



Eligibility Criteria

Trainee Smart Meter Installer
Programme



Minimum Qualifications – English

Requirements for England

Acceptable Documents

Below is a list of acceptable English qualifications. Some of them might need to have been achieved before or after a certain date, in which case, check the third column. column.

Qualification	Minimum Grade or Level	Is there a “date achieved” criteria?
Functional Skills – English	Level 2	N/A
GCSE English either with or without Enhanced Functional Content (EFC) at any tier - including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Literature International GCSEs (iGCSEs) Short courses Pilot courses Double Awards (minimum grade acceptable CD) GCSE English Language GCSE English Studies GCSE English Communication <p>Not acceptable is English as a Second Language</p>	Grade 4 or Grade C	N/A
Key Skills Communication	Level 2	N/A
NB: Key Skills awarded by the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment and the Welsh Awarding Organisation WJEC are also acceptable		
A/AS Level English, English Language, English Literature or English Language and Literature	Grade E	N/A
O Level English, English Language, English Literature or English Language and Literature	Grade C	N/A
British Sign Language (where British Sign Language is the Apprentice’s primary language)	Level 2 or SCQF Level 5	N/A



UK Equivalents

In addition to the above, below is a list of other qualifications achieved in Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland which are also acceptable.

Qualification	Grade or Level
Welsh and Northern Irish Qualification	
Essential Skills Wales or Northern Ireland in Essential Communication Skills	Level 2
Scottish Qualifications	
Ordinary or National Grade – English (For historic grades, discontinued in 1985)	Grade C or higher (A, B, C)
Intermediate Level in English	Grade C or higher (A, B, C)
Standard Grade in English	Grade 3 or higher (3,2,1)
SCQF Communication	Level 5 or above (5,6,7,8)
Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers	Grade E or above (A, B, C, D)
International Qualification	
Should be an equivalent international qualification in English Language	



Unacceptable Documents

Below is a list of documents which cannot be accepted.

Qualification
GCSE English as a Second Language
GNVQs other than those listed (Key Skills, Functional Skills)
Any qualifications exclusive to Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales not specifically listed on the previous page e.g Core Skills. Also any qualifications which are nation specific to other countries
GCSE Double Awards (where the achieved grade is DD or less)
Access to Higher Education Diplomas
Adult Literacy Certificates
FE Access Programmes in Literacy
Baccalaureate Certificates
Any other English qualifications not specifically listed in this guide
Any qualifications described as "equivalent" to GCSEs, A or AS Levels but not listed in this guide
CSEs (not even grade 1)



Minimum Qualifications - Maths

Requirements for England

Acceptable Documents

Below is a list of acceptable Maths qualifications. Some of them might need to have been achieved before or after a certain date, in which case, check the third column.

Qualification	Minimum Grade or Level	Is there a "date achieved" criteria?
Functional Skills – Maths	Level 2	N/A
GCSE Maths either with or without Enhanced Functional Content (EFC) at any tier - including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International GCSEs (iGCSEs) • Short courses • Pilot courses • Double Awards (minimum acceptable CD) • GCSE Linear Maths, Modular Maths • GCSE Application of Maths* • GCSE Methods in Mathematics* • GCSE Additional Maths • GCSE Use of Mathematics <p>*These 2 qualifications can also be achieved as a "Linked Pair" and this is also acceptable</p>	Grade 4 or Grade C	N/A
Key Skills Application of Number	Level 2	N/A
NB: Key Skills awarded by the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment and the Welsh Awarding Organisation WJEC are also acceptable		
A/AS Level Maths	Grade E	N/A
A/AS Level Pure Maths	Grade E	N/A
A/AS Level Further Maths	Grade E	N/A
A/AS Level Use of Mathematics	Grade E	N/A
O Level Maths	Grade C	N/A



UK Equivalents

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Qualification	Grade or Level
Welsh Qualification	
Essential Skills Wales or Northern Ireland in Application of Number	Level 2
Scottish Qualifications	
Scottish Intermediate in Mathematics	Grade C or above (A, B)
Scottish National in Mathematics	Grade C or above (A, B)
Scottish Standard in Mathematics	Grade 3 or above (2, 1)
SCQF Numeracy	Level 5 or above (6, 7, 8)
Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers	E or above (A, B, C, D)
International Qualification	
Should be an equivalent international qualification in Maths	

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