

Equivalency Conversion Table to enable Percentages to be obtained from which an Applicant Score (AS) can be calculated

International/Foreign/NCV level 4 & senior certificate equivalency conversion table

- South African and International applicants with International, NC(V) level 4 or Foreign School-Leaving certificates, should use the table below to calculate an equivalent Applicant Score (AS) for admission, based on percentages obtained in such certificates.
- Applicants with international or foreign qualifications must also satisfy the requirements laid down by the Matriculation Board to qualify for a certificate of exemption for a particular international or foreign school-leaving qualification. Applications for such certificates must be made to the Matriculation board directly: <https://mb.usaf.ac.za/>
- Applicants will have to comply with the minimum Applicant Score (AS) set for the UG qualification they wish to apply for, as well as meet any other additional subject requirements directly.
- To calculate your Applicant Score (AS) use the symbols/achievement rating/percentages obtained in your school-leaving examinations to convert them to an equivalent achievement standard on the National Senior Certificate (NSC).
- Your AS is calculated using six subjects, which must include the language(s) and subjects required for admission but excluding LO.

Subject % to use when calculating the Applicant Score*	Senior Cert HG	Senior Cert SG	HIGCSE NSSC HL	IGCSE NSSC OL	O-LEVEL	AS	A-LEVEL	IB HL	IB SL	KCSE	NC(V)4** Fundamental	NC(V)4 Vocational
115							A*, A	7			Use the actual percentages obtained on the statement of results / certificate of the applicant	
105							B	6				
95	A		1			A	C	5	7	A+, A		
85	B		2			B	D	4	6	A-		
75	C	A	3	A	A	C	E	3	5	B+		5 (90-100%)
65	D	B		B	B	D		2	4	B, B-		5 (80-89%)
55	E	C	4***	C	C	E		1	3	C+		4 (70-79%)
45	F	D		D	D				2	D		3 (50-69%)
35	FF	E		E	E				1	E		2 (40-49%)
25	G, GG, H	F, FF, G, GG, H		F, G						F, G		1 (0-39%)

* It is recommended that the the midpoint of the NSC percentage range be used when calculating the AS, as the results of the above qualifications (excluding the NCV Fundamentals) are reported as either a symbol or numeric value. The range of **Subject %** exceeds the 100% mark to allow for inclusion of the A Level and IB HL as both qualifications are considered to be at a higher level than the NSC.

** As the Fundamental subjects are considered to be at the same level as the NSC, use the actual percentage obtained by the applicant for Language and

Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy. For the four Vocational Subjects use the values in the relevant column of the table above.

*** A symbol 4 obtained for a NSSC Higher Level / HIGCSE subject is regarded as a pass mark in the equivalent Ordinary or IGCSE level subject except for a First Language subject which becomes a 2nd language pass if another language is also passed (**From: <https://mb.usaf.ac.za/paragraph-15/>**)

Key:

NSC	National Senior Certificate	O-Level	Ordinary Level
Senior Cert HG	Senior Certificate Higher Grade	AS	Advanced Subsidiary
Senior Cert SG	Senior Certificate Standard Grade	A-Level	Advanced level
HIGCSE	Higher International Graduate Certificate of Secondary Education	IB HL	International Baccalaureate Schools (Higher Levels)
IGCSE	International Graduate Certificate of Secondary Education	IB SL	International Baccalaureate Schools (Standard Levels)
NSSC HL	Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Higher Levels	KCSE	Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education
NSSC OL	Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary Levels	NC(V)4	National Certificate Vocational Level 4