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Does your University accept the HKCEE and HKALE for admission to your University?	Yes. HKCEE exams are considered equivalents to GCSE exams, with the exception of HKCEE English Language. A HKCEE grade A is considered equivalent to GCSE grade A*, a HKCEE grade B equivalent to GCSE grade A, etc.
What are the entry requirements for a student with HKCEE and HKALE qualifications entering your University?	The HKALE grades are considered equivalent to GCE A-level HKALE grades AAA. HKCEE in a broad range of subjects – the majority should be grade A. Some of our degree courses have subject-specific requirements; details can be found in our prospectus or online (www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate)
Do students with HKCEE and HKALE qualifications have to sit an entrance examination to enter your University?	No, but for certain courses at Cambridge a written test is a compulsory element; details can be found in our prospectus or online (www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/tests).
Is there a language proficiency test that students with HKCEE and HKALE qualifications wishing to enter your University must take?	Normally applicants whose first language is not English must have GSCE English, IELTS 7.0 overall and minimum of 7.00 in each element, CAE grade A or B, or Certificate of Proficiency in English A, B or C. HKCEE English Language (Syllabus A or B) is <u>not</u> acceptable, but HKALE Use of English (AS-Level) grade A or B is acceptable
Is there a standard on an international English scale that students with HKCEE and HKALE qualifications wishing to enter your University must reach?	No, see above.
Are there any other tests that students with HKCEE and HKALE qualifications wishing to enter your University must take? When must they be taken?	Admissions tests for some subjects, e.g. Medicine and Veterinary Medicine (BMAT), Law (LNAT), for applicants to these subjects taken in or by November, and Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) in some science and social science subjects taken at interview, plus some subject-based College tests taken at interview. Conditional offers for Mathematics include the requirement to take Sixth Term Examination Papers (STEP).
Is there an entry quota that applies to students with HKCEE and HKALE qualifications wishing to enter your University?	(For more details see www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/tests) No, unless they are applying to read Medicine. Medicine is the only subject that has a restriction on the number of places available to non-EU applicants. This quota is imposed by the UK government and is currently set at 21 students per year.
Where can information be obtained on fees and other charges for students with HKCEE and HKALE qualifications wishing to enter your University?	Up-to-date information can be found on our website: www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/international/costs.html Overseas fees 2006-07: £8,832- £21,417 depending on subject
Is consideration given to factors other than examination performance for overseas students wishing to apply for entry to your University?	Yes, we take an holistic view of assessment, looking at all information supplied by the applicant. Admission to Cambridge is highly competitive and selectors are required to make very difficult decisions between applicants, based on each applicant's potential to benefit from and flourish in studying the Cambridge course for which they have applied. Applicants are assessed individually using all the information available to tutors. Decisions about applicants are made on the basis of the following:

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	 Academic record, including GCSE and AS (or equivalent) grades and A level (or equivalent) grades or predictions. School/college reference. Personal statement. Submitted work, where requested. Test results, where a written test forms part of the assessment. Performance at interview, if interviewed. All of these indicators are considered when we make admissions decisions, and all are important. Entry criteria can be found on our website at: www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/requirements (See also UCAS Admission information: www.ucas.ac.uk/apply/info.html)
Does your University accept the International Baccalaureate?	Yes. We would normally expect students to have obtained/be predicted to obtain an overall score of at least 38-40 points with scores of 7,7,7 or 7,7,6 in the subjects studied at the Higher level.
Does your University accept students if they are under the age of 18 at the time of commencing studies?	There is no hard and fast rule. Applicants who will be under the age of 18 at the time of commencing studies are advised to discuss this matter with the College to which they are considering applying.