



Cambridge Assessment  
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qualifications to study  
in Pakistan

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## About us

Cambridge Assessment International Education prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of the University of Cambridge.

Our Cambridge Pathway gives students a clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19. Schools can shape the curriculum around how they want students to learn – with a wide range of subjects and flexible ways to offer them. It helps students discover new abilities and a wider world, and gives them the transferable skills they need for life, so they can achieve at school, university and work.

# Making the right choice

Cambridge International qualifications are a passport to success – in education, university and work. Cambridge International education is designed for international students. Content is multicultural and a wide range of subjects are available – including many country-specific courses.

Choosing a course of study is one of the most important decisions a student will make. It is essential to check that qualifications are widely accepted and valued by further education institutes, universities and employers. Choosing Cambridge international qualifications opens up a world of opportunity – helping you get a place at your chosen university, or proving your achievements to your future employer.

## Recognition in Pakistan

Universities in countries around the world, including Pakistan, recognise and welcome Cambridge qualifications. The government of Pakistan recognises Cambridge qualifications and provides equivalence to the local system of education in order to ensure smooth progression for students who choose to pursue their education in Pakistan.

The government body responsible for issuing equivalence conversion is the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC). Cambridge O Levels and Cambridge IGCSE® qualifications are equated to the local Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Cambridge International A Levels to the Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC).

To qualify for equivalence at the HSSC level, IBCC has published a list of compulsory and elective subjects that must be studied at Cambridge O Level, Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International A Level. You will find this at [www.ibcc.edu.pk](http://www.ibcc.edu.pk)



## Awarding grades in the June 2020 exam series

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Cambridge International did not hold exams anywhere in the world in June 2020. Instead, we developed an alternative process for calculating results and awarding grades. Universities across Pakistan and the IBCC treated results in the same manner as those from other series. Always check the IBCC website for updates on equivalence: [www.ibcc.edu.pk](http://www.ibcc.edu.pk)

# IBCC requirements for Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O Level and Cambridge International A Level

## Cambridge IGCSE and O Level

Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge O Level are considered by IBCC to be equivalent to the Secondary School Certificate (SSC), as long as students meet the following requirements: students need to pass eight subjects including English, Urdu, Islamiyat, Pakistan Studies, Mathematics and three electives.

To qualify for the Science Group it is necessary to pass Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Computer Science/ Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Students who do not qualify for the Science Group will be placed in the Arts Group.

Students with a qualification in Computer Science or ICT in place of Biology at the Cambridge O Level stage will be granted SSC Science Group equivalence but will not be granted equivalence to HSSC (Pre-Medical Group), even if Physics, Chemistry and Biology subjects are passed at the Cambridge International A Level stage.



## Cambridge International A Level

Cambridge International A Levels are considered equivalent to the Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), subject to meeting the specified requirements for various groups:

### Pre-Medical Group:

Eight Cambridge O Level subjects (including English, Urdu, Islamiyat, Pakistan Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology) and three Cambridge International A Levels (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) with minimum E grade.

### Pre-Engineering Group:

Eight Cambridge O Level subjects (including English, Urdu, Islamiyat, Pakistan Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology or Computer Science or ICT) and three Cambridge International A Level subjects (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) with minimum E grade.

### General Science Group:

Eight Cambridge O Level subjects and three Cambridge International A Level subjects are required to qualify for the General Science Group. Students belonging to the General Science Group are not eligible for admission into engineering or medical colleges.

### Humanities Group:

Eight Cambridge O Level subjects including English and Mathematics with three Cambridge International A Level subjects. Students belonging to the Humanities Group are not eligible for admission into engineering or medical colleges.



### Important information

Always check the IBCC website for updates on equivalence: [www.ibcc.edu.pk](http://www.ibcc.edu.pk)

# Conversion of grades

The following table provides marks that are awarded by IBCC against grades received for Cambridge qualifications.

Grade	IBCC mark	Grade	IBCC mark
A*	90+**	D	55
A	85	E	45
B	75	F	NA <sup>1</sup>
C	65	G	NA <sup>1</sup>

\*\* From 2021 exam series onwards

<sup>1</sup> Not applicable for IBCC equivalence

Equivalence for A\* has been revised to 90+ for all those who sat exams in 2021 and onwards. The equivalence marks for A\* will change every year for each subject as advised by IBCC but will always remain 90+.

For more details on conversion, please visit

<https://ibcc.edu.pk/conversion-for-equivalence>

## Cambridge O Level and Cambridge IGCSE conversion

In order to explain the grade conversion, a worked example of equivalence is presented below.

Subject	Grade	IBCC mark
English Language	A*	93
Urdu	A	85
Islamiyat	B	75
Pakistan Studies	B	75
Physics	A	85
Chemistry	A	85
Biology	C	65
Mathematics	D	55
<b>Total</b>		<b>618</b>

A\* marks are from the IBCC marks awarded for this subject in 2021. These marks are subject to change every year. Please visit <https://ibcc.edu.pk/conversion-for-equivalence> for more details.

If a candidate receives the above grades, they are converted into the marks awarded by IBCC. Since the total marks received are out of 800, these need to be equated with the Pakistani scheme of studies which awards marks out of 900.

The following formula is used to equate the marks a candidate receives as per the Pakistani scheme of studies:

Total marks x 900/800

618 x 900/800 = 695.25

## Cambridge International A Level conversion

In order to convert Cambridge International A Level, marks from both Cambridge O Level/Cambridge IGCSE (eight subjects) and Cambridge International A Level (three subjects) are taken into account.

GCE O Level subject	Grade	IBCC mark
English Language	A*	93
Urdu	A	85
Islamiyat	B	75
Pakistan Studies	B	75
Physics	A*	94
Chemistry	B	75
Biology	A	85
Mathematics	B	75
<b>Total</b>		<b>657</b>

A\* marks are from the IBCC marks awarded for these subjects in 2021. These marks are subject to change every year. Please visit

<https://ibcc.edu.pk/conversion-for-equivalence> for more details.

GCE A Level subject	Grade	IBCC mark
Physics	A	85
Chemistry	A*	94
Biology or Mathematics	B	75
<b>Total</b>		<b>254</b>

A\* marks are from the IBCC marks awarded for this subject in 2021. These marks are subject to change every year. Please visit <https://ibcc.edu.pk/conversion-for-equivalence> for more details.

Assuming a candidate receives the above grades, they are converted as per the marks awarded by IBCC. Since the total marks received are out of 1100, these do not need to be equated with the Pakistani scheme of studies, which also awards marks out of 1100.

The following formula is used:

Total marks x 1100/1100

(657+254) x 1100/1100 = 911

## What happens when I receive my exam results?

It is important to check with your chosen university what information they will need to confirm your enrolment. Admission to Pakistan universities is conditional on completing your high school studies, so universities will need proof of your achievement in your Cambridge International AS & A Levels. Some universities may accept this electronically, while others may need a certified copy. Universities may also need proof of your language ability, in either Urdu or English, so it is important that this certification is also included. We also offer a priority results service, allowing educational institutions to receive your provisional statement of results directly on results release day. For more information on this service, visit

[www.cambridgeinternational.org/exam-administration/cambridge-exams-officers-guide/phase-6-results-and-certificates](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/exam-administration/cambridge-exams-officers-guide/phase-6-results-and-certificates)



# Student success stories

## Gateway to success in higher education



**Hassaan Idrees** studied Cambridge O Levels and Cambridge International AS & A Levels at the Beaconhouse School in Karachi. He graduated from NUST with a degree in Electrical Engineering and then gained a Fulbright Scholarship to study at Arizona State University in the US. He went on to become an electrical engineering consultant based in Denver, Colorado.



“ Cambridge International qualifications allowed me to pass my undergraduate admissions test with ease, to pick up mathematical concepts faster than my peers, and successfully apply my knowledge to new contexts. The subject knowledge gained during my Cambridge International A Levels has also proved invaluable, as has the Cambridge method of breaking down complex concepts in order to understand them. I am always keen to encourage younger students to pursue engineering as a career, and I am happy to recommend Cambridge International qualifications. In STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Cambridge International learning outcomes, meticulously detailed in every syllabus, enable students to excel. You are encouraged to go beyond textbook concepts, think in multiple ways, and visualise new scenarios. While teachers and textbooks remain essential, Cambridge International qualifications also encourage critical thinking, experimentation and exploration – all of which will help a student in their future studies and career. ”

**Shahzaib Ali** was accepted to Lahore University of Management Sciences, to study Computer Science, after completing his Cambridge International A Levels at Lahore College of Arts and Sciences, Lahore.

“ I chose to study Cambridge International qualifications primarily because they were internationally recognised, and also because they enabled me to gain an education which used English as the main means of communication. Through my Cambridge studies I developed an ability to understand the concept behind a particular theory or phenomenon instead of just memorising it. As a result, I would recommend Cambridge International qualifications to students hoping to go to university in Pakistan. ”

**Samar Mahmood** completed her Cambridge International A Levels at The Lyceum School in Karachi before going on to study Medicine at the Dow University of Health Sciences in Karachi.

“ I chose Cambridge International qualifications because my parents and I knew it was the best education programme in Pakistan – all Pakistan universities know that Cambridge International graduates are extremely hardworking, competent, have excellent conversational and writing skills and add value to wherever they are admitted. Cambridge International programmes also enable and empower you as an individual so you are ready to meet the challenge of any university course, no matter where you go. My Cambridge International A Level studies have given me an extremely sound academic foundation, and helped me develop an analytical mindset. I am now used to concept-based knowledge and thinking creatively, which was of immense help in my undergraduate medical studies. ”



**Muhammad Umair Bin Sohail** took Cambridge International A Levels at the Defence Authority Public School in Karachi. He studied for a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electronics at the NED University of Engineering and Technology (NEDUET), also in Karachi.



“ Cambridge International is considered the finest exam board in our country, and its method of assessment is far superior to any others I have seen. Cambridge allowed me to develop a mindset that helps me think 'outside the box', and the exams take a broad approach to a specific subject. I would highly recommend Cambridge International qualifications to anyone who wants to accelerate their career. ”

**Dr Muqadus Tabraze** studied Cambridge International A Levels at The Lyceum School in Karachi. He went on to study Medicine at the Dow University of Health Sciences in Karachi.

“ I wholeheartedly recommend Cambridge International qualifications for all students, whether you are planning to continue your studies abroad or in Pakistan. Cambridge International is widely considered to be a global benchmark for excellent education and I have found that all universities recognise and value its credentials and reputation. The field of medicine is very logical and a great deal of information can be derived from the simplest symptom. My Cambridge International studies improved my critical thinking, deductive reasoning and understanding of course material, helping guide me to success in my medical education. Cambridge International also stressed the importance of strong interpersonal and communication skills, and I now find that my ability to communicate with patients helps me to guide their therapy and to form empathetic relationships with them, vital for any physician. ”



**Hafsa Ashfaque** completed her Cambridge International A Levels at Cedar College in Karachi before studying a Bachelor's degree in Communication Design at the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, also in Karachi

“ It's well known that Cambridge International qualifications are the best of the best, but one of the main reasons why I chose Cambridge was because it encourages students to learn and gain knowledge and then understand and assess that knowledge, instead of just rote learning academic material. I definitely encourage students planning to study at art school to consider Cambridge O Level and International A Level Art because these qualifications help to build a foundation in the subject beforehand. ”



**Mahad Imran** studied Cambridge O Levels and Cambridge International A Levels at Sadiq Public School in Bahawalpur. He went on to study for a degree in Geoinformatics Engineering at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) in Islamabad.

“ Cambridge International A Level courses are very good as they train your mind to think out of the box, and you build skills as well as gain knowledge. I was offered a place by all four top universities in Pakistan and in every admissions test both the subject knowledge and skills I gained during my Cambridge studies proved very useful. I firmly believe that as a Cambridge alumnus I feel much more confident and ambitious than many of my peers. I highly recommend Cambridge qualifications to everyone. Although the transition from high school to university isn't easy, I think I have an edge over students from other schools. I find it easier to use my subject knowledge and apply it practically, and I feel more confident sharing my ideas and opinions in class. ”



**Sohnal Rameez** studied for her Cambridge International A Levels at Nixor College in Karachi. She went on to study at the Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology in Swabi.

“ Cambridge International education doesn't just focus on the syllabus but also prepares students for their professional lives. Cambridge International qualifications are also recognised and valued by universities in Pakistan – they certainly helped my university application and also helped me gain my final year internship. Cambridge International A Level practical examinations were also really helpful to me at university. When I studied in the laboratory, I was better able to identify processes and results, having already performed experiments at school. My Cambridge International qualifications also really helped me to think analytically and approach problems with an open mindset, so rather than learning solutions off by heart I could also solve problems with logic. I would absolutely recommend Cambridge International qualifications to any student preparing to go to university in Pakistan or overseas – they can really be a gateway to a successful academic career. ”



# Medical and engineering education in Pakistan

The Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) and Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) broadly regulate admissions to medical and engineering universities nationwide. A brief overview of their requirements is provided below:

## Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC)

### Entry requirements

PMC sets the basic requirements for entry into medical colleges. These are as follows:

- 40 per cent weighting is given to HSSC or Cambridge International A Level and 10 per cent to SSC or Cambridge IGCSE or O Level, evidence of which is through the IBCC equivalence certificate. The candidates are required to obtain at least 65 per cent or more marks in the exam to be eligible for admission.
- 50 per cent weighting is given to the results of the Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) held by PMC. The passing marks for the entrance test are 65 per cent.
- Provincial bodies and private medical colleges then set the criteria for their own test and exams, using the above guidelines. Therefore, it is important to check the entrance requirement of each university.

For more details visit [www.pmc.org.pk](http://www.pmc.org.pk)

Message from the Registrar, PMC

“ We find Cambridge-qualified students do really well in medicine; they have all the desired skills and knowledge to take up higher education in medicine and we would like to encourage Cambridge-qualified students to join Pakistani medical colleges. ”

## Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)

PEC sets the basic requirements for engineering education in Pakistan. Students must pass Cambridge O Level or IGCSE and Cambridge International A Level exams in qualifying subjects, which also includes Chemistry. In addition, they must pass an entrance test conducted by the respective institution or university with minimum 60 per cent overall marks (IGCSE/O Level, A Level and entrance exam combined).

For more details visit [www.pec.org.pk](http://www.pec.org.pk)

Message from the Registrar, PEC

“ PEC maintains quality of engineering education as per international standards to enable Pakistani graduates to compete internationally. Cambridge O/A Level students are highly acceptable according to engineering education standards set by PEC and PEC acknowledges that Cambridge O/A Level students perform better in universities. ”

# University recognition in Pakistan

Many different universities in Pakistan recognise Cambridge qualifications. Examples of recognition from some well-known Pakistani institutions are on the following pages. However, it is absolutely essential to check information on admission criteria with the admissions office of the university you wish to apply to, as requirements can change.

## Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology (GIKI)

### Entry requirements

Admission and allocation to different faculties are based on performance in the admission test and the different preferences of individual applicants.

However, the minimum requirements to be eligible for admission are three Cambridge International A Levels (Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry with Grade D or higher in Mathematics and Physics) and seven Cambridge O Levels.

Students having studied Computing instead of Chemistry at A Level can apply only for Computer Engineering and Computer Science. Students awaiting their exam results can apply but confirmation of admission will be subject to them fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

For more details visit [www.giki.edu.pk](http://www.giki.edu.pk)

### Message from the Rector, GIKI

“ It is gratifying to note that many students opt for careers in engineering after qualifying in the Cambridge examination system. Most students who come through the Cambridge system cope well with the rigours of university education: the Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology welcomes them. ”



# National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST)

## Entry requirements

**Engineering:** A minimum of 60 per cent marks is required in Cambridge IGCSE or O Level and Cambridge International A Level, equivalence to be obtained from IBCC. For Engineering, O Level equivalence of Science Group and A Level equivalence of Pre-Engineering group is required, including Maths, Physics and Chemistry as mandatory subjects. For Software Engineering, O Level equivalence of Science Group and A Level equivalence of Pre-Engineering Group or Computer Science Group is required, including Maths, Physics, Chemistry or Computer Science or Computer Studies as mandatory subjects.

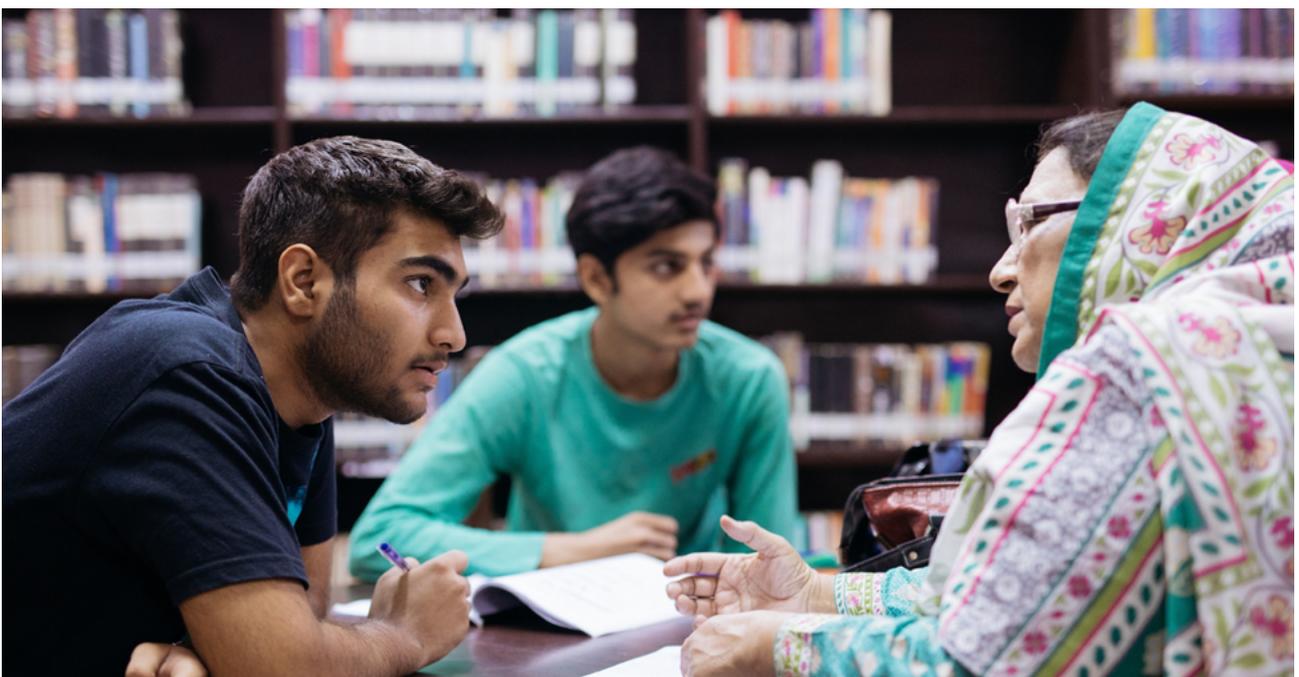
**Medicine:** Cambridge International A Levels in Pre-Medical subjects according to IBCC requirements are needed.

In order to encourage candidates from Cambridge schools, NUST has reserved a few seats in Engineering, IT, Medicine, Management, Social Sciences and Applied Biosciences for admission through SAT tests. Pakistani candidates of both A Level and local streams can take this option and compete for the reserved seats. A minimum score of 550 is required in each subject to apply for a medical programme.

For more details visit [www.nust.edu.pk](http://www.nust.edu.pk)

Message from the Registrar, NUST

“ A significant percentage of students at NUST belong to the Cambridge O Level and Cambridge International A Level stream, and I must acknowledge that, even within the competitive climate at NUST, their performance is quite outstanding. Therefore, I would encourage Cambridge-qualified students to join NUST in disciplines of their interest. ”



### King Edward Medical University

#### Entry requirements

A student needs to obtain an equivalence certificate from IBCC, scoring 65 per cent or more marks. This makes the student eligible to sit for the National MDCAT, which is written and administered by the Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC). The weighting of entry test results and marks is determined by PMC. After combining the results of the two components a merit list is formed for all medical colleges, and students are allocated to colleges according to their ratings.

For more details please visit [www.kemu.edu.pk](http://www.kemu.edu.pk)

Message from the Vice Chancellor, King Edward Medical University

“ As the oldest and most prestigious medical institution in this part of the world we welcome over 300 new medical students each year to our fold. Students who join the university after completing their Cambridge International A Levels generally do very well; they are more inquisitive, expressive and understand new approaches readily. We train these brilliant young minds to keep pace with rapid changes in medicine, allowing them to be leaders in their fields. ”

### Institute of Business Administration, Karachi (IBA)

#### Entry requirements

The minimum eligibility criteria require three principal subjects at Cambridge International A Level with at least two passes at Grade B and one at Grade C. There should be no grade less than a C across the three principal subjects.

Please note: No credit is applicable for any subsidiary, general, or advanced supplementary papers.

For programme-specific requirements and details please visit [www.iba.edu.pk](http://www.iba.edu.pk)

#### Feedback on Cambridge students

Staff at IBA tell us:

“Students who go through the Cambridge system, especially those who study subjects related to the disciplines they plan to study at IBA, do remarkably well here. Successful completion of the examinations requires a level of critical and creative reasoning well beyond what conventional systems of education in Pakistan provide.

In addition to these abilities, students who perform well in their Cambridge International A Level examinations also demonstrate better-than-average written and spoken communication skills, have self-confidence, and are innately curious about the world.”

## Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

### Entry requirements

The minimum eligibility criteria are as follows:

- A minimum of eight Cambridge IGCSE or O Level subjects.
- A minimum of three Cambridge International A Level subjects with at least two passes at Grade B and one at Grade C. Students who do not have their A Level results at the time of applying are made an admission offer conditional on them meeting these minimum eligibility criteria.

The admission merit list takes into account the subject grades or scores received in Cambridge IGCSEs or O Levels and Cambridge International A Levels, and the scores on the LUMS admission test. The weighting assigned to school exam results and the admission tests varies from school to school.

Students seeking admission to LUMS are usually required to work on their academic scores along with preparation for the LUMS admission test, which is based on the SAT format.

For more details please visit [www.lums.edu.pk](http://www.lums.edu.pk)



### Feedback on Cambridge students

Staff at LUMS tell us the following:

“Cambridge-qualified students usually perform well at LUMS, especially in terms of spontaneity required and academic skills in areas such as reading, writing and analytical skills.

Applicants should be skilled in terms of communication, both verbal and written, presentation and analysis. Students admitted from the Cambridge stream usually tend to have an expertise and proficiency in these areas.”

Message from the Vice Chancellor, LUMS

“ The start of an undergraduate study programme at a university is a big challenge for many students. Students need to be fully equipped with logical and analytical thinking capabilities in order to make the jump from school to university life. Cambridge-qualified students usually perform well at LUMS, especially in the areas of reading, writing and presenting. The Cambridge broad-based course structure prepares students for upcoming challenges. A wide variety of subjects gives students the freedom of choice and also complements the model of LUMS undergraduate studies. ”

### National College of Arts (NCA)

#### Entry requirements

Students need to have taken a minimum of three Cambridge International A Levels and eight Cambridge O Levels in subjects which satisfy IBCC requirements. Except for Architecture, where Mathematics is a pre-requisite, they could have studied any subject combination.

If students meet the entry threshold criteria, they will have to sit for an entrance test. Offers are based on their performance in the entrance exam.

For more details visit [www.nca.edu.pk](http://www.nca.edu.pk)

#### Feedback on Cambridge students

##### Staff at NCA say:

"Cambridge students are determined students with worthy creativeness and communication skills. Students with a Cambridge International A Level in Media Studies are very well primed for undergraduate courses in film, television and media studies."



#### Message from the Principal, NCA

“ NCA has become a leader in educating artists, designers, architects – by fostering a community of talented, creative individuals committed to redefining the boundaries of art and design and to expanding their own vision and perspective through rigorous study. We teach our students to reject nothing, to examine everything; we teach them how to think but never what to think. NCA welcomes students with imagination, ambition and self-compassion, and who have devotion to work. ”

## Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture, Karachi

### Entry requirements

The minimum eligibility requirement is an Intermediate certificate with minimum Grade C or Cambridge International A Level with a minimum of D in any two subjects other than General Paper. Admission to the Indus Valley School is granted strictly on merit. A student's final selection is a three-tier process comprising of an aptitude test, an interview process and on meeting the basic eligibility criteria at intermediate level or Cambridge O Level and Cambridge International A Level.

Outstanding performance in sports and other co-curricular activities, record of community participation and involvement in activities related to the applicant's chosen profession are also taken into consideration.

The admission panel bases its decision on a careful review of all the credentials submitted by the applicant, appropriate to the requirements of the student's chosen programme.

For more details visit [www.indusvalley.edu.pk](http://www.indusvalley.edu.pk)

### Feedback on Cambridge students

Staff at Indus Valley School tell us:

"Students from the Cambridge O Level and Cambridge International A Level stream seem good both in verbal and imaginative communication, and therefore their ability to grasp concepts helps them to evolve their imaginative thinking quickly, which is essentially important for art education."

Message from the Executive Director, Indus Valley School

“ Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture seeks to enrol motivated and talented students from diverse backgrounds. Students coming to IVS should reflect inquisitiveness and creative concept sensibility in art and design with capability to think critically and analyse problems logically before finding solutions. ”

## Beaconhouse National University

### Entry requirements

#### BA/BSc (Hons) programmes

To be eligible for admission to undergraduate programmes, the following requirements have to be satisfied:

Cambridge O Level (in at least eight subjects) and three Cambridge International A Levels. Advanced Subsidiary (AS Level) will not be taken into account.

For more details visit [www.bnu.edu.pk](http://www.bnu.edu.pk)

Message from the Vice Chancellor, Beaconhouse National University

“ According to Beaconhouse National University's admission criteria, Cambridge qualifications are accepted and it has been observed that the majority of students with Cambridge qualifications apply to Beaconhouse National University and perform well due to their good verbal, written and analytical skills. ”

### University of Health Sciences

#### Entry requirements

A student needs to obtain an equivalence certificate from IBCC, scoring 65 per cent or more marks. This makes the student eligible to sit for the National MDCAT, which is written and administered by the Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC). The weighting of entry test results and marks is determined by PMC. After combining the results of the two components a merit list is formed for all medical colleges, and students are allocated to colleges according to their ratings.

For more details, visit [www.uhs.edu.pk](http://www.uhs.edu.pk)

Message from the Vice Chancellor, University of Health Sciences

“ Although the perception is that the students from the O Level and A Level systems are at a disadvantage taking admission in a state-owned medical college, I don't agree with that. They are generally more innovative, creative, interactive and provocative. I know of hundreds of children from this stream of education who got into the top medical schools in Pakistan and abroad, and now they are super-excellent doctors. ”

### Dow University of Health Sciences

#### Entry requirements

A student needs to obtain an equivalence certificate from IBCC, scoring 65 per cent or more marks. This makes the student eligible to sit for the National MDCAT, which is written and administered by the Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC). The weighting of

entry test results and marks is determined by PMC. After combining the results of the two components a merit list is formed for all medical colleges, and students are allocated to colleges according to their ratings.

For more details, visit [www.duhs.edu.pk](http://www.duhs.edu.pk)

Message from the Vice Chancellor, Dow University of Health Sciences

“ Those who have done Cambridge International A Levels are better at critical thinking and critical decision making. They are better with their communication skills, and their written skills, especially in English. Admissions are fairly standardized out here and they are based both on your exam results, and then we have a test of knowledge. And I don't see any of the A Level students facing any disadvantage in getting admission or graduating out from this college. ”

## University of London International Programmes

The University of London International Programmes enable students to study for a University of London qualification in Pakistan. Students can choose to study for the qualifications at a local independent teaching institution, or by distance learning.

### Entry requirements

Three Cambridge O Level/Cambridge IGCSE passes at Grade C or above in non-overlapping subjects plus two further Cambridge International A Level passes at Grade E or above in non-overlapping subjects. These satisfy the general entrance requirements as a whole.

Please note that, where applicable, programme-specific requirements also have to be met. Qualifications that satisfy the general entrance requirements do not necessarily satisfy the specific programme requirements.

For more details, visit [www.londoninternational.ac.uk](http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk)

Institutions that are recognised by University of London to conduct International Programmes

Institute	City
Beaconhouse International College	Islamabad & Faisalabad
Denning Business School	Karachi
The Institute of Legal Studies (TILS)	Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Lahore & Multan
Blackstone School of Law & Business	Lahore
Management Development Institute (MDI)	Islamabad
LGS International Degree Programme	Islamabad
UCL Business School	Multan
Bay View College	Karachi
Islamabad School of Law	Islamabad
School of International Law	Islamabad
The Millennium Universal College TMUC	Islamabad, Lahore & Karachi
Pakistan College of Law	Lahore
Metropolitan International United College	Islamabad
Roots College International IVY Campus	Islamabad
Universal College Lahore	Lahore
College of Accounting and Management Sciences (CAMS)	Karachi
University College of Islamabad	Islamabad



### More information

UK NARIC\* completed an independent benchmarking study to compare Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International AS & A Levels to the UK education system. The study found them to be globally relevant and robust qualifications, closely comparable to UK national secondary qualifications, with Cambridge IGCSE comparable to GCSE A\*–G; Cambridge International AS Level comparable to GCE AS Level (A–E) and Cambridge International A Level comparable to GCE A Level (A\*–E).

\*Due to the United Kingdom leaving the European Union, the UK NARIC national recognition agency function was re-titled as UK ENIC on 1 March 2021, operated and managed by Ecctis Limited. From 1 March 2021, international benchmarking findings are published under the Ecctis name.

# Learn more

## Recognition database

Our recognition database shows all the institutions worldwide that have given formal written acceptance of Cambridge qualifications. It is regularly updated with new recognition statements, allowing students to see where their Cambridge qualifications are accepted. You can search for a particular university to check their entry criteria for Cambridge students.

For the latest information, or to search for your chosen institution, go to our website recognition page at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch)

Entry requirements in Pakistan are unique and we are keen to support our students who wish to apply to higher education institutions in Pakistan.

## Online help

You can find answers to frequently asked questions about Cambridge International exams and services at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/help](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/help)

Simply type your question into the search box, or use the menu to guide you.

## Customer Services

You can email us at [info@cambridgeinternational.org](mailto:info@cambridgeinternational.org) or call us on +44 1223 553554.

We are available 24 hours a day, 6 days a week.

### Recognition Search

**Welcome to the recognition search page**

Our recognition database is an online directory of worldwide organisations which have specifically provided us with formal written acceptance of Cambridge qualifications. Although the database is updated regularly, this is not an exhaustive list.

There are many organisations not listed here which do accept Cambridge qualifications. The database is correct according to the information provided to us; however, we recommend checking with organisations directly for the most up-to-date information as regards entry requirements since these requirements are subject to change.

If you would like to see information about your organisation included in our recognition search results, please [register your recognition details](#).

Please note: We changed our name from Cambridge International Examinations to Cambridge Assessment International Education in September 2017. Recognition statements that refer to Cambridge International Examinations are valid for Cambridge Assessment International Education.

Please enter your search criteria below.

**Location:**

Select a location

**Organisation**

Organisation Name

Organisation type

Select all organisation types

Universities and colleges

Government/ ministries

Professional associations

Companies

Cambridge IGCSE and O Level

Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge AICE

Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications (Cambridge PDQs)

Cambridge Global Perspectives

Cambridge Pre-U

Withdrawn qualifications

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