

# S5a DIDI Admission Requirements

## General documents required (applicable to all students):

- A completed DIDI online application form
- Certificate of Equivalency from the UAE Ministry of Education. This excludes Thanaweyya 'Ammah.
- Colored Copy of Passport, EmiratesID and residence Visa (If applicable)
- Passport size photograph
- For UAE Nationals Only: A complete copy of Khulasat Al Qaid (UAE National Family Book)
- Attested educational certificates by the appropriate authorities\*. Refer to curriculum-based requirement below.
- For UAE Male Applicants, official letter stating completion or exemption of the Military National Service.
- Legal translation for the certificates issued in any language other than Arabic or English attested from an accredited entity.
- Arabic Subject is required for Arabic speakers only, and Islamic Subject is required for Muslims only in all private schools in the UAE for grades (10+11+12).
- English Language Proficiency Test score.
- Other requirements might apply based on an applicant's specific school system. Refer to curriculum-based requirement below.

*\*Unattested scans will be accepted to start the application process. However, applicants will be required to show attested original documents before enrolling at DIDI. Applicants graduating from schools outside the UAE are to certify (attest) documents from the country of origin: attestation is required by the authorized educational authority, the country's ministry of foreign affairs, and the UAE Embassy. Applicants graduating from UAE schools are required to attest documents from the UAE Ministry of Education.*

## Academic Requirement Based on Curriculum

The minimum academic entry requirements for DIDI depend upon the type of high school curriculum the applicant has followed. Applicants must submit their transcripts/certificates of the final three years of high school as part of the admissions requirement.

Applicants who have obtained a MoE High School Certificate Equivalency but do not fully meet the curriculum requirements may still be considered for admission based on the strength of their portfolio or their performance in an interview with the Dean or designated faculty members. This process allows us to evaluate the applicant's potential, creativity, and alignment with the academic and professional objectives of the program. Final decisions in such cases will be made at the discretion of the Dean and President.

### UAE (Thanawya Ammah) Curriculum:

#### MoE Equivalency

- Original graduation diploma and Attested 10,11,12 transcripts
- Original transcript (10,11,12) with a minimum of **70%** and above.
- Pass the SAT Math test as required by the MoE for High School Certificate Equivalency

### American Curriculum:

#### MoE Equivalency

- Graduation diploma
- Original transcript (grade 10,11,12) with a minimum of C or **65%** and above. *(Only subjects classified as academic are considered in the calculation of the CGPA) \**
- Student should pass **5 (five)** subjects successfully (Arabic & Islamic Studies are excluded). The subjects must be within the approved lists of courses.
- Pass the SAT Math test as required by the MoE for High School Certificate Equivalency

### British Curriculum:

#### MoE Equivalency

- Applicants must complete Year 13 of schooling (equivalent to American Grade 12). And must provide a Sequencing Certificate (Certificate of School Registration History), the last year of schooling should show year 13.
- Successfully complete **5 (five)** Ordinary Level, GCSE or IGCSE subjects with an average grade of C and above (Arabic & Islamic Studies are excluded) **AND**
- Successfully complete **2 (two)** Advanced Subsidiary Level subjects with an average grade of 'D' and above **OR**
- **1 (one)** Advanced Level subject with a grade of 'D' and above.
- The subjects must be within the approved lists of courses.
- The required attested certificates are the final IGCSE/GCSE/GCE grade reports (issued by the Board(s)), **NOT** the statement of results or the provisional results.

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## British Curriculum (BTEC Level 3 Diploma):

MoE Equivalency

- Attested BTEC Level 3 Diploma is equivalent to a vocational high school certificate.
- BTEC Level 3 Diploma
  - Minimum of 120 credits
  - PP grade or higher
- One of the following:
  - Attested GCSE/IGCSE certificate: Complete five approved GCSE/IGCSE subjects with a minimum average grade of C or 4 OR
  - Attested IB Middle Years Program (MYP)

## International Baccalaureate (IB):

MoE Equivalency

- Successfully complete grade 12 or its equivalent in either of the two following tracks:
  - **Track 1: IB Diploma (Attested)**
    - Obtaining the International Baccalaureate Diploma without counting the Islamic Studies subject as one of the required subjects to obtain the diploma.
    - Minimum overall points required is **24**.
    - A minimum of **3 Higher Level (HL)** and **3 Standard Level (SL)** courses with a minimum grade for each subject is 3 and above. The subjects must be within the approved lists of the International Baccalaureate Organization.
  - **Track 2: IB Certificate (Attested)**

Student must pass **6 subjects** from the International Baccalaureate subjects (IB Subject Certificate) excluding the Islamic Studies as one of the required subjects and according the following conditions:

    - Minimum grade required for each subject is 3.
    - Minimum overall grade required is **21**.
    - To pass the core subjects (English, Mathematics, and a science subject) within the 6 required subject in the High Level (HL) or Standard level (SL)
    - The subjects must be within the approved lists of the International Baccalaureate Organization.

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Career-Related Program:

MoE Equivalency

- The International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme can be equivalent to both a technical and general high school certificate
- For Vocational High School Certificate Equivalency**
  - BTEC Level 3 Diploma
    - Minimum of 90 credits completed
    - PP grade or higher
  - IB Subject Certificate
    - Complete two HL/SL subjects with a minimum grade of 3 in each subject
- For General High School Certificate Equivalency**
  - Attested BTEC Level 3 Diploma
    - Minimum of 120 credits completed
    - PP grade or higher
  - Attested B Career-Related Program: Complete two HL/SL subjects with a minimum grade of 3 in each subject
  - One of the following:
    - Attested GCSE/IGCSE certificate. Complete five approved GCSE/IGCSE subjects with a minimum grade of C or 4
    - Attested IB Middle Years Program (MYP)

## Indian Curriculum:

MoE Equivalency

- The student must pass grades (10, 11, and 12), and the lower end of passing in each subject must not be less than **D or 60%**. The subjects must be within the approved lists of courses.
- Attested academic transcript(s)/Board certificates for grades (10 & 12).

## Pakistan Curriculum:

MoE Equivalency

- Minimum average of **70%** in the Senior Secondary School Certificate (12th Standard), or **65%** or more in the best two of the last three years.
- Diploma certificate + transcript of grades for three years attested (all attestations)

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## CIS Countries (Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, etc.):

MoE Equivalency

- Recognized high school certificate that follows the **11-year education program**.
- Average of **3/5** (a minimum score of 3.0 in the final year (grade 11), or a minimum score of 3.0 in the best two years of the last three years).
- A copy of the attested graduation certificate & an attested copy of the academic transcript for the last 3 years of study **OR**
- An attested copy of grade 9 certificate + an attested copy of certificate for the last 2 years of study

## Australian Curriculum:

MoE Equivalency

- Successful completion of Year 12 with 70% or Credit(B). The final graduation diploma must be issued from the province that accredits the school.
- The student must pass grades 10, 11 & 12 according to the curriculum and study plan of the Australian state or the province

## Iranian Curriculum:

MoE Equivalency

- New system: Graduation certificate (تصديلات دوم دوم متوسطة)
- Current System: Graduation certificate (تصديلات متوسطة)
- Old System: Graduation certificate (پیش دانشگاهی) and transcript for 1 year
- Transcript for 3 years after grade 9 with a minimum score of **14 points** in the pre-university certificate, or a minimum average of **70%** or its equivalent in the best two years of the last three years.
- Copy of graduation certificate and transcripts translated (if not in English) and attested.
- Note: Certificates issued by a system outside Khushur (Ryan Kashiha + Saba) by an Iranian educational center outside the issuing country will not be recognized by MOE, if they are not accredited by the issuing body in the issuing country.

## Canadian Curriculum

MoE Equivalency

- The student must pass grades 10, 11 & 12 (and have all documents attested) according to the curriculum and the study plan of the province and with a minimum of C or **70%** and above.
- The final graduation diploma must be issued by the province that accredits the school.

## Nigerian Curriculum (WAEC/NECO)

MoE Equivalency

- Successful completion of Senior Secondary School Certificate from West African Examination Council (WAEC) or National Examination Council (NECO).
- Minimum of **7 subjects** with **5 grades at C5 (Credit level)** or an average equivalent to **75%** or more in the WAEC or NECO results

## SABIS Curriculum

MoE Equivalency

- B- (70%) in the final year, or B- (70%) average in the best two years of grades 10, 11, and 12.
- For UAE Resident applicants, are required to obtain a minimum SAT 1 Math test with a minimum score of **450 in mathematics**. **OR**
- UAE National applicants, are required to obtain a minimum **EmSAT Achieve-Mathematics** with a minimum score of **500**.

## Chinese Curriculum

MoE Equivalency

- To obtain a high school diploma, students must meet a minimum requirement of **144 credits** and pass a national graduation examination.
- Minimum of **70%** or more or its equivalent in the final year national exam, or a minimum of **70%** or more or its equivalent in the best two years

## German Curriculum

MoE Equivalency

- The grading scale in the upper-secondary stage at Gymnasiums is a 15-point scale that is different from the grading scale used at other stages and types of schools.
- Minimum score of 7 (seven) in the final year or an average of 7 (seven) or above in the best two years of the last three years.
- While there are no centralized graduation exams at the end of the lower-secondary stage, the certificate of completion of grade 10 is usually officially equivalent to completion of middle maturity.

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## Attestation

Requirements for students completing their secondary education in the UAE.

- Ensure all transcripts and certificates are attested by the local educational regulatory authority:
  - Abu Dhabi – Department of Education and Knowledge
  - Dubai – Knowledge and Human Development Authority
  - Sharjah – Sharjah Private Education Authority
  - Other Emirates – Ministry of Education
- British system qualifications can be certified or attested by the British Council or the above regulatory authority. The British Council requires the certificates to be attested by the school. The required attested certificates are the final IGCSE/GCSE/GCE grade reports, **NOT** the statement of results or the provisional results.

Requirements for students completing their secondary education OUTSIDE the UAE

- Certification from the country of origin: Documents must be certified or attested by the authorized educational authority, the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the UAE Embassy.
- Certification in the UAE: Documents that are certified by the authorized educational authority of the country of origin must be certified or attested by the country's embassy in the UAE and the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Applicants are required to check with the UAE embassy or UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs to make sure that this option is available for their certificates.
- British system qualifications can also be certified or attested by the British Council, the country's Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the UAE Embassy. The British Council requires the certificates to be attested by the school. The required attested certificates are the final IGCSE/GCSE/GCE grade reports, NOT the statement of results or the provisional results.

**Original Documents must also be submitted along with the certified copies for final verification to the DIDI Admissions Office. Upon verification the original documents will be returned to the student.**

## UAE Certificate of Equivalency

The UAE Ministry of Education requires all enrolled students to obtain a certificate of equivalency for their secondary education certificate.

**For students completing their secondary education in the UAE:**

Applicants who earned their secondary education certificate from a private school inside the UAE should apply for a Certificate of Equivalency through their school. This excludes students from the UAE General Secondary School Certificate system (Thanaweyya 'Ammah).

**For students completing their secondary education outside the UAE:**

Applicants who earned their secondary education certificate from a school outside the UAE must present a Certificate of Equivalency for their secondary education certificate from the UAE Ministry of Education. DIDI is not involved in the equivalency process or decisions. Issuing of the Certificate of Equivalency is controlled fully by the UAE Ministry of Education.

**Certificate of Equivalency Application Process.**

- The first step is registering online at [www.moe.gov.ae](http://www.moe.gov.ae) under the Ministry of Education (MoE) E-services – Service Catalog and getting a registration number. For a detailed list of the requirements and documents, visit [www.moe.gov.ae](http://www.moe.gov.ae) under the Certificate of Equivalency section. You may also contact +971 (800 51115) or email [ccc.moe@moe.gov.ae](mailto:ccc.moe@moe.gov.ae).
- Applicants must prepare and attest all the required high school certificates and transcripts before leaving their home country and/or the country in which they graduated. For information about the required attestations, please see the section Required Attestations.
- Applicants are required to apply online for their Certificate of Equivalency at least two months prior to the first day of class.

DIDI is not involved in the equivalency process or decisions. Issuing of the Certificate of Equivalency is controlled fully by the UAE Ministry of Education.

Applicants who have applied for a Certificate of Equivalency but have not concluded the equivalency process by the time of registration will be given the chance to register for the first semester, if they sign the **S5a Extension Request & Document(s) Declaration Form** and will be placed on Admission preventing them from registering for courses for their second semester. Applicants selecting this option must present a copy of the MoE application receipt.

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## English Proficiency Test Score Requirement

Applicants whose language of instruction is English may be exempt from taking an English Proficiency Test, depending on their English subject average in high school.

English Proficiency Test Scores are assessments that measure a person's ability to communicate effectively in the English language. These tests evaluate a person's skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English, and provide a standardized score that indicates their level of proficiency. English proficiency test scores are often required by academic institutions as a means of ensuring that individuals have the necessary language skills to function effectively in English-speaking environments.

Please find below the required English Proficiency Test scores for DIDI:

English Proficiency Test type	Required Score
TOEFL <i>(valid for 2 years after you take the test)</i>	iBT (Internet Based) 80
	pBT (Institutional Paper-Based) 550
	cBT (Computer Based Test) 213
IELTS <i>(Valid for 2 years from the date of result declaration)</i>	6.0
Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE A) <i>(Valid for 2 years)</i>	54
Cambridge English: Advanced Test of English Language <i>(Does not have an expiry date. However, institutions only accept certificates taken within the last 2/3 years)</i>	52

## Transfer Students

Students interested to transfer from another university to DIDI, must apply through the DIDI admission website/portal, and meet the following minimum requirements:

- Should be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative grade point average **(CGPA) of 2.5** or greater.
- Should be eligible to continue their enrollment at the institution from which they wish to transfer.
- Should be transferring from a reputable and lawfully accredited university.
- Should provide a valid English Proficiency Test
  - Minimum score of achievement in either IELTS (Academic): 6.0 OR TOEFL iBT: 80 (Note: TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two calendar years only and should be taken from an approved testing center).
  - Students who have passed an English subject (grade C or above) at their initial university are not required to submit an English Proficiency Test, provided the course is approved and transferred by DIDI.
- Note: Not all the courses taken at the initial university will be transferred to DIDI. Make sure to provide a copy of the syllabi of all courses taken to be able to be considered for course transfers.