

Insurance Practitioner Apprenticeship

Entry Requirements

Developed by The Insurance Institute and ATU Sligo and validated under the QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland) delegated authority process.

Entry Requirements to Year One

There are a number of different ways to satisfy the entry requirements. The most common method is through the Irish Leaving Certificate exams. However, students may also satisfy the entry requirements by having FETAC qualifications, by being a mature student or having other qualifications, such as GCEAS, A2, AVCE, Double Award, BTEC, etc.

Irish Leaving Certificate Requirements Honours Degree/Level 8

Prior to 2017

- A minimum of 4 grade Ds at Ordinary Level and 2 Grade C3 at Higher Level.
- Leaving Certificate subjects must include Mathematics and English or Irish.
- An E grade in Higher Level Mathematics, and a B2 in Foundation Mathematics is a minimum entry requirement.
- A minimum of 160 points is required for entry to all Level 8 courses.

2017 onwards

- A minimum of 4 grades 406/H7 and 2 grade H5 or higher Leaving Certificate subjects.
- Leaving Certificate subjects must include Mathematics and English or Irish.
- With English or Irish with O6/H7 and Mathematics with F2/O6/H7.
- A minimum of 160 points is required for entry to all Level 8 courses.

Fetac Awards and Entry

The minimum entry requirements for graduates of FETAC (Level 5 or 6) awards to an Honours Degree Course (NFQ Level 8) is a full cognate FETAC (Level 5 or 6) award to include distinction grades in at least three components.

For entry to the majority of courses a full award may be accumulated over more than one academic year. In such cases it is the responsibility of the applicant to apply to FETAC for a full award. However, for entry to certain courses an award achieved in a single sitting may be required.

All FETAC awards are part of the Common Awards System, or CAS, from 2014. A full FETAC Level 5 or 6 major award will have a minimum credit value of 120. Component awards, or achievement of less than 120 credits, do not constitute a full award.

Some applicants will combine components achieved prior to the introduction of CAS with others which are part of CAS. Level 5 and 6 (NCVA) Certificates, i.e. major awards, achieved before the introduction of CAS are also scored according to the system outlined above.

All FETAC Level 5 and Level 6 awards will be scored using the best 120 credits to deliver a maximum of 400 points regardless of whether they were achieved before or after the introduction of CAS.

Mature Students

Mature applicants (defined as those who are over 23 on 1 January of the year of entry) do not require the above minimum entry requirements and acceptance will be based on experiential learning, commitment to course objectives and an interview.

Recruitment to the Programme

As apprentices will be employed by their sponsoring company, the employer/industry will recruit the apprentices.

The company may use a variety of additional tools to assist in the recruitment process.