PMEP Minimum Requirements 2023

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## 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.

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| **Eligible Qualifications from Second Level:**   1. **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.   1. **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; * a Grade D at GCSE Level in Additional Mathematics or a Grade C at GCSE Level in Mathematics. |
| 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) * Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge, Level C1, NUIG * Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge, Level B2, NUIG * Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge, Maynooth University * Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) at Level B2, Maynooth University * Diploma in Arts (Applied Irish), University College Cork * Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge Fheidhmeach, UCD * Dioplóma 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)

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| **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 |