

## LETTER CIRCULAR - Institute for Education

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**Subject:** Bachelor of Education (Hons) – Applications for October 2020

**Course Delivery:** 4 Years Part-Time (Blended)

**Applications Open:** 4.30pm (CET) 20/05/2020

**Application Link:** <https://bit.ly/3dWuA8g>

**Application Deadline:** 02/06/2020

**Tuition Fee:** Home/EU/UK/EEA Applicants: €450 per annum

Non-EU/EEA - €4,500 – Full Price

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The Institute for Education is accepting applications submitted online as **from 4.30pm of Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020** for the part-time blended course *Bachelor of Education (Hons) (MQF 6, 180 ECTS)* starting in **October 2020**. While applications will be on a first-come first-served basis, persons engaged as supply educators will be given first preference.

### Course Details:

This degree programme provides course participants with a strong foundation in pedagogy, assessment, inclusive practices and educational theory. It aims to provide those within or wishing to join the education sector with the necessary tools and competences to teach effectively in the classroom whilst fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment. It also serves as a pathway to further studies.

Subject specialisations currently on offer include:

- Primary Education (maximum 25 participants)
- Religious Education (maximum 7 participants)
- Social Studies (maximum 7 participants)
- European Studies (maximum 7 participants)
- Agribusiness (maximum 7 participants)
- Engineering Technology (maximum 7 participants)
- Hospitality Education (maximum 7 participants)
- Fashion and Textiles (maximum 7 participants)
- Physical Education (maximum 7 participants)
- Biology (maximum 7 participants)
- Hairdressing and Beauty (maximum 7 participants)

The successful completion of the qualification may not be the only requirement for employment and therefore applicants are responsible to contact the appropriate departments to be informed of additional requirements for the desired employment.

### **Get Qualified Scheme**

This course falls under the Get Qualified Scheme, an initiative supporting the achievement of qualifications and certifications required by industry. Upon successful completion of the qualification the student may be entitled to benefit from a tax credit to recover part of the costs incurred throughout their studies.



For further information, application and procedures kindly follow: <https://bit.ly/2Z0FWnf>. This scheme is administered by the Ministry for Education and Employment and is independent from the Institute for Education.

### **Minimum entry requirements**

Applicants interested in following the degree programme are required to satisfy the eligibility criteria as indicated in the Annex at the end of this circular. Higher full qualifications in the relevant subject areas may also be considered by the Admissions Board.

### **Maturity Clause**

This clause permits an applicant who satisfies the following conditions to apply for consideration to participate in a course as a mature student. Apart from any additional eligibility requirements, the applicant must:

- i. be in possession of the School Leaving Certificate / Secondary School Certificate and Profile;
- ii. be in possession of an MQF Level 3 in Mathematics, Maltese and English Language (Grades 1-5, or equivalent);
- iii. be 23 years old by the closing date of application.

Applicants who apply under the maturity clause have to demonstrate academic potential and that they have gained academically relevant knowledge and work place experience. Applicants are required to sit for an interview where they will need to present a portfolio including; an updated CV and motivational letter, full details of their career, a document outlining their knowledge development, employment record, certificates, documents, and references. The portfolio has to also include past academic assignments or documents/reports written by the applicant during

employment. Following the interview, the Admissions Board may require candidates to undertake additional studies within a stipulated timeframe as a condition for their acceptance. The Board may even recommend an alternative programme where it considers appropriate.

### **Language Requirement for International Applicants**

In addition to the above requirements, international applicants are required to demonstrate English language proficiency with an Academic IELTS score of 6.0, or an equivalent score from another recognised international proficiency examination.

### **Fees**

Upon receiving the acceptance letter by the Institute, applicants from countries in the European Union (EU), Switzerland, UK and countries in the European Economic Area (EEA) are required to pay €450 on an annual basis.

International applicants who are not from the EU, Switzerland, UK or from a country within the EEA are required to pay in full the total cost of the course: €4,500. For further details kindly refer to the Institute's Tuition Fees Policy 2020-2021 which can be accessed via the following link: <https://bit.ly/2LmYztt>. Modes and methods of payment will be communicated to the accepted applicants.

### **Submission of applications**

Interested applicants are kindly asked to submit an online application by following the link: <https://bit.ly/3dWuA8g>. Deadline for submission of applications is **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**. Eligible applicants will be selected on a first-come first served basis. However, supply educators teaching the area or subject they are applying under will be given first preference.

**Disclaimer:** The running of all programmes are subject to a minimum number of participants and subject to availability of resources.

Thank you.

**Joanne Grima**  
**CEO Institute for Education**

## Annex – Entry Requirements

Participants applying for the *Bachelor of Education (Hons)* are required to be in possession of the following:

Subject Area	Entry Requirements
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1. Three (3) Ordinary Levels at MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade C or 5) or a recognised comparable qualification in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics.

**AND**

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

### Primary Education

a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better at Advanced Level in one of the subjects taught in the primary curriculum;

**OR**

b) An MQF Level 4 vocational diploma with a minimum of 120 ECTS in Early Childhood Education and Care;

**OR**

c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with two at grade C or better including one of the subjects taught in the primary curriculum, and another with a grade D or better.

1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics;

**AND**

### Religious Education

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Religious Knowledge at Advanced Level;

**OR**

b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Religious Knowledge and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject.

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1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics

**AND**

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

**Social Studies**

- a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in at least **ONE** of the following subjects: Social Studies, Sociology, Economics, History, or Philosophy at Advanced Level;  
**OR**
- b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in at least **ONE** of the following subjects: Social Studies, Sociology, Economics, History, or Philosophy. In addition, applicants should also be in possession of a grade C or better in another subject and a grade D or better in a third subject.

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1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics

**AND**

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

**Agribusiness**

- a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Biology at Advanced Level;  
**OR**
- b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 120 ECTS) in Agribusiness or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education;  
**OR**
- c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Biology and another subject, and at least a Grade D in the third subject.

1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics

**AND**

### European Studies

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better at Advanced Level in **ONE** of the following subjects: European Studies, History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics;

**OR**

b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in **ONE** of the following: European Studies, History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics. In addition, applicants should also be in possession of a grade C or better in another subject and a grade D or better in a third subject.

1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics

**AND**

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in **TWO** of the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing or Graphical Communication;

**OR**

b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 120 ECTS) in Engineering Technology or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education;

**OR**

c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in **TWO** of the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing or Graphical Communication; and at least a Grade D in a third subject.

### Engineering Technology

1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics

**AND**

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a Grade C or better in Home Economics at Advanced Level;

**OR**

b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 120 ECTS) in Hospitality or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education;

**OR**

c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Home Economics and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject.

## Hospitality

1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics

**AND**

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) preferably with a grade C or better in Art at Intermediate level;

**OR**

b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 120 ECTS) in Fashion and Textiles or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education;

**OR**

c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in two subjects (preferably including Art), and at least a grade D in a third subject.

## Fashion and Textiles

3. In addition to the above, all applicants will be required to sit for an interview and present a portfolio illustrating their work and training in relation to the subject area prior to acceptance.

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1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics

**AND**

**Physical Education**

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in PE at Intermediate level;

**OR**

b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 120 ECTS) in Sports, Coaching or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education;

**OR**

c) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) together with a signed reference from the association or MOC providing evidence of a minimum of three (3) years active participation in a particular sport.

3. In addition to the above, all applicants will be required to sit for a coordinative and fitness test.

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1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics;

**AND**

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Biology at Advanced Level;

**OR**

b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Biology and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject.

**Biology**



1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics;

## **Hairdressing and Beauty**

**AND**

2. A minimum of **ONE** of the following:

- a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) preferably with a grade C or better in Biology, Chemistry or Home Economics at Intermediate level;

**OR**

- b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 120 ECTS) in Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education;

**OR**

- c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in two subjects (preferably including Biology, Chemistry or Home Economics), and at least a grade D in a third subject.

3. In addition to the above, all applicants will be required to sit for an interview and present a portfolio demonstrating their work and training in relation to the subject area prior to acceptance on the programme.