



## 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. What is the process for getting an equivalence certificate?

You can apply to the University Grants Commission online at <https://equivalence.ugc.ac.in/>. Most Indian institutions, including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), do not require an equivalence certificate if you have taken exams in India.

#### Q02. Can an equivalence certificate confirm my admission to any university?

No. An equivalence certificate confirms that your Cambridge International A Level qualification is equivalent to the 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.

#### Q03. 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 issues certificates to students migrating from other boards. Please contact the admitting university directly. Some state-funded universities may require you to apply for an eligibility certificate from the state's higher secondary or pre-university exam board.

#### Q04. Is Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language accepted in India?

Yes. Cambridge IGCSE First Language English, Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language and Cambridge O Level English Language are accepted in India.

### Cambridge IGCSE / Cambridge O Level

#### Q05. How do I convert Cambridge IGCSE grades to marks?

If you took Cambridge IGCSEs in India in November 2010 or later, your statement of results will include percentage uniform marks. These can be used for admission purposes. If your statement of results has percentage uniform marks alongside your grades, you will not need to convert your grades to marks. Otherwise, use **Appendix 1** to convert your grades.



**Q06. I need a school transfer certificate for admission to a school affiliated to an Indian exam board. I have studied up to Standard 8 in a Cambridge school and am seeking admission to the next standard. Who should I contact about this?**

You should contact your Cambridge school.

**Q07. What is the process to get a school transfer certificate verified by the local district education office? I am applying to a school in the UAE and the consulate requires this verification.**

Please contact your school in India. They should contact the local district education office and provide the necessary school records for the verification.

**Q08. I took Cambridge IGCSEs and now wish to move to a school that follows a national curriculum. What supporting documents should be provided to the admitting school?**

All Indian exam boards have their own byelaws for admission. Please refer to the website of the exam board that you wish to join. In addition to your Cambridge IGCSE statement of results, certificate and migration certificate, your school should provide a school leaving certificate that certifies the duration of your schooling. You may also provide a copy of **Appendix 2**.

**Q9. Do Indian schools following a local curriculum consider Cambridge IGCSE Physics, Chemistry and Biology as a single subject?**

The three separate sciences offered at Cambridge IGCSE are treated as three valid subjects. Coordinated Science is accepted as two valid subjects.

**Q10. Will Cambridge IGCSE Grades F and G be accepted for admission to Standard 11 of any Indian exam board?**

If you have Grades F and G, you will need to refer to the percentage uniform marks achieved in five Cambridge IGCSE subjects including English Language. Where the admitting exam board has pass marks at 33 out of 100 in each subject, percentage uniform marks below these will not be accepted. You should check the pass marks of the admitting exam board.

**Q11. The statement of results for a Cambridge IGCSE does not mention the word 'Pass', and Cambridge does not issue a separate Pass certificate. However, Indian institutions want to see the word 'Pass' or 'Promoted' on the certificate. What document can I provide?**

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 the minimum grade has not been achieved. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) recognises passes in five Cambridge IGCSE / Cambridge O Level subjects including English Language as equivalent to Standard 10. Cambridge IGCSE has passing grades from A\* to G. You may provide a copy of **Appendix 2**.

**Q12. 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 a 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 it by the total number of subjects to get an aggregate percentage.

## Cambridge International AS & A Level

### **Q13. Do Indian universities convert Cambridge International 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. As students in India receive percentage uniform marks for each subject, grades do not need to be converted. You can find percentage uniform marks alongside grades on your statement of results.

### **Q14. My Cambridge International A Level statement of results mentions grades and not marks. Indian colleges require marks to be added to the application form for undergraduate admission. Can you provide my marks?**

If your statement of results does not mention percentage uniform marks, we will not be able to provide these. Before the November 2010 exam series, students in India were only awarded grades, and this is the case in several countries. Use the Cambridge grade conversion guide in **Appendix 1** to convert your grades to percentage marks.

### **Q15. How do I work out an aggregate percentage for Cambridge International A Level grades? I am applying for undergraduate studies in India and I need to enter aggregate percentages in the application form.**

Your statement of results will include percentage uniform marks next to the grade for each Cambridge International AS & A Level subject. For Indian institutions, you need to add up the percentage uniform marks and divide the total by the number of subjects to get an aggregate percentage. For example, if you need an aggregate percentage for Cambridge International A Level Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, add up the percentage uniform marks for these subjects and divide by three. If you took the staged assessment route (AS followed by A2), add up the percentage uniform marks for the A Levels and not the AS Levels.

### **Q16. The admissions process for higher studies ends in June every year. If results are published in August, it will be difficult for students to be considered for admission in the same year. How can you help us?**

Results for the June exam series are released online in August every year. In previous years students have been considered for admission after the release of exam results as part of the third round of admissions in August, if places are available. 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 the March series where possible, or the November series, to make sure they receive their results in time to meet admissions deadlines.

### **Q17. Are forecast grades the same as predicted grades? I have not received forecast grades.**



Yes, forecast grades are referred to as predicted grades in India. Your school issues forecast grades based on the exams you have taken. Please speak to your school about this.

**Q18. A university is not accepting forecast grades for admission purposes. I need my final results to apply. What should I do?**

Please check if the university can offer conditional admission based on forecast grades. Universities confirm conditional offers when they receive final results by a specified deadline. Where admission for a course is competitive and is based on cut-off marks, universities are unlikely to make conditional offers.

**Q19. Is Cambridge International AS Level General English accepted as equivalent to the Class 12 English subject of Indian boards?**

Yes. All Cambridge International AS Level English syllabuses are accepted as equivalent to the Class 12 English subject of Indian boards, provided students enter for this in Year 12.

## Official results documents and other documents

**Q20. Can Cambridge issue a provisional certificate for my Cambridge International A Levels based on forecast grades, to allow me to apply to university in June?**

We cannot produce a provisional certificate based on the forecast grades issued by your school. Cambridge results are released in January and August, depending on the exam series. In India the results of the March exam series are released in May.

**Q21. I will take two Cambridge IGCSEs in November and three Cambridge IGCSEs in March. An Indian exam board requires all the results in one mark-sheet for admission purposes. Can Cambridge provide this?**

We do not offer this service. You will receive a statement of results for the subjects you have entered in a specific exam series, for example March 2026. However, your school can issue a consolidated mark sheet on their official letterhead if this is acceptable. If an institution / exam board requires all subjects to be taken in a single exam series, they will not accept you if you have taken the required number of Cambridge IGCSE subjects in more than one exam series.

**Q22. Does Cambridge issue migration certificates to students? What is the process for getting these?**

If your school is located in India, you will automatically receive a migration certificate with your statement of results for Cambridge IGCSEs and Cambridge International AS & A Levels. If your school is located outside India please ask the exams officer at your school to contact [info@cambridgeinternational.org](mailto:info@cambridgeinternational.org), giving your centre number, candidate number and full name. We cannot accept requests for migration certificates directly from students.

## Acceptance and recognition

### **Q23. How can I find out if the university I want to apply to accepts Cambridge International A Levels?**

Indian universities accept Cambridge International A Levels to meet entry requirements. Please check the eligibility section on the admissions webpage of the relevant university. Public universities typically mention 'any 10+2 equivalent qualification', while most private universities specifically mention Cambridge International A Level, Cambridge Board, IGCSE board, etc. You can also check recognition policies in our recognition database: <http://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/>

### **Q24. A university admission form does not list Cambridge Board in the dropdown for Qualifying Exam Board. How can I complete the form?**

Where Cambridge is not listed in the dropdown for Qualifying Exam Board / Grade 12 Exam Board, select 'Other Boards' or 'International Boards'.

### **Q25. The college I am applying to has said that they cannot consider my application as they do not recognise the Cambridge AICE Diploma. What should I do?**

If you have the Cambridge AICE Diploma, you will need to submit your Cambridge International 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. The Cambridge AICE Diploma is not separately recognised in India as it may be comprised of Cambridge International AS Levels only, or fewer than two or three Cambridge International A Level subjects.

## Common entrance exams in India

### **Q26. The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) require students to be in the top 20 percentile of the exam board cohort. Or, students must secure at least 75% aggregate marks in Class 12 equivalent board exams to be eligible for admission. Can Cambridge provide information showing the top 20 percentile of students?**

The 75% aggregate cut-off figure in Cambridge International A Levels is based on the results documents that students submit to IITs. Cambridge does not publish or provide information on the top 20 percentile of the cohort.

### **Q27. 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 do not get through JEE. But I do not want to study for both Cambridge International AS Level English and IELTS.**

JEE (Main) requires the study of one language to meet eligibility requirements. You can meet this requirement 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 on the official JEE (Main) website - <https://jeemain.nta.nic.in/information-bulletin/>



**Q28. 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 the Medical Council of India. We advise you to sit Cambridge International AS Level English in Year 12. The Medical Council of India does not accept IELTS/TOEFL scores in lieu of English language subjects for the study of medicine in India.

**Q29. How do I calculate the aggregate percentage for NEET-UG eligibility?**

To calculate the aggregate percentage for NEET eligibility, add up the percentage uniform marks of your Cambridge International A Levels in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Cambridge International AS Level English. If you took the staged assessment route (AS followed by A2), add up the percentage uniform marks of the A Levels and not the AS Levels.

**Q30. A university admission form requires separate marks to be entered for theory and practical. Can Cambridge provide this information?**

We do not issue separate results for theory and practical components of science subjects. Performance in the 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, enter your percentage uniform mark in a subject under both theory and practical.



## Appendix 1

### Percentage uniform marks and grades

The majority of students who take Cambridge exams receive a percentage uniform mark (PUM) alongside grades for each subject on their statement of results. PUMs correspond 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 the top or bottom. As its name suggests, the percentage uniform mark is always calculated out of 100.

**Higher education institutions in India use percentage uniform marks 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: Where 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 Physics	A*	=95%	
A Level Chemistry	A	=85%		A Level Chemistry	A	=85%	
A Level Biology	B	=75%		A Level Biology	B	=75%	
				AS Level English Language	B	=75%	
Overall mark = 85% (255 divided by 3)				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 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 and also the **Student Advisory**.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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