

Frequently Asked Questions Recognition and Acceptance in India

This is a bank of frequently asked questions and answers related to recognition and acceptance of Cambridge qualifications in India. It is aimed primarily at students with Cambridge International AS & A Levels and Cambridge IGCSE qualifications who intend to apply for admission to Indian educational institutions.

Equivalence and Eligibility

Q01. I wish to enter for Cambridge IGCSE as a private student. Will Association of Indian Universities (AIU) issue Equivalence Certificate for my qualification?

AIU does not grant equivalence to qualifications that are awarded to students who undertake studies in private mode and have not enrolled in a school. Please refer to AIU's student advisory available here <https://aiu.ac.in/evaluation.php>

Q02. Should I apply to the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for an Equivalence Certificate before my results are announced?

You can apply for equivalence certificate once you have the Statement of Results and Certificate in hand. Please check the website of AIU <https://aiu.ac.in/evaluation.php> for the application form and other details. Please note that on the basis of equivalence issued by AIU, most member universities issue Eligibility Certificate to students who have taken Cambridge International examinations in India. Most universities do not require an equivalence certificate from Association of Indian Universities if the student has taken examinations in India.

Q03. Can Equivalence Certificate from AIU confirm my admission in any university?

No. Equivalence certificate from AIU confirms that your Cambridge International A Level qualification is equivalent to 10+2 qualification from any Indian exam board. Equivalence is not necessarily sufficient to meet eligibility requirements for specific courses and at different institutions. Institutions are free to set separate eligibility conditions that are over and above equivalence requirements.

Q04. A university requires an Eligibility Certificate to confirm my admission offer. How can I get an Eligibility Certificate?

Most Indian universities have an eligibility department that issue eligibility certificate to students migrating from other boards. Please contact the admitting university directly for the same. In some states, state funded universities may require you to apply for an eligibility certificate from the State's higher secondary or pre-university examination board. A few private universities may insist on equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities.

Q05. Does AIU issue equivalence certificate if a student has passed Cambridge IGCSE English as Second Language?

A21. Yes. Cambridge IGCSE First Language English, Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language and Cambridge O Level English Language are acceptable.

Cambridge IGCSE/ Cambridge O level

Q06. How do I convert Cambridge IGCSE grades to marks for India?

If you took Cambridge IGCSEs in India in November 2010 or later, your Statement of Results will include Percentage Uniform Marks and the same can be used for admission purposes. Please check if your Statement of Results has Percentage Uniform Marks alongside grades. You would not be required to convert your grades to marks then. Otherwise you should use **Appendix 1** to convert your grades.

Q07. I require a school transfer certificate for admission to a school affiliated to an Indian exam board. I have studied till Standard 8 in a Cambridge school and am seeking admission to the next standard. Whom should I approach?

You should contact your Cambridge school for the same.

Q08. What is the process to get a school Transfer Certificate verified by the local District Education Officer? I am seeking admission to a school in UAE and the Consulate has refused to attest the same without this verification.

Please contact your school in India. They should contact the local District Education Office along with necessary school records to get the verification done.

Q09. I took Cambridge IGCSEs and now wish to shift to a school that follows a national curriculum. What supporting documents should be provided to the admitting school?

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is the nodal agency in India that gives equivalence to foreign qualifications. AIU recognizes passes in 5 Cambridge IGCSE/ Cambridge O Level subjects including English Language as equivalent to Standard 10 of an Indian exam board. Please provide a copy of AIU's equivalence statement to the admitting school **Appendix 2**.

Q10. Do Indian schools following local curriculum consider Cambridge IGCSE Physics, Chemistry and Biology as a single subject?

The 3 separate sciences offered in Cambridge IGCSE are treated as 3 valid subjects. AIU recognizes passes in 5 Cambridge IGCSE/ Cambridge O Level subjects including English Language as equivalent to Standard 10. You may provide a copy of **Appendix 2**.

Q11. Will Cambridge IGCSE grades F and G be accepted for admission to Standard 11 of any Indian exam board?

Students with grades F and G should refer to their Percentage Uniform Marks achieved in 5 Cambridge IGCSE subjects including English Language. Where the admitting exam board has pass marks at 33 or 35 out of 100 in each subject, PUM below these will not be accepted. You should check with the admitting exam board what their pass marks are.

Q12. The statement of results of Cambridge IGCSE does not mention the word 'Pass'. Nor does Cambridge issue a separate pass certificate for Cambridge IGCSE. Indian institutions want to see the word "Pass" or "Promoted" in the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE is a subject based qualification. The certificate refers to passing grades that are 'Awarded' in each subject. The Statement of Results mentions 'Ungraded' against a subject if minimum grade has not been achieved. Association of Indian Universities (AIU) recognizes passes in 5 Cambridge IGCSE/ Cambridge O Level subjects including English Language as equivalent to Standard 10. Cambridge IGCSE has passing grades from A*-G. You may provide a copy of AIU's equivalence statement. (**Appendix 2**)

Q13. I need to enter my aggregate percentage for Cambridge IGCSE in the form for Junior College admission. How do I find out my aggregate percentage?

Your Statement of Results will include Percentage Uniform Mark next to the grade for each Cambridge IGCSE subject. For Indian institutions, you need to add up each Percentage Uniform Mark and divide the same by total number of subjects to get aggregate percentage.

Cambridge International AS & A Level

Q14. Do Indian universities convert Cambridge AS & A Level grades to marks for admission purposes?

Most Indian universities require marks or percentage scores for undergraduate admissions. In the absence of marks, universities convert grades to Percentage Uniform Marks. Since Percentage Uniform Marks are provided for each subject to students in India, conversion of grades is not required. Percentage Uniform Marks can be found on the Statement of Results alongside grades.

Q15. My A Level Statement of Results mentions grades and not marks. Indian colleges require marks to be filled in the application form for undergraduate admission. Can you provide my marks?

If your Statement of Results does not mention Percentage Uniform Mark, we will not be able to provide the same. Prior to November 2010 exam series, students appearing from schools in India were issued only grades. Similarly for several countries, only grades are released. You should use **Appendix1** Cambridge grade conversion guide to convert your grades to percentage marks. This is also available on the website of Association of Indian Universities on their evaluation section.

Q16. How do I find out aggregate percentage of Cambridge A Level grades? I am applying for undergraduate studies in India and I need to enter aggregate percentage in the application form

Your Statement of Results will include Percentage Uniform Mark next to the grade for each Cambridge International AS & A Level subject. For Indian institutions, you need to add up each Percentage Uniform Mark and divide the same by total number of subjects to get aggregate percentage. For example, if aggregate percentage of Cambridge A Level Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry is required, add up Percentage Uniform Marks of these three Cambridge A Level subjects and divide by 3. If you took the staged assessment route (AS followed by A2), you should add up the Percentage Uniform Mark of A Levels and not AS Levels of the required subjects

Q17. Admission processes for higher studies gets completed in June every year. If results are published as late as August, admissions processes will be completed in India by then. It will be difficult for students to get admission in the same year. How can you help us?

Results of June exam series are released online in August each year. In previous years students have been considered for admission after the release of examination results as part of the third round of admissions in August subject to availability of seats. The March exam series is offered in India to include the most widely taken Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International AS & A Level subjects. Students who plan to apply to junior colleges and universities in India should sit their exams in March exam series where possible, or November exam series to ensure they receive their results in time to meet admissions deadlines. Details about March series <http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/cambridge-for/exams-officers/march-series/syllabuses/>

Q18. Are forecast grades same as predicted grades? I haven't received forecast grades. Whom should I approach?

Yes. Forecast grades are referred as predicted grades in India. Forecast grades are issued by schools based on examinations conducted and assessed by the school. Please contact your school for the same.

Q19. The university has refused to accept forecast grades for admission purposes. I need my final results to apply for admission. What should I do?

Please check if the university can offer provisional or conditional admission based on forecast grades. Provisional offers of admission are usually confirmed by universities on receipt of final results within a specified deadline. Where admission for a course is competitive and is based on a cut-off score, universities are unlikely to make a conditional offer based on forecast grades.

Q20. Is Cambridge International AS Level General English Paper accepted as equivalent to Class 12 English subject of Indian boards?

Yes. All Cambridge International AS Level English syllabuses are accepted in lieu of Class 12 English subject of Indian boards provided students enter for the same in Year 12 of their schooling.

Official Results Documents and other documents

Q21. Can Cambridge issue a provisional certificate to Cambridge International A Level students based on forecast grade sheet to enable students to apply to university in June?

It is not possible for Cambridge to produce a provisional certificate based on forecast grade sheet issued by a school. Cambridge results are released in January and August depending on the examination series. In India the results of the March examination series are released in May.

Q22. An Indian university has refused to accept provisional results issued by Cambridge and is insisting on final results. Can you send my final results immediately?

Provisional Results Information is released online and is accepted by universities for admission purposes. You may be required to get the Provisional Results Information attested by the school for Indian institutions to accept it. There is no change in the Statement of Results (transcript) unless a student decides to contest the same. The same is confirmed by the Certificate that is dispatched within eight weeks after provisional results are released online. Please request your school to provide a set of student support documents that you should attach with your application to Indian universities.

Q23. Our students take 2 Cambridge IGCSE subjects in November and a further Cambridge 3 IGCSEs in March. An Indian exam board requires all the results in one mark-sheet for admission purposes – is it possible for Cambridge to provide this?

Cambridge is not able to offer this service. Students will receive a Statement of Results for the subjects entered in a specific exam series, for example March 2018 exam series. However, schools may issue a Consolidated Mark Sheet on its letterhead if this is acceptable. If an institution/exam board requires all subjects to be taken in a single exam sitting, a student who has taken required number of Cambridge IGCSE subjects in more than one exam series will not be accepted.

Q24. Does Cambridge issue migration certificate to students? What is the process for getting the same?

If your school is located in India, you will receive a migration certificate automatically along with your Statement of Results after completion of Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International A & AS Level examinations. If your school is located outside India and you require a migration certificate for admission in India, you may request the Exam Officer at your school to send a request to info@cambridgeinternational.org detailing your centre number, candidate number and full name. We are unable to accept requests for migration certificates directly from students.

Acceptance and Recognition

Q25. How can I find out if the university I intend applying to for a bachelor's degree accepts Cambridge International A Level?

Cambridge International A Level is accepted by Indian universities to meet entry requirements. Please refer to the website of Association of Indian Universities here <https://aiu.ac.in/evaluation.php> for AIU's Advisory for Students and Equivalence of Degrees brochure for details. You may also check recognition statements issued by individual universities in our Recognition Database here <http://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/>

Q26. The college where I am seeking admission has said that they cannot consider my application as they do not recognize Cambridge AICE Diploma.

If you have taken AICE Diploma, you will be required to submit the A Level certificate and Statement of Results as part of your university application. The admissions office will need to confirm that you meet the required number of A Level subjects. AICE Diploma is not separately recognized in India as it may constitute of AS Levels only or less than two or three A Level subjects.

Common Entrance Exams in India

Q27. I am applying for JEE and will take Cambridge International A Level in June this year. Will you send my results to JEE?

Starting 2017, JEE (Mains) no longer requires candidate results from exam boards. Please note that if you enter for Cambridge International A Levels in June, your Cambridge A Level results will not be available by the deadline set by JEE. Kindly refer to the official website of JEE for deadlines.

Q28. Some common entrance exams in India for engineering degree courses require exam boards to send marks to them for preparing the merit list. Does Cambridge send marks to them?

We release results data to common entrance exam bodies in India who request the same. Keeping in mind data protection laws, we are unable to release results of students to exam bodies if the student has not signed a Consent Form. Please contact your school for further details.

Q29. The IITs require students to be in the top 20 percentile of the exam board cohort or secure at least 75% aggregate marks in class 12 equivalent board examination to be eligible for admission. Can Cambridge provide information showing the top 20 percentile of students?

Information related to results is provided to admission bodies upon their request. The 75% aggregate cut off in Cambridge International A Level is computed on the basis of the result documents submitted by the student directly to JEE (Advanced). Additionally at the time of admission, if an institution requires a letter from the exam board to verify the student's results, you may email Recognitions Manager South Asia for the same.

Q30. Does JEE accept IELTS/TOEFL in lieu of Cambridge International AS Level English for admission purposes? I plan to take IELTS for admission overseas if I don't get through JEE. But I don't want to study for both AS Level English and IELTS

JEE (Mains) require study of one language to meet eligibility requirements. This requirement can be met by studying any Cambridge International A Level language or any Cambridge International AS Level English Language subject. It does not accept IELTS/TOEFL in lieu of any language subject. Please check the bulletin available in the official website of JEE (Mains).

Q31. Does NEET-UG accept IELTS/TOEFL scores in lieu of Cambridge International AS Level English for admission purposes?

Students taking NEET-UG are required to pass any AS Level English Language syllabus to meet eligibility requirements as mandated by Medical Council of India. Students are advised to sit Cambridge International AS English in year 12 of their schooling. Medical Council of India does not accept IELTS/TOEFL scores in lieu of English language subject for study of medicine in India.

Q32. How do I calculate the aggregate percentage for NEET-UG eligibility?

To calculate aggregate percentage for NEET eligibility, you should add up the Percentage Uniform Mark of Cambridge International A Level in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Cambridge International AS Level English. If you took the staged assessment route for Cambridge A Level in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, you should sum up the Percentage Uniform Mark of Cambridge International A Level and not Cambridge International AS Levels of these required subjects.

Q33. I am required to enter separate marks for theory and practical in the admission form. Can Cambridge provide the same?

Cambridge does not issue separate results for theory and practical components of science subjects. The performance in practical component is built into the overall assessment of each science subject. Where the online form does not allow you to proceed further without entering separate marks for theory and practical, you may enter your Percentage Uniform Mark in a subject under both theory and practical.



Percentage Uniform Marks and Grades

The majority of students who take Cambridge examinations receive a percentage uniform mark (PUM) alongside grades for each subject on their Statement of Results. PUM corresponds to the grades available (A*, A, B, C, etc.) and give additional information about student performance. They show whether students are in the middle of a grade or near either the top or bottom. As its name suggests, the percentage uniform mark is always calculated out of 100.

Percentage uniform mark should be used by higher education institutions in India for admission purposes. Grades should not be converted to marks where percentage uniform marks are available.

For Cambridge students from countries (NOT INCLUDING INDIA) where percentage uniform marks are not issued, the midpoint of the range shown below should be used for admission purposes.

A Level Grade	PUM Range	AS Level Grade	PUM Range	IGCSE Grade	PUM Range	O Level Grade	PUM Range
A*	90-100	a	80-100	A*	90-100	A*	90-100
A	80-89	b	70-79	A	80-89	A	80-89
B	70-79	c	60-69	B	70-79	B	70-79
C	60-69	d	50-59	C	60-69	C	60-69
D	50-59	e	40-49	D	50-59	D	50-59
E	40-49			E	40-49	E	40-49
				F	30-39		
				G	20-29		

For example if a student has achieved the following grades but has not been issued with percentage uniform marks, the calculation would be:

A Level Physics	A*	=95
A Level Chemistry	A	=85
A Level Biology	B	=75
AS Level English Language	B	=75

Overall mark = 82.5% (330 divided by 4)

Appendix 2



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Sir/Madam,

This has reference to your letter of date seeking clarification on the parity of examinations conducted by Cambridge International Examinations.

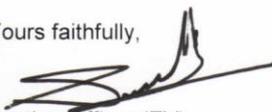
In this connection, this is to inform you that AIU has already accorded equivalence to GCE 'O' & 'A' Level Examinations in terms of the following:

1. Minimum five passes at IGCSE/GCSE/GCE "O" Level Examinations, including English, of the approved British Examining Bodies, has been equated with Grade 10 of an Indian Board.
2. Minimum 2/3 passes at GCE "Advanced" (A) Level Examination of the approved British Examining Bodies, has been equated with +2 stage qualifications of an Indian Board.
3. The subjectwise eligibility shall be decided by the Admission giving University as per their existing Rules & in case of Professional Examinations, as per the conditions laid down by the respective Councils.
4. Student intending to join Medical Programmes are required to have studied the subjects of English at 'AS' Level.

Students are requested to go through our Brochure on "Policies & Procedures for Equivalence of Qualifications/Degrees amended up till 30th June, 2016 and also the **Student Advisory**.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


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