

Minimum Academic Entry Requirements for International Students

- These are the minimum academic entry requirements for international students applying to enrol at Wintec. Additional entry requirements may apply depending on the programme that is chosen and students will need to meet any other entry requirements (e.g. English language requirements) as outlined in the Te Pūkenga Te Kawa Maiororo | Educational Regulatory Framework and regulations for their chosen programme(s).
- All student applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and final decisions are made by the Heads of School, Centre Directors or their designated equivalent under delegated authority by the Academic Board. Guidance should be sought from the Dean for any major variations.
- For academic arrangements, decisions on admission and entry are agreed to by the relevant Head of School / Centre Director as part of the contract process. Any variations to the minimum academic entry requirement for a specific institution must be signed off by either the Dean or Senior Advisor as part of the contract negotiations. All variations must be reported to the relevant Programme Committee(s) and to the Academic Approvals Committee.
- Qualifications not listed below will be considered on a case by case basis. Where a space is blank, a qualification that meets the minimum standard at that level has not been identified.
- A “recognised tertiary institution” is defined as one listed either on UK Naric or similar internationally recognised database (e.g. AEI-NOOSR); or one that is accredited by a national accreditation or governing body.
- “Undergraduate” is defined as equivalent to levels 5 – 7 on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

Country/ Region	Certificate (level 4) Duration		Diploma (level 5)		Degree level	Last updated
	Academic	Vocational/Technical	Academic	Vocational/Technical		
Argentina	Título de Técnico Auxiliar		Título de Bachiller / Bachillerato OR Trayecto Técnico Profesional		One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Australia	Depends on state / territory				Successful completion of Year 12 Certificate and ATAR of 74 or higher; Or Queensland OP at 15 or lower.	26 February 2021
Bangladesh			Higher Secondary Certificate with 1st division pass (60% passes in 4 subjects)		One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university of standing.	26 February 2021
Brazil			Certificado de Conclusão de Segundo Grau Grade 7 average; or Certificado de Ensino Medio	Nível Técnico	One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021

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Cambodia			Diploma of Upper Secondary Education		One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing; Or completed Associate Degree from a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Canada		Applied / Occupational / Vocational High School Diploma	Completion of year 12		Average of 60% across six subjects (including English) in the Grade 12 school education (graduation qualification may be named slightly different according to Province or Territory).	26 February 2021
Chile	Técnico de Nivel Medio		Licencia de Educación Media or Licencia de Enseñanza Media with grades of 4 and above.		One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
China	Applications are considered by the receiving school.		Graduation certificate from a Senior High School.	Diploma at Level 5 (Vocational), Graduation Certificate from a Vocational/Technical Secondary School (Zhixiao/Zhigao), or a Skilled Worker School (Jixiao).	Graduation certificate from a Senior High School with a three-year results average of 70%. Graduation certificate from a Vocational/Technical Secondary School (Zhixiao/Zhigao) or a Skilled Worker School (Jixiao) with an average of 75%.	5 May 2025
Colombia		Título de Técnico Profesional	Bacheller Academico; or Bachiller Técnico	Título de Tecnólogo	One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Fiji			Fiji School Leaving Certificate		USP Foundation Year, with 7 passes with a minimum of a C in Communication; Or Fiji Form Seven, with a score of 250 or better with passes in 4 subjects plus a 50% or better in English; Or South Pacific Form 7 Certificate (SPFSC) with a minimum of three B grades.	26 February 2021

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France				Brevet d'Études Professionnelles	Baccalauréat.	26 February 2021
Germany			Realschulabschluss / Mittlere Reife / Mittlerer Schulabschluss / Erweiterter Realschulabschluss / Fachoberschulreife / Sekundarabschluss 1	Berufsfachschulabschluss (Assistentenberufe / Vollqualifizierende Berufsausbildung)	Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur.	26 February 2021
Ghana			West African Senior School Certificate Examination (at least six subjects with a score of A1 to C6); or Senior Secondary School Certificate (at least six subjects with a score of A to C)		OR One year successful undergraduate study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Hong Kong			Completion of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) with a minimum of level 2 in five subjects (four core and one elective) including English and Chinese.		Completion of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) with achievement at Level 3 or higher in English language and Chinese language and Level 2 or higher in mathematics and a Liberal Studies subject, plus two elective subjects.	26 February 2021
India	Secondary School Certificate (SSC) / Standard 10		Achieved an overall average of 50% in the Higher Secondary School Examination, from State, CBSE or ICSE Boards.	Certificate of Vocational Education (CVE-12)	Achieved an overall average of 65% or higher in the Higher Secondary School Examination, from State, CBSE or ICSE Boards; Or One year successful undergraduate study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Indonesia	SMA 3		SMA /MA	SMK/MAK	One year successful undergraduate study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021

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Iran		Second Degree Technician's Certificate	High School Diploma with an average grade of 13 or higher; Or Pre-university Certificate with an average grade of 10 or 11	High School Diploma (Vocational Stream); Or First Degree Technician's Certificate	One year successful undergraduate study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
Iraq			Certificate of Preparatory Education / Secondary School Certificate	Certificate of Vocational Preparatory Education	One year successful undergraduate study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
Ireland			A Leaving Certificate with passes in five subjects at C level or better in Standard level papers	National Foundation Certificate; Or Leaving Certificate Applied	A Leaving Certificate with passes in five subjects at C level or better in Higher level papers.	26 February 2021
Italy				Diploma di Maestro d'Arte; or Diploma di Maturità (Tecnica/Professionale/ Magistrale/Artistica/d'A rte Applicata)	Successful completion of the Diplomadi Esame di Stato ('DIPLOMA').	26 February 2021
Japan			Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Special Training School Upper Secondary Certificate; Or Graduation Certificate from a Technical High School	Completion of Upper Secondary School (high school diploma) with a B average Or, successful completion of one year's tertiary study at a recognized institution. Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate Or Special Training School Upper Secondary Certificate, Or Graduation Certificate from a Technical High School.	20 November 2024
Jordan	Tawjihi (Certificate of General Secondary Education)	Certificate of Vocational Secondary Education			One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing; Or A completed Community College Diploma, Intermediate Diploma or Associate Diploma from a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021

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Kenya			Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) with C average		Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) with B+ average.	26 February 2021
Macau			Certificate of Higher Secondary Education (aka Form 6)		Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate (COHSC) / GCE Advanced Level; Or Certificate de Ensino Secundário Complementar (Senior Secondary Graduation Certificate).	26 February 2021
Malaysia			SPM (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia) (Malaysia Certificate of Education) grade B or better	SPMV (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia Vokesyenal) (Malaysia Certificate of Vocational Education)	Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) with at least three C grades; Or Unified Examination Certificate of the Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary School system with a maximum of 15 points over six academic subjects, including one of Chemistry, Physics or Advanced Mathematics.	26 February 2021
Maldives			UCLES O Level/ Secondary School Certificate (SSC) with passes of C or above		UCLES A Level/ Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) provided that 3 A Levels at C grade or better are achieved. A pass in a General Subject cannot be counted.	26 February 2021
Mauritius	General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level		Cambridge School Certificate / General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (grades of C or above in English and B in Mathematics)		Cambridge Higher School Certificate / General Certificate of Education Advanced Level.	26 February 2021
Mexico	Titulo Academico de Bachiller / Diploma de Bachiller		Titulo Academico de Bachiller / Diploma de Bachiller / Bachillerato General	Título de Bachiller Tecnológico; Or Título de Técnico	One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Nepal		Technical School Leaving Certificate	Higher Secondary Education Certificate with 1st division pass; Or Proficiency Certificate with 65% pass	Diploma (accredited by the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT))	One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021

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Netherlands	Voorbereidend Middelbaar Beroepsonderwijs (VMBO) diploma; Or Voorbereidend Beroepsonderwijs (VBO); Or Middelbaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (MAVO)		HAVO Diploma	MBO Basisberoepsopleiding (Level 2)	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) -Gymnasium A or B Or Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) -Atheneum A or B.	26 February 2021
New Caledonia			Baccalauréat with a minimum grade 10		Baccalaureate with a minimum grade of 24.	26 February 2021
Nigeria			Senior School Certificate; Or West African Senior School Certificate		West African GCE A levels, minimum of three A-Level subjects completed, with at least 'C' grade or higher attained. General Studies or similar general paper cannot be included; or Higher National Diploma; Or One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
Oman	General Secondary Education Certificate below 80%		General Secondary Education Certificate above 80% (Thanawiya Amma)	Diploma (from Agricultural / Commercial / Technical / Vocational Schools)	One year successful undergraduate level study at a recognised institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
Pakistan	Higher Secondary School Certificate with a minimum of 60% in three subjects.		Higher Secondary School Certificate with a minimum of 60% in each of the six subjects; or Diploma (of at least two years in length) from a recognised polytechnic, commercial institute or college of technology.		One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
Papua New Guinea	Higher School Certificate		Higher School Certificate with 55% grade average.		One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
Peru	Completion of the Certificado de Educacion Secundaria Comun Completa		Título de Profesional	Título de Profesional Técnico Certificado de Educacion Secundaria Comun Completa	One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021

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Philippines	Secondary School Year 4 Grade B		Senior High School Diploma (Academic Track) – when awarded in 2018 onwards. If graduated high school prior to 2018 then Associate degree from an institution accredited by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).		Successful completion of one year's tertiary study at a recognised institution.	26 February 2021
Qatar	General Secondary Education Certificate (Al-Thanawaya Al-Amah); Or Commercial Secondary School Certificate.	Technical Secondary School Certificate	Qatar Senior School Certificate with score (740- 830)		One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
Russia	Аттестат о среднем (полном) общем образовании (Certificate of Secondary (Complete) General Education)	Диплом о начальном профессиональном образовании (Certificate of Basic Vocational Education)	Свидетельство о результатах ЕГЭ (единого государственного экзамена) (Certificate of Unified State Examination)	Диплом о среднем профессиональном образовании (базовый уровень)(Diploma of Secondary Vocational Education (basic level)	One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
Samoa	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate grade 5 or better		South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC) with a minimum of three B grades; Or The National University of Samoa (NUS) Foundation Certificate (Arts, Commerce, Education, General or Science) with a minimum grade B3 average overall; Or USP Foundation Year with 7 passes with a minimum of a C in Communication.			26 February 2021
Saudi Arabia	General Secondary Education Certificate with a mark of 60% or higher in four academic subjects	Tawjihiyah General Secondary Education Certificate (science stream), Or the Secondary Vocational or Commercial School Diploma	Diploma from a technical institute or college of technology when recognised by the Technical & Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC)		One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing; Or Completed associate degree from a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Scotland	Scottish standards	SVQ Level 1	Scottish Highers: minimum 2 with passing grades	SVQ Level 2	Scottish Highers: 4 Scottish Highers in academic subjects at Grade C or above.	26 February 2021

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Serbia			Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Secondary Vocational School Leaving Certificate	GCE A level equivalents (with three passes with a minimum C grade pass - all passes must be gained in the same sitting).	26 February 2021
Singapore	Singapore / Cambridge GCE N level		Singapore / Cambridge GCE O level in four subjects		Singapore GCE A levels: A minimum of 2 H2 passes and a third pass at H1 or H2 level, plus at least an E grade in N-level /O level mathematics or additional mathematics.	26 February 2021
Solomon Islands	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate grade 5 or better		South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC)		South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC) with a minimum of three B grades; Or USP Foundation Year with 7 passes with a minimum of a C in Communication.	26 February 2021
South Africa		National Certificate (Level 2); Or National Technical Certificate Part I	Senior Certificate	National Certificate (Level 3); Or National Technical Certificate Part II	Applicants must have completed the National Senior Certificate and be eligible to enrol in a bachelor's degree at a South African university.	26 February 2021
South Korea			High School Diploma; or High School Graduation Equivalency Examination		National College Scholastic Aptitude Test (CSAT) with a minimum score of 250 Or successful completion of one year's tertiary study at a recognised institution.	20 November 2024
Sri Lanka		National Craft Certificate	Sri Lankan GCE O Levels	National Certificate NVQ Level 2	Sri Lankan GCE A Levels with 3 passes in relevant subjects with a minimum of one at C, or better.	26 February 2021
Sudan	Sudan School Certificate with 50% or higher in 5 subjects	Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Centre Diploma	Two-year Diploma from a recognised tertiary institution		One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
Taiwan			Senior High School Leaving Certificate	Senior Vocational High School Leaving Certificate	One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing; Or Completed Junior College Diploma or Associate Degree (two-year Diploma after completing senior high school, or five-year Diploma after completing junior high school) from a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021

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Thailand	Certificate of Secondary Education / Maw 6	Certificate of Vocational Education	Associate Degree from a recognised tertiary institution	Diploma or Higher Cert in Vocational or Technical Education	Successfully completed one year of tertiary study at an internationally recognised tertiary institution, or Mathayom 6 with a GPA of 2.8 Diploma L5 (Academic): Associate degree from a recognised tertiary institution or Mathayom 6, GPA 2.5 Cert 4 (Academic): Certificate of Secondary Education / Mathayom 6, GPA 2.0.	2 October 2024
Tonga	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate grade 5 or better; or Tonga School Certificate				Completed Tonga National Form Seven; Or South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC) with a minimum of three B grades; Or USP Foundation Year with 7 passes with a minimum of a C in Communication.	26 February 2021
Turkey	Devlet Lise Diplomasi(State High School diploma)	Meslek Lisesi Diplomasi (Vocational High School Diploma); or Devlet Meslek Lise Diplomasi (State Vocational / Trade High School Diploma)	One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution		Ön-Lisans Diplomasi (Associate degree) when completed at a recognised tertiary institution: Or One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing.	26 February 2021
United Arab Emirates	Tawjihiyy General Secondary Education Certificate Examination	General Secondary Education Certificate Examination (Vocational)	Higher College of Technology Diploma		One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution of university standing; Or Completed Higher College of Technology Higher Diploma or Advanced Diploma.	26 February 2021
United Kingdom		BTEC First Certificate / NVQ Level 1 / SVQ Level 2	General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE); Or General Certificate of Education - Ordinary Level (O Level)	BTEC First Diploma / NVQ Level 2 / SVQ Level 2	GCE A Levels (with three passes with a minimum C grade pass - all passes must be gained in the same sitting).	26 February 2021

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USA			High School Diploma		Any of: High School Diploma and a. Minimum score of 500 for both SATI and SATII; or b. ACT score of 25 Or completed Associate Degree from a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Vanuatu	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate grade 5 or better				South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC) with a minimum of three B grades; Or USP Foundation Year with 7 passes with a minimum of a C in Communication.	26 February 2021
Venezuela		Título de Bachiller (until 2009) OR Título de Educacion Media General where grades of 10 and above have been obtained.	Título de Técnico Medio		One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Vietnam	Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Phổ Thông Trung Học(Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma)	Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Trung Học Chuyên Nghiệp(Secondary Vocational School Certificate)	Secondary School Graduation plus a National University Entrance Examination score of 5.0 or above		Complete the National High School Graduation Examination (Ky thi tt nghip trung hc ph thông quc gia) with an overall pass; and a minimum GPA of 7 in Grade 12 in at least 4 subjects relevant to the destination degree i.e. Mathematics, Sciences, Social Sciences. Or One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution. Cert 4 Academic: Bng tt nghip Trung Hc ph thông (High School Graduation Certificate Y10-12, have studied for 3 yrs) Cert 4 Vocational: Chng nhn hoàn thành chng trình ph thông/Bng trung cp ngh (High School completion certificate (1-1.5yr, academic) and Vocational School Certificate (1.5yrs, vocational).	20 November 2024

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Zambia	School Certificate / General Certificate of Education grade 6 or better			DTEVT Certificate / DTEVT Craft Certificate	One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution; Or GCE A Levels, minimum three passes with a C grade pass or better - all passes must be gained in the same sitting.	26 February 2021
Zimbabwe	General Certificate of Education		General Certificate of Education Advanced Level	National Certificate	Cambridge Higher School Certificate / A Levels; Or One year of successful undergraduate level study at a recognised tertiary institution.	26 February 2021
Worldwide	Baccalaureate/ Cambridge O Levels/ IGSCE with 5 subject passes		Baccalaureate/ Cambridge O Levels		International Baccalaureate: Or Cambridge A Levels.	26 February 2021

Appendix to the minimum entry requirements for international students

UK Naric and AEI-NOOSR provide information and advice on worldwide vocational and academic qualifications and profiles of education systems worldwide. Each country's profile includes an extensive (but not comprehensive) list of institutions. These lists are a good starting point for verifying a tertiary institution's standing. Many countries also have their own national accreditation bodies which have responsibility for quality assurance of tertiary programmes and (in some cases) for accrediting tertiary institutions. Countries not included below may have accreditation bodies; however, they do not have a web presence; do not provide information in English; do not accredit tertiary institutions; or do not list accredited institutions on their websites. A country's Ministry of Education or equivalent may be a good source of information on approved tertiary institutions.

Argentina	Comisión Nacional de Evaluación y Acreditación Universitaria Ministry of Education	www.coneau.gov.ar/CONEAU/portal.educacion.gov.ar/
Bangladesh	University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Bangladesh Technical Education Board	www.ugc.gov.bd/ www.bteb.gov.bd/
Botswana	Tertiary Education Council	www.tec.org.bw/
Brazil	SINAES (Sistema Nacional de Avaliação da Educação Superior) (National System of Higher Education Evaluation)	portal.mec.gov.br
Chile	Comisión Nacional de Acreditación de Pregrado	www.cnachile.cl/
China	Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China	www.moe.edu.cn
Colombia	Consejo Nacional de Aseguramiento de la Calidad de la Educación Superior (National Council for the Quality Assurance of Higher Education)	www.mineduccion.gov.co
European Union	European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (Lists registered Quality Assurance Agencies by country)	https://www.eqar.eu/register/map.html
Ghana	National Accreditation Board (NAB)	www.nab.gov.gh/
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) [Lists institutions and their accredited qualifications]	www.hkcaavq.edu.hk/en/
India	National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)	www.naac.gov.in/
Kazakhstan	Independent Kazakhstan Quality Assurance Agency in Education (IQAA)	http://www.iqaa.kz/about/ www.cue.or.ke/
Kenya	Commission for Higher Education	www.mqa.gov.my/

Malaysia Maldives	Maldives Qualifications Authority	www.mqa.gov.mv/index.php
Nepal	University Grants Commission	www.ugcnepal.edu.np/
Nigeria	National Universities Commission (NUC)	www.nuc.edu.ng/
Norway	Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT)	http://www.nokut.no/en/
Oman	Oman Academic Accreditation Authority	www.oac.gov.om
Pakistan	Higher Education Commission	www.hec.gov.pk
Papua New Guinea	Office of Higher Education	www.ohe.gov.pg/
Philippines	Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Technical Education Skills Development Authority	www.ched.gov.ph http://tesda12.org/#
Poland	Polish Accreditation Committee	http://www.pka.edu.pl/?q=en
Romania	Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS)	http://www.aracis.ro/nc/en/aracis/
Taiwan	Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council	www.heeact.edu.tw