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Diploma equivalency list

International applicants should have a foreign equivalent of the Dutch VWO-Diploma (pre-university education). You can check whether your diploma meets this requirement in this diploma equivalency list. Please note that this does not guarantee admission, nor can you derive rights from this list. Note as well that, depending on the Bachelor's programme of your choice, subject-specific requirements and/or language requirements may apply. Please refer to the webpages of the Bachelor's programme of your choice for detailed information.

If your diploma is not listed, it may still be an equivalent of the Dutch VWO-Diploma, but additional requirements regarding subjects taken and grades obtained may apply. For details, please feel free to contact the Admissions Office.

Country	Name Diploma
Albania	Diplomë e Maturës Shtetërore
Aruba	Arubaans VWO-Diploma
Austria	Reifeprüfungszeugnis or Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis
Belgium (Flanders)	Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs, Algemeen Secundair Onderwijs (ASO). Technisch Secundair Onderwijs (TSO) and Kunst Secundair Onderwijs (KSO) to be checked on an individual basis.
Belgium (Wallonia)	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur, Enseignement Général
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Diploma o Položenom Maturskom Ispitu (RS)/Diploma o Završenoj Srednjoj školi (FiBH)(Secondary School Leaving Diploma)
Bulgaria	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie
Canada (Alberta)	Alberta High School Diploma with at least 5 academic courses numbered 30 or 31 in grade 12 (= university preparation)
Canada (British Columbia)	British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) with at least 80 credits in year 10-12, at least 5 general subjects in year 12 (no vocational subjects) with grades above 70%
Canada (Ontario)	Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) with 6 university preparation subjects in year 12 (course codes with 4U/DU, but no 4M) **Important note on schools outside of Canada:** If you obtain your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) at a (online) school outside of Canada, your school must be listed under agreement with the Ministry of Education of Ontario or, in case of a Private school, it must be inspected by the Ontario Ministry of Education and authorized to issue credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. If that is the case, and you completed at least year 11 and year 12 following the OSSD curriculum, we can consider your OSSD as being a regular Canadian OSSD and then the general OSSD requirements as described above apply.
Canada (other provinces)	Please contact the Admissions Office for more information on eligibility and specify in which province you are attending or attended school. Subject and grade requirements differ per province.
Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE): CAPE is required with three double units (Unit 1 + 2) in general/academic subjects and a grade of I-V for each unit
Croatia	Svjedodžba o Državnoj Maturi/Matura Certificate (obtained at a Gimnazija).

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	If you obtain a Potvrda o Položenim Ispitima Državne Mature/Certificate of obtained State Matura Exams (after completing a vocational programme), your admissibility will be checked on an individual basis.
Curaçao	Curaçaos VWO-Diploma
Cyprus (Greek part) **Please note: the admission requirements have changed for the 2027–2028 academic year onwards**	Apolytirio Lykeiou (**national schools only**) with a final average grade of 15 or above and the final results of the Pancyprian Access Examinations/Pankypries Exetaseis Prosvasis with as final average grade a passing grade (-10- or above). **Note:** the Trade and Services & Fine Arts Specializations are not accepted. • Students attending a Private or International School following the UK curriculum (GCE A-Levels) or US curriculum (Advanced Placements of the US College Board) are referred to the corresponding countries to learn about the requirements; • Apolytirio Lykeiou Equivalency Certificates issued by a Private or International School are not accepted.
Czech Republic	Vysvědčení o Maturitní zkoušce (obtained at a Gymnázium)
Denmark	Bevis for Højere Hændelseksamen (HHX) Bevis for Studentereksamen (STX) Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF) **med overbygning** Højere Teknisk Examen (HTX)
Estonia	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus
European Schools	European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studenteksamensbevis
France	Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général
Germany	Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur)
Greece **Please note: the admission requirements have changed for the 2027–2028 academic year onwards**	Apolytirio Genikou Lykeiou with final average grade of 10 or above and the final results of the Panhellenic Examinations/Panelladikes Exetaseis with as final average grade a passing grade (-10- or above)
Hungary	Gimnáziumi Érettségi Bizonyítvány
Iceland	Stúdentspróf (Matriculation Examination) of the Menntaskóli. If the diploma is issued by a Fjölbrautaskóli your admissibility will be checked on an individual basis.
India	• Standard XII Diploma (academic): All India Senior School Certificate (issued by the Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE) with final exams in 5 academic (non-vocational) subjects with a positional grade A1/A2/B1 for all subjects • Standard XII Diploma (academic): Indian School Certificate (issued by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, CISCE) with final exams in 5 academic (non-vocational) subjects with an average final grade of 75% or above • Migration Cum Transfer Certificate (issued by the National Institute of Open Schooling, NIOS) with final exams in 5 academic (non-vocational) subjects with grade A, B or C for all subjects **Note!** Diplomas from State Boards are generally not considered to be an equivalent of the Dutch VWO Diploma.
International Schools worldwide	International Baccaulaureate (IB) Diploma (full diploma only). The Career-related Programme is not accepted.

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Ireland	Leaving Certificate (with at least 6 final exam subjects, of which at least 2 at Higher Level with a final grade of H1-H4)
Israel	Te'udat Bagrut with at least 21 credits/units, including at least three general, academic subjects at unit level 4 or 5
Italy	Diploma di Superamento dell' Esame di Stato Conclusivo (issued by Liceo Classico/Scientifico/Linguistico/Scienze Umane). If the diploma is issued by an Istituto Tecnico your admissibility will be checked on an individual basis.
Kosovo	Diplomë për Kryerjen e Shkollës së Mesme të Lartë
Latvia	Atestāts par Vispārējo Vidējo Izglītību/Latvian Diploma of General Secondary Education
Lithuania	Brandos Atestatas
Luxembourg	Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires
Malta	Matriculation Certificate from the University of Malta with an overall grade of A-C (2 subjects at Advanced Level and 4 at Intermediate Level)
Moldova	Diplomă de Bacalaureat
Montenegro	Maturski Ispit/Diploma o Završenoj Srednjoj školi
North Macedonia	Diploma za Položena Državna Matura
Norway	Vitnemål fra den Videregående Opplæring (General Study Streams only, Final Certificate must confirm that you have completed your general study competence (in Norwegian: "Og har oppnådd generell studiekompetanse"))
Polen	Świadectwo ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego + Świadectwo Dojrzałości
Portugal	Diploma/Certificado/Certidão do Ensino Secundário (Stream: Cursos Científicos-Humanísticos) with an average final grade of at least 14 + Exames Nacionais do Ensino Secundário (ENES) with an Access Grade of at least 120 (as calculated on the official ENES Document issued by the Ministry of Education) over at least 3 national (university entrance) exams in 3 different subjects
Romania	Diplomă de Bacalaureat
Scotland	Scottish Qualifications Certificate with at least 4 Highers with grade A-B and 2 Advanced Highers with grades A-C
Serbia	Diploma o Položenom Maturskom Ispitu
Singapore	Singapore-Cambridge A-Levels in 3 H2 subjects + 1 H1 content-based subject + General Paper/Knowledge and Inquiry (5 different subjects in total)
Slovenia	Splošna Matura (Maturitetno Spričevalo/Gimnazija)
Slovakia	Vysvedčenie o Maturitnej skúške (obtained at a Gymnázium)
South Africa	National Senior Certificate with an average mark of at least 70% and no scores below 65% for each of the 7 subjects (must be acceptable subjects). You must also have met the minimum requirement for admission to a Bachelor's degree programme in South Africa. Acceptable subjects are: • Computer Applications Technology • Dramatic Arts/Visual Arts • Economics • Geography • History • Home/First Official Language • Information Technology • Life Orientation • Life Sciences • Mathematics • Mathematical Literacy (not preferred, but acceptable)

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	• Physical Sciences • Religion Studies • Second Official Language
Spain	Título de Bachiller + passing grade (''aprobado'') for the Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad (PAU)/Selectividad
St. Maarten (Dutch part only)	Sint-Maartens VWO-Diploma
Surinam	Surinaams VWO-Diploma
Sweden	Högskoleförberedande examen från Gymnasieskolan with one of the following programmes: • Economics Programme (Ekonomiprogrammet, EK) • Humanities Programme (Humanistiska programmet, HU) • Natural Science Programme (Naturvetenskapsprogrammet, NA) The following programmes will be checked on an individual basis: • Arts Programme (Estetiska programmet, ES) • Social Science Programme (Samhällsvetenskapsprogrammet, SA) • Technology Programme (Teknikprogrammet, TE)
Switzerland	• Maturitätszeugnis • Diplôme de Maturité • Attestato di Maturitá
Turkey	**Note!** The Lise Diploması is not considered to be an equivalent of the Dutch VWO Diploma and entry exams will apply (which exams depends on the chosen programme). However, if your school also offers Advanced Placements (APs) of the US College Board or British GCE A-Levels in addition to the national Turkish curriculum, please contact the Admissions Office for more information on eligibility and specify which APs or GCE A-Levels you are taking.
UK	Three (International) GCE A-Levels in preferred subjects with a minimum score of CCC. Preferred GCE A-Levels are: • Ancient History • Art History • Business Studies • Biology • Chemistry • Classical Civilisation • Classical Languages • Computer Science • Economics • English Literature • Geography • Government and Politics • History • Law • Mathematics/Further Mathematics • Modern Languages • Physics • Psychology • Religious Studies • Sociology

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USA	US High School Diploma + 4 Advanced Placements (APs) of the US College Board, all with a score of -3- or higher
Vietnam	Bang Tot Nghiep Trung Hoc Pho Thong with an average final exam grade of 7 or above (of the four national examinations) and no final exam grades under 6,5