects at advanced level (D-E), 6 different subjects in total, preferably including English and mathematics • General Certificate of Secondary Education in 3 subjects (A*-C or 9-4) + a General Certificate of Education with 3 relevant, academic (and some vocational) subjects at advanced level (A*-C), 6 different subjects in total, including English and mathematics • BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (180 credits) • Access to HE Diploma
Ukraine	• Atestat pro povnu zahalnu serednju osvitu • **Since 2019:** Svidotstvo pro zdobuttia povnoi zagalnoi serednoi osvity
Venezuela	• Título de Bachiller/ Título de Educación Media general • Título de Bachiller en Ciencias/ Título de Bachiller en Humanidades (until 2009)
Vietnam	• Bằng tốt nghiệp trung học phổ thông from a regular high school or from a high school for the gifted
Zimbabwe	• Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level (final result of A, B or C obtained for at least 5 examination subjects) plus the Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Advanced Level with a pass for at least 2 subjects

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