

I Admission requirements

(a) General information

The admission requirements of Canadian universities vary from province to province. Most universities state their requirements for admission to first-degree programs by reference to the secondary-school leaving certificate issued by the departments of education of the provinces in which they are located.

The admission of students from outside Canada is decided by individual universities. As a rule, universities treat equivalent certificates from other countries as qualification for entrance.²

Some examples of foreign certificates which are usually accepted, are:

(i) Commonwealth:

A student from a Commonwealth country will usually be considered eligible for admission to a Canadian university if he has the standing prescribed for admission to a university in his own country as outlined in the *Commonwealth Universities Yearbook*. Some universities, however, require the completion of an undergraduate degree

from a university in a student's home country as a prerequisite for admission to their own first-degree programs.

(ii) United States:

Graduation from a U.S. high school is generally equated with junior matriculation if the choice of subjects and level of attainment are satisfactory. Completion of one year of college work beyond high-school graduation is frequently accepted by Canadian universities for admission. A school principal's recommendation and results of college entrance examination board tests are often required.

(iii) Europe:

Students who have satisfied the requirements for admission to a European university are generally considered eligible for admission to a Canadian university. Written and oral tests of facility in English or French may be required.

(iv) Middle East, Asia, South American and non-Commonwealth African countries:

Applicants must produce evidence of having passed an examination such as the British GCE, the U.S. College Entrance Examination Board Tests, the Bacillerato or other examinations that would admit them to university in their own countries.

²An outline of requirements for admission to first-degree programs in Canadian universities appears in the *Directory of Canadian Universities* (published by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada) and in an appendix to the annual *Commonwealth Universities Yearbook* (published by the Association of Commonwealth Universities). The calendars of universities, which can be obtained from their registrars, contain detailed official statements of admission requirements.