

Ambulance Technician – Guide to Minimum Entry Qualifications

Qualification Requirements

All applicants for the post of Ambulance Technician must be able to demonstrate learning to a required level in both Maths and English.

The Ambulance Technician course is an academic course which leads to a SCQF level 7 qualification. Therefore, it is important that successful candidates can demonstrate that they have successfully studied to SCQF Level 4 in English and Maths. This may be in the form of a formal qualification, or some other course or type of study.

We try to accept equivalent qualifications / courses whenever possible, however if it is not clear that you have studied to the required level, we reserve the right to request further evidence and certification or to reject your application.

- **Mathematic Requirement**

The role of a technician involves a significant numeracy element and therefore it is essential to be successful in the role, candidates can demonstrate competency in basic numeracy skills. We can accept qualifications / courses in either Mathematics or Arithmetic.

- **English Requirement**

If successful, you will be required to complete written assessments as part of your training programme and then as a qualified Technician you will need to complete patient referral forms, these are a key clinical document and are key to patient care. Therefore, verbal reasoning and written skills are an essential part of the role.

Please Note - Applicants, who hold a formal **academic** qualification at a higher level than SCQF level 4, will be deemed to have the required English reasoning skills and therefore will only need to hold a specific Maths qualification. For example, National 5 in History will demonstrate the required English reasoning skills.

Category 1	Standard Accepted Qualifications	These are the standard formal qualifications which we accept. You will be asked to provide you academic certificates if you are invited to interview.
Category 2	Accepted List of Equivalent Qualifications	These are the equivalent qualifications that we have deemed meet the required competency standard. You will be asked to provide you academic certificates if you are invited to interview.
Category 3	Other Equivalence	These qualifications will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Applicants will be required to provide evidence as to how these qualifications meet the minimum SCQF Level 4 standard.

Category 1 - Standard Accepted Qualifications / Courses

The following are the standard qualifications / courses that we accept. You must hold one of these in both English* and Maths.

*We can accept alternative **academic** qualifications / courses, providing that they demonstrate English reasoning skills.

	Minimum Pass Level Accepted
Standard Grade	Grade 4 or above
Skills for Work National Level	Level 4
SVQ	Level 1
Intermediate 1	Grade C or above
O Grade	Grade C or above
O Level	Grade 4 or above
GCSE	Grade D or above / Grade 4 or above
CSE	Level 1
Irish Qualifications	Level 3 Certificate

Category 2 - Accepted List of Equivalent Qualifications / Courses

	Minimum Pass Level Accepted
Access to Paramedicine	Pass
BSc Nursing	
Edexcel Award in Mathematics	Pass mark 60+
Edexcel Functional Skills – English	Level 2 pass
Edexcel Functional Skills – Maths	Level 2 pass
City in Guilds – Principles of English and Maths	Level 1
All Scottish Wider Access Programme courses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Nursing • Access to Social Science • Access to Science • Access to Medicine 	Student profile statement to include 2x B grades
Certificate in Uniformed Services - Long Course (SCQF Level 4-6)	Pass
Open Study College – Basic Maths Level 2	Pass

Please note these are the only qualifications / courses we accept under the first 2 categories, if you have ANY other qualification or course, please select category 3 on the application and ensure that you attach the required evidence as part of your application.

Category 3 - Other Equivalence

If your qualification / course is not included in either Category 1 or Category 2, you will need to provide evidence, as part of your application, that they are equivalent and meet SCQF Level 4.

This evidence may be in the form of a course certificate or a summary of attainment including profile statement or course programme. You can also submit a statement from an educational or other professional as to the level of study you have worked too.

For example, military qualifications and courses often don't clearly map across. However if you can provide a statement from a training or educational officer, as to the level of study these require, this may be accepted as equivalent.

When you apply, you will be asked to provide this evidence at the end of your application form, if you do not attached this; your application may be rejected.

Please note - Applications which rely upon this category as evidence will be reviewed on a case by case basis and it will be at the discretion of the Service whether it is accepted as equivalent.

International Qualifications

Applicants who have studies outside of the UK will need to provide evidence of:

- Mathematics qualification. This must equate to the Scottish Credit Qualification Framework (SCQF) Level 4
- Relevant language qualification that demonstrates that the applicant can analyse and use language creatively. This must equate to the Scottish Credit Qualification Framework (SCQF) Level 4
- Applicants, for whom English is not the first language, may be required to provide an International English Language Testing System Certificate to Level 7.

Further Information

Scottish Qualification and Credit Framework – www.scqf.org.uk

Scottish Qualifications Authority - www.sqa.org.uk

Scottish Wider Access - www.scottishwideraccess.org.uk

International English Language Testing System - www.ielts.org.uk

Recognition and comparison of international qualifications - www.naric.org.uk / www.ucas.com