

Republic of Ireland

Educational Timeline

- School year: August to June; Graduation occurs in June or July
- Primary school is six years followed by three years of lower secondary school followed by two years of upper secondary

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Ardteistmeireacht / Leaving Certificate

- Comparable to US high school graduation if five or more exam passes in different subjects at the Ordinary or Higher levels

Senior Certificate

- Comparable to US high school graduation if five or more exam passes in different subjects at the Ordinary or higher levels

Leaving Certificate Vocational Program

- Comparable to US high school graduation if five or more exam passes in different subjects at the Ordinary or higher levels

Leaving Certificate Applied

- Comparable to US high school graduation if five or more exam passes in different subjects at the Ordinary or higher levels

Continuing Secondary Education Extension:

Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) / QQI Level 5 Certificate

- Student must enroll at the first possible opportunity and earn credential within one year to extend graduation date by one year beyond initial point of graduation.

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Teastas Sóisearach

Junior Certificate

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on documents listed in "Group A" above to US equivalents and convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted. Grading scale differs depending on the level of the exam written on the Leaving Certificate (Ordinary vs Higher).

Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)

Leaving Certificate Ordinary (2017-present)

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
1-2	A	4
3	B	3
4-5	C	2
6	D	1
7-8	F	0

lowest passing grade

Leaving Certificate Higher (2017-present)

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
1-2	A	4
3-4	B	3
5-6	C	2
7	D	1
8	F	0

lowest passing grade

Leaving Certificate (pre-2017)

Grade	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
A1	90-100	A	4
A2	85-89	A	4
B1	80-84	B	3
B2	75-79	B	3
B3	70-74	B	3
C1	65-69	C	2
C2	60-64	C	2
C3	55-59	C	2
D1	50-54	D	1
D2	45-49	D	1
D3	40-44	D	1
E	25-39	F	0
F	0-24	F	0

lowest passing grade

Senior Certificate

Grade	Description	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
PG	Pass with Distinction	76-100	A	4
PM	Pass with Credit	60-75	B	3
P	Pass	40-59	C	2
S	Succeeded		C	2
No award	Fail	0-39	F	0

lowest passing grade

lowest passing grade

FETAC L5 Certificate

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
Distinction	A	4
Merit	B	3
Pass	C	2

lowest passing grade

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in their secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). However, students completing tracked or separate degree programs (e.g. Leaving Certificate Vocational) must be ranked against all other students in a given class who completed the same degree program. Class rank cannot be used to meet initial freshmen requirements for external candidates.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

College

Institute

FETAC Level 6 and above

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