

Entry Requirements for Maynooth University Micro-credentials

Introduction

Maynooth University Micro-credentials are part-time, short courses, designed to provide the learner with specific knowledge, skills and competencies that respond to societal, personal, cultural or labour market needs.

The *Maynooth University Framework for Micro-credentials* provides details on the academic structures and characteristics of micro-credentials at Maynooth. The Framework is available to download from the [webpage](#) of Academic Programmes Committee.

Entry requirements

Each Maynooth University micro-credential has clearly defined academic entry requirements that set out the admissions criteria tailored to the specific micro-credential.

The entry requirements below set out the minimum requirements for admission to a micro-credential. Departments may stipulate separate, additional entry criteria for individual micro-credentials.

For admission to a level 8 micro-credential, each micro-credential should define the requirements for entry.

For admission to a level 9 micro-credential, applicants should hold at a minimum an honours (NFQ level 8) Bachelors degree in a relevant discipline or an equivalent international qualification. Applicants with a minimum 3 years of documented relevant work experience are also eligible for admission.

Where an applicant does not meet the stipulated admissions criteria for a micro-credential, the applicant (or, in some cases, the employer of a group of learners) has the opportunity to submit an application through the University's [Recognition of Prior Learning](#) process.

International entrants

Maynooth University micro-credentials are short, part time courses and are not considered eligible for a student visa.

Language competencies

English language competency (for non-native speakers of the English language)

To be eligible for admission, all applicants who are non-native English speakers must provide documented evidence of competency in the English language.

For accepted English language test scores, visit the [International Office's](#) website.

To show equivalence, applicants for Maynooth University micro-credentials may also submit a certificate or qualification from a recognized provider or another higher education institution if the course was taught through the medium of English. In such cases, the course or programme duration must be over a minimum of one year.

Applicants may also submit evidence of professional experience if this happened through the medium of English in a native English speaking country. In such cases, the duration must be over a minimum of at least 2 years.

In all cases where admissions is sought on the basis of qualifications or professional experience to show equivalence of English language testing, the course coordinator must be satisfied of their suitability.

Other languages

Individual micro-credentials may stipulate additional pre-requisites for certain non-English language competencies.

To be eligible for admission, applicants must provide documented evidence of competency in the language specified in the entry requirements. In all cases, the course coordinator must be satisfied of their suitability.

Annex A: Version History

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