

Tanzania Commission for Universities



Minimum Entry Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees in 2017/2018 Admission Cycle

Higher learning institutions will only be allowed to admit students who meet the approved minimum and specific entry requirements set for each programme as stated in the list of Undergraduate Degree Programmes Approved to admit students for 2017/2018 Admission Cycle. The institutions should admit students in the three recognized schemes:

- i. The direct entry scheme;
- ii. The equivalent qualifications entry scheme; and
- iii. The Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) entry scheme.

The Commission wishes to inform the Public that the minimum entry qualifications for Admission into Higher Learning Institutions (HLIs) for 2017/2018 academic year, for all programmes, **except** health-related programmes are indicated in Table 1:

Table 1: Minimum Admission Entry Qualifications for 2017/2018 Admission Cycle

NO.	CATEGORY OF APPLICANTS	MINIMUM ADMISSION ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS
1	Completed A-Level studies before 2014	Two principal passes with a total of 4.0 points from Two Subjects defining the admission into the respective programme (where A = 5; B = 4; C= 3; D = 2; E = 1).
2	Completed A-Level studies in 2014 and 2015	Two principal passes (Two Cs) with a total of 4.0 points from Two Subjects defining the admission into the respective programme (where A = 5; B+ = 4; B = 3; C= 2; D = 1).
3	Completed A –Level studies from 2016	Two principal passes with a total of 4.0 points from Two Subjects defining the admission into the respective programme (where A = 5; B = 4; C= 3; D = 2; E = 1).
4	Recognition of Prior Learning qualification	B+ Grade: where A =75-100, B+ = 65-74, B=50-64, C =40-49, D = 35-39, F = 0-38.
5	Equivalent applicants	At least four O'-Level passes (Ds and above) or NVA

	Level III with less than four O'-Level passes or equivalent foreign qualifications as established by either NECTA or VETA; AND
	i) At least a GPA of 3.0 for Ordinary Diploma (NTA Level 6); OR
	ii) Average of C for Full Technician Certificate (FTC) (where A=5, B=4, C=3, and D=2 points); OR
	iii) Average of 'B' Grade for Diploma in Teacher Education; OR
	iv) Average of 'B' Grade for Health-related awards such as Clinical Medicine and others; OR
	v) A Distinction for unclassified diplomas and certificates.
	vi) Upper Second Class for classified non-NTA diplomas.

The minimum entry requirements for 2017/2018 for health related programmes are indicated in Table 2:

Table 2: Admission Requirements for Direct Entrants and Equivalent Entrants

A: Direct Entrants		
SN	DEGREE PROGRAMME	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
1	Doctor of Medicine (MD/MBBS)	Three principal passes in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology with minimum entry of 8 points. Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and Biology and at least D grade in Physics .
2	Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)	Three principal passes in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology with minimum entry of 8 points. Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and Biology and at least D grade in Physics .
3	Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)	Three principal passes in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology with minimum entry of 8 points. Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and Biology and at least D grade in Physics .
4	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences (BMLS)	Three principal passes in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology with minimum entry of 6 points. Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and at least D grade in Biology and E grade in Physics .
5	Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy Technology (BSc RTT)	Three principal passes in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology with minimum entry of 6 points. Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and at least D grade in Biology and E grade in Physics .
6	Bachelor of Science in Prosthetic and Orthotics (BSc PO)	Three principal passes in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology with minimum entry of 6 points. Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and at least D grade in Biology and E grade in Physics .

7	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)	Three principal passes in Chemistry, Biology and either Physics or Mathematics or Nutrition with a minimum of 6 points . Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and at least D grade in Biology and E grade in Physics or Mathematics or Nutrition .
8	Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health Sciences (BSc EHS)	Three principal passes in Chemistry, Biology and either Physics or Mathematics or Nutrition or Geography or Agriculture with a minimum of 6 points . Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and at least D grade in Biology and E grade in Physics or Mathematics or Nutrition or Geography or Agriculture .
9	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences in Clinical Chemistry, Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences in Hematology and Blood Transfusion, Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences in Histotechnology, Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science in Microbiology and Immunology, Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences in Parasitology and Medical Entomology and Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences General	Three principal passes in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology with minimum entry of 6 points. Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and at least D grade in Biology and E grade in Physics .
10	Bachelor of Sciences in Health Laboratory and Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	Three principal passes in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology with minimum entry of 6 points. Whereby one must have at least C grade in Chemistry and at least D grade in Biology and E grade in Physics .
11	Bachelor of Science in Optometry	Three principal passes in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology with minimum entry of 6 points. Whereby one must have at least C grade in Physics and at least D grade in Biology and E grade in Chemistry/Mathematics

B: Equivalent Entrants

All equivalent applicants may apply for above programmes if they meet the requirements stated below:

- i. Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (CSEE) with at least Five (5) passes including two credit passes in Chemistry and Biology and a D grade in Physics **PLUS** appropriate Diploma or Advanced Diploma **with an average of "B+" or GPA of 3.5**

OR

- ii. BSc (lower second) majoring in Physics/Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology /Zoology.

C. Holders of foreign qualifications

All applicants holding foreign qualifications must have their qualifications validated and equated by the respective regulatory bodies before submitting their applications for admissions as follows:

- i. The National Examination Council of Tanzania in respect of certificates secondary education and teacher education; and
- ii. The National Council for Technical Education in respect of NTA Level 6 qualification.