

University Applications
Portuguese Public Universities

Application:

Applications to Public Universities is carried out annually through the Public Annual Application organised by the *Direção-Geral do Ensino Superior*.

In order to proceed with their studies in Portugal, CLIB students will acquire the equivalence to Year 12 of the Portuguese system by completing the AICE diploma, where the number of credits is converted to the Portuguese table resulting in the **secondary school average**.

A.I.C.E Diploma Classification Table

AICE	Sistema Português
420	20 valores
410	19.6 valores
400	19.3 valores
390	18.9 valores
380	18.6 valores
370	18.2 valores
360	17.9 valores
350	17.5 valores
340	17.1 valores
330	16.8 valores
320	16.4 valores
310	16.1 valores

300	15.7 valores
290	15.4 valores
280	15 valores
270	14.6 valores
260	14.3 valores
250	13.9 valores
240	13.6 valores
230	13.2 valores
220	12.9 valores
210	12.5 valores
200	12.1 valores
190	11.8 valores
180	11.4 valores
170	11.1 valores
160	10.7 valores
150	10.4 valores
140	10 valores

Entry Exams:

Unlike the students from the Portuguese system, our students don't need to complete the national exams (entry exams), as stated by the "Artigo 20-A". Students must only guarantee that they take the AS Level exams of the AICE Diploma (Form 11 program), which are considered to be equivalent to the national entry exams.

Equivalence table for Entry Exams

$C=115+105/NE*(E-1)-NE$		
NE = 5		
Classificação original Menção Qualitativa	E	Classificação Equivalente Escala de 0 a 200 pontos
A*		200
A	1	194
B	2	173
C	3	152
D	4	131
E	5	110

To sum up, the application mark results from a calculation using both results (AICE DIPLOMA + subjects equivalence to the entry exams)

Calendar:

The application is completed through the *Direção Geral do Ensino Superior* online platform, between the end of July and the beginning of August. Additional documents must be submitted, by the individual student, therefore students must be present throughout this application phase.

The final application date is often before the date when Cambridge publishes their results (always a few days difference). It must be noted however that this situation is safeguarded, and the Public National Application waits for the Cambridge results before publishing the placements.

CLIB will guide the students throughout the application process.

The results are normally released in the beginning of **September**.

Prerequisites:

The prerequisites are conditions of a physical, functional or vocational nature, which are relevant for entry in specific University courses. The Universities themselves will determine and publish if the application to one of their courses is conditional to satisfying any prerequisites. Prerequisites may be of an eliminatory nature, focusing on the selection of specific candidates.

The evidence of prerequisites that demand the completion of aptitude, physical, functional or vocational tests is completed through a prerequisites Form, submitted by the Universities.

Obtaining prerequisites that are of a purely documental nature, and therefore don't require the completion of any aptitude, physical, functional or vocational tests, must be submitted by the candidates, at the time of enrolment, at the University, and are a paramount condition for successful enrolment.

Portuguese Private Universities

Applications to private Universities as well as the *Universidade Católica Portuguesa* are presented directly at each University and are equally dependent on the AICE exams equivalence.

International Universities

Entries to International universities do not rely entirely on marks but also on the student's personal statement and the school's reference which accompany their application. In the case of Art, the student's portfolio is decisive and for medicine, the interview is a deciding factor. Furthermore, a student's CV over the course of their schooling has a great impact, and for the competitive universities straight A grades do not suffice, so students are encouraged to work towards building a portfolio of skills, competencies and activities to complement their academic training. In the past we have had students entering Universities in the UK, Paris, Spain, USA and Switzerland.

The application process to International Universities begins at the start of June of Form 11. Following an explanatory workshop delivered by Ms. Chohfi, students begin to complete their personal statements. A personal statement is the only part in the application that gives students the opportunity to 'sell themselves' to the Admissions tutors by highlighting specific skills and competencies gained through a series of activities that emphasise the student's career choice. Personal statements must be submitted to Ms. Chohfi by the 30th of June. Ms. Chohfi will then be reading and polishing these statements in order to provide feedback to students on their work by 15th July. Changes based on the feedback provided must be sent back to Ms. Chohfi by the 1st of August. Once term begins in September, students must have a final version of their personal statement ready. Students then begin to complete the online application and to review specific university choices with Ms. Chohfi. Within this array of choices it is important that students include a range of universities with varying entry requirements, thus guaranteeing a safe choice in case exams don't run as expected. Students applying to medicine must submit their applications by the 15th October and remaining students by the 30th October. After the applications have been submitted universities will begin to issue conditional offers to students within the coming months until March. Through the conditional offers, Universities will establish the minimum required entry grades for the specified course. These grades are obtained following the May/June exams, for three separate A2 subjects.