

PMEP Minimum Requirements 2025

[Minimum requirements in English, Irish and Mathematics](#)

In order to be eligible to apply for a place on the PMEP, applicants must demonstrate that they have achieved the following standards in Gaeilge, English and Mathematics.

Eligible Qualifications from Second Level:

A. Leaving Certificate Examination

	Irish	Mathematics	English
Minimum Grade	H4	H7 or O4	H7 or O4
% Mark	60% < 70%	30% < 40% 60% < 70%	30% < 40% 60% < 70%

H – Higher Level, O – Ordinary Level

The equivalent grades and % marks in the 1992-2016 grading are set out in Appendix 1 below.

B. Northern Ireland GCSE and GCE A Level Examinations:

- a Grade C at GCE A Level Irish;
- a Grade C at GCSE Level in both English and English Literature or Grade B at GCSE Level in either;

[Alternatives to a second-level qualification in Irish, English or Maths.](#)

A Pass in a University *First Arts* Examination in Irish, English or Mathematics will be accepted in lieu of the Leaving Certificate Examination or GCE/GCSE requirement for the relevant subject.

[Additional alternatives to fulfil the minimum requirement in Irish.](#)

- Grade C obtained in the Matriculation Examination (which existed up to 1992)
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge, Level C1, NUIG
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge, Level B2, NUIG
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge, Maynooth University
- Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) at Level B2, Maynooth University
- Diploma in Arts (Applied Irish), University College Cork
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge Fheidhmeach, UCD
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge (An Ghaeilge sa Saol Comhaimseartha), University of Limerick
- Diploma in Irish at the University of Ulster

Additional alternatives to fulfil the minimum requirement in Mathematics.

- A Pass grade obtained in Mathematics in the Matriculation Examination (which existed up to 1992).
- A merit grade (65-79%) or distinction grade (80-100%) obtained in QQI Level 5 Mathematics Course (5N 1833).

Appendix 1: Leaving Cert Grading Schemes (1992-2016 Scheme and from 2017)

1992 – 2016	% Awarded	From 2017	% Awarded
A1	90 - 100	H1 / O1	90 - 100
A2	85 < 90	H2 / O2	80 < 90
B1	80 < 85		
B2	75 < 80	H3 / O3	70 < 80
B3	70 < 75		
C1	65 < 70	H4 / O4	60 < 70
C2	60 < 65		
C3	55 < 60	H5 / O5	50 < 60
D1	50 < 55		
D2	45 < 50	H6 / O6	40 < 50
D3	40 < 45		
E	25 < 40	H7 / O7	30 < 40
F	10 < 25	H8 / O8	0 < 30