



University College Cork

Internal Procedure for Recognition of Foreign Qualifications

**A TRADITION OF
INDEPENDENT
THINKING**



UCC

University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

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UCC

- Founded in 1845: combines a rich tradition of teaching, research and scholarship
- Constituent university of the National University of Ireland
- Internationally recognised degrees and distinguished graduates
- 22,000 students
- 2,800 staff
- Over 3,000 international students
- Representing over 100 countries worldwide
- Taught by leading academics knowledgeable in their field
- Diverse opportunities on campus (student life, clubs and societies, internships, study abroad)

UCC Colleges

- College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences
- College of Business and Law
- College of Science, Engineering and Food Science
- College of Medicine and Health



Admissions in UCC

Admissions Office

UG Irish & EU

Graduate Studies Office

PG Irish & EU

International Office

UG Non-EU

PG Non-EU

Visiting EU & Non-EU

Outgoing Study Abroad

Summer School in Irish Studies

International Office

- Responsible for admissions for following students:
 - Non-EU Undergraduate
 - Non-EU Postgraduate Taught and Research Masters / PhD
 - Visiting EU and Non-EU
 - Outgoing Study Abroad
 - International Summer School in Irish Studies
- Assessment of foreign qualifications
- Collaboration with programme co-ordinators in 4 colleges
- Liaise with Student Records & Exams Office / Finance Office / Accommodation
- Co-ordinate registration and orientation for international students
- Offer ongoing support through Support Officer
- Organise international student events

Where our international students are from

List of countries:

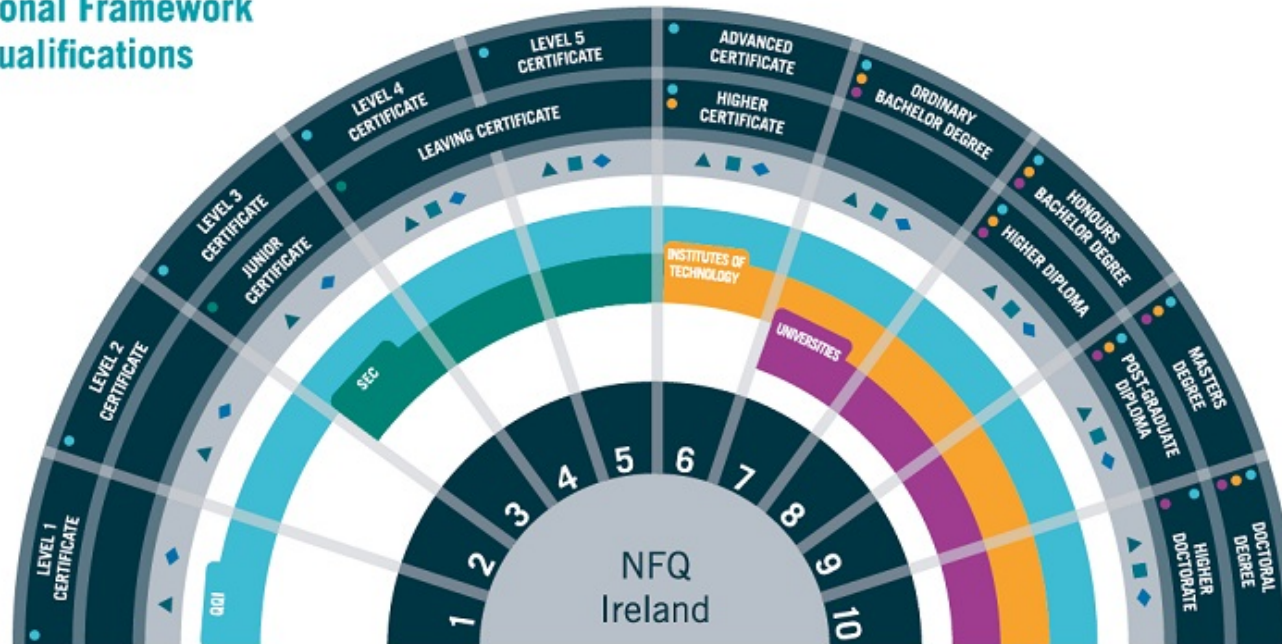
- Canada
- China
- India
- Malaysia
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- USA

Largest no. of students:

- China
- India
- Canada



NQF National Framework of Qualifications



AWARDING BODIES

- Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) makes awards in further and higher education and training
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education and Skills)
- Institutes of Technology
- Universities

AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

There are four classes of award in the National Framework of Qualifications:

- ⤴ **Major Awards:** named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level
- ⬆ **Minor Awards:** are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
- ⬇ **Supplemental Awards:** are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
- ⬇ **Special Purpose Awards:** are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement

Standard required in foreign qualifications

- Undergraduate Level Benchmark
- Irish leaving certificate / A Levels / International Baccalaureate
- Specific subject requirement(s)

- Postgraduate Level Benchmark
- Irish Honours Bachelor degree standard / British Bachelor Degree Honours standard
- Specific background

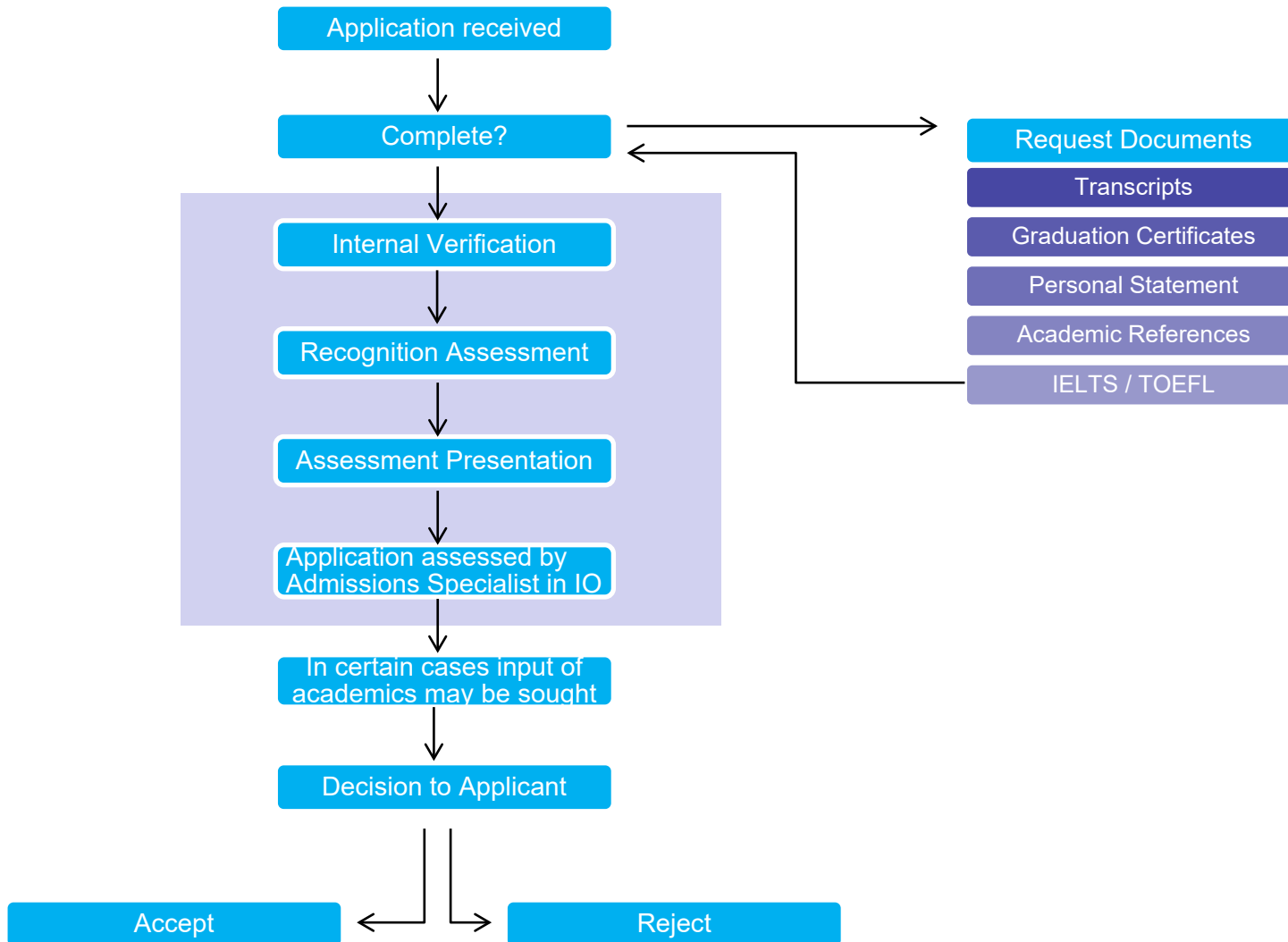


Tools for Assessment

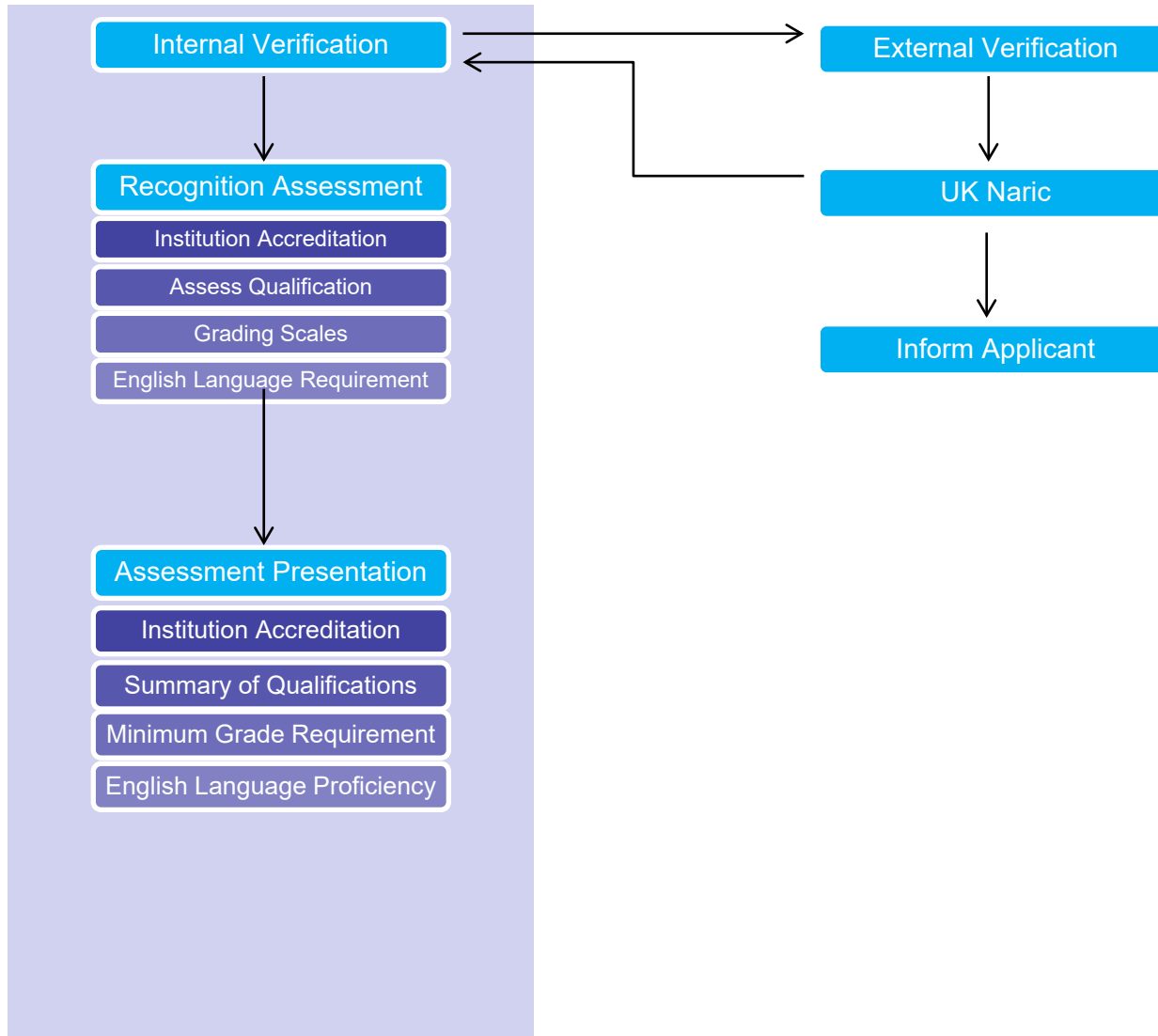
- UK Naric
- QQI Comparability statement
- Other institutes in Ireland and UK



Application Review Process



Verification & Recognition Assessment



Sample Applications

- Undergraduate
- USA High School Diploma GPA + SAT/ACT + AP Scores
- Canada Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- China Senior Secondary School Graduation Certificate
- Saudi High School Exam – Equivalent to GCSE standard or NFQ level 3



Sample Applications



United States of America



UK Chart



United States of America Chart

Advanced Placement Examination

Is considered comparable to the overall GCE Advanced level / Scottish Advanced Higher standard

At institutional discretion, when considered in line with the individual institution's admissions policy. Individuals seeking university admission in the UK should contact the institution directly for details of the minimum number of APs (typically between 2 and 4) and the minimum grades (typically 3 and above or 4 and above) that the institution requires, as this varies considerably.

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Sample Applications



Ontario Secondary School Diploma

Is considered comparable to the overall GCE Advanced level / Scottish Advanced Higher standard

If awarded at advanced level, with six Grade 12 U, U/C or M courses including grade 12 U English.

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Sample Applications



高中毕业证书 (Senior Secondary School Graduation Certificate)

Is considered comparable to GCE Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level / Scottish Higher standard

Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C, with the exception of English language. English is studied as a second language and is not considered comparable to English language GCSE studied in the UK.

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Sample Applications



Saudi Arabia



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Saudi Arabia Chart

شهادة الثانوية العامة (General Secondary Education Certificate)

Is considered comparable to GCSE (grades A*-C) / Credit Standard Grade standard

For every subject passed, with the exception of English language. English is studied as a second language and is not considered comparable to English language GCSE studied in the UK.

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Sample Applications

- Postgraduate
- China over 75%
- Saudi Arabia 80-85%
- USA GPA 3.0 out of 4.0



Sample Applications



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China Chart

学士学位 (Bachelor degree)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

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Sample Applications



Saudi Arabia



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Saudi Arabia Chart

البكالوريوس (Bachelor degree)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

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Sample Applications



United States of America



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United States of America Chart

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

When awarded by an accredited institution. The information published in the Institution Listing is specific to regionally accredited institutions. In addition to the regionally accredited institutions of higher education there are specialised accrediting bodies for institutions and/or programmes. Please contact UK NARIC for further information.

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Challenges

- Comparing Grading Scales
- Fraudulent documents
- Quick turnaround



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