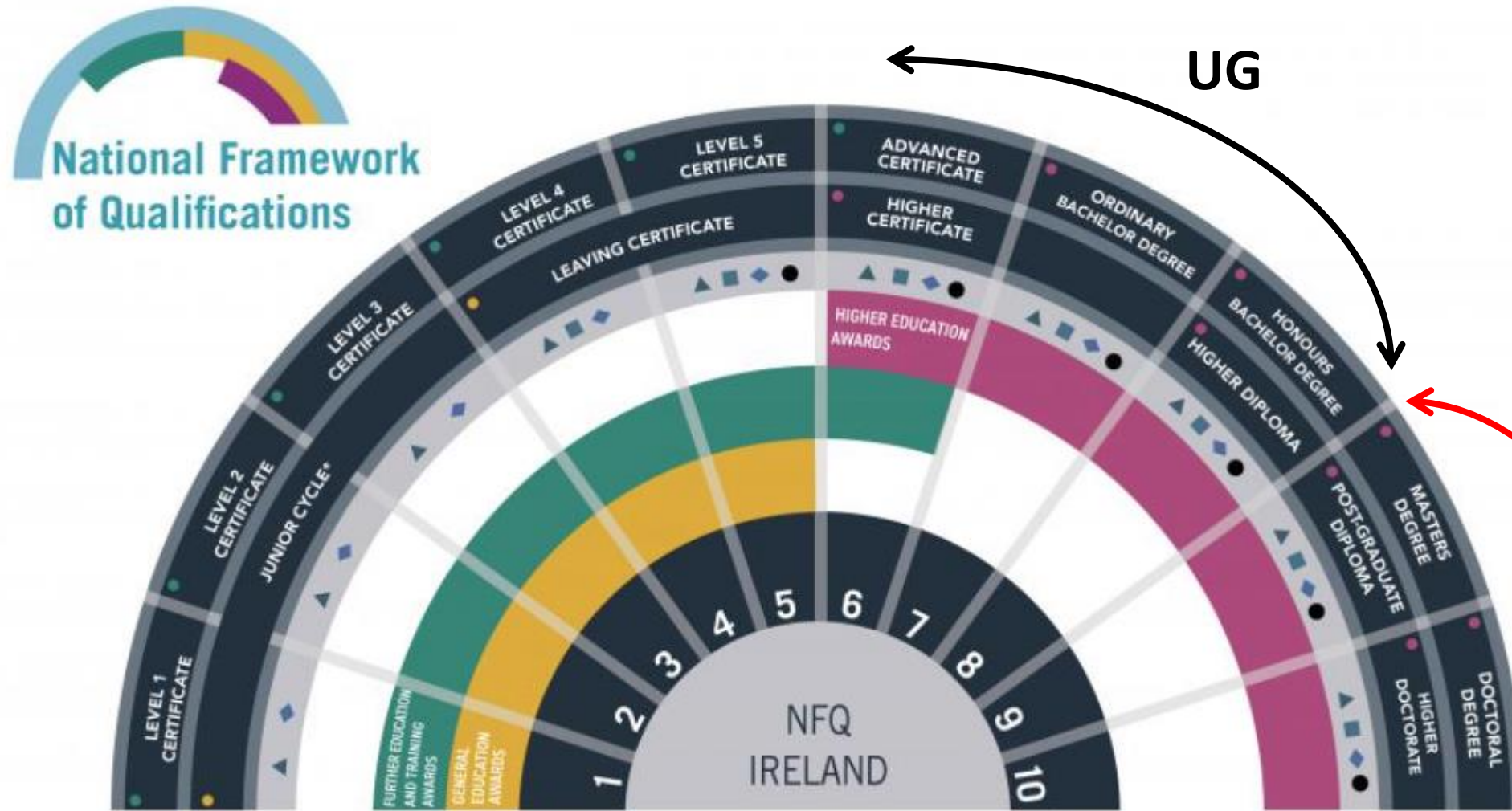




# QA and Recognition in practice

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# Undergraduate Entry

- **EU Applicants**

- Applicants apply via a Central Admissions Office ( CAO ) and entry is determined by subject entry requirements and points cut-off score (which is a factor of no of places, no of applicants, grade profile of applicants )
- Collective agreement by Irish universities on qualifications accepted and how they are mapped to Irish Leaving Cert
- Managed and governed by EU Qualifications Group
- Annual requirements published in the EU Qualifications document which is published on CAO website



Entry requirements criteria  
for EU/EFTA/UK Applicants

- **Non-EU Applicants**

- Criteria set by each university



# How are Leaving Cert points awarded?

%	Grade	Points Higher Level	Points Lower Level
90-100	1	100	56
80-89	2	88	46
70-79	3	77	37
60-69	4	66	28
50-59	5	56	20
40-49	6	46	12
30-39	7	37	N/A

Best 6 subjects are scored – Maximum 600 points .

Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (LCVP) Link Modules	Grade	Points
	Distinction	66
	Merit	46
	Pass	28

### Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

## Croatia

#### What qualifications are accepted?

- Svjedodžba o Maturi (Matura Certificate) or državne mature (Since 2009)

#### What is the minimum I need?

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses. Admission to most courses is competitive and for these courses a standard in excess of the minimum is required.

Level	Irish matric type	Croatian requirements
Level 8	2 H5 required	2 distinct recognised subjects at grade 3 and 4 distinct recognised subjects at grade 2. A minimum of 3 of the 6 subjects must be examined in the Matura
	3 H5 required	3 distinct recognised subjects at grade 3 and 3 distinct recognised subjects at grade 2. A minimum of 3 of the 6 subjects must be examined in the Matura
Level 7/6		5 distinct recognised subjects at grade 2. A minimum of 3 of the subjects must be examined in the Matura

#### What grade counts as a pass for purposes of admission to HEIs?

The minimum pass mark is 2 (scale 1-5 where 5 is best)

#### What level of English do I need?

The minimum level of English is 4 in Matur examination at Extended level or equivalent English Language competence (see page 10). Note applicants whose school-leaving examinations are more than two years old must present additional proof of English.

#### How do I meet the specific subject requirements?

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

LC Higher	Extended Level	LC Ordinary	Basic Level	Extended Level
H1	5 Matur	O1	4 Matur	3 Matur
H2	4 Matur	O2	3 Matur	2 Matur
H3	4 Matur	O3	3 Matur	2 Matur
H4	3 Matur	O4		2 Matur
H5	3 Matur	O5		2 Matur
H6	2 Matur	O6	2 (school level acceptable)	
H7	2 Matur			

**NB the table above is NOT used points conversion, only for entry requirement equivalence. For points conversion see Table 2.**

### Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA/UK

#### How do I work out my points score?

The indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Score	Best 3 Extended	4 <sup>th</sup> Subject	
		Extended	Basic
5	185	45	30
4	181	44	29
3	125	30	20
2	110	27	18
1	90	22	

- A maximum of four different recognised examined subjects, which are not mutually exclusive, will be counted provided they are taken in a single sitting
- If 4 examined subjects at extended are presented, the lowest grade is scored at a lower rate.
- Only subjects awarded at the same date can be considered for computation.
- Optional subjects will be scored at advanced (unless specified as basic), except in the case of mother tongue, which is assumed to be basic.

#### Single Sitting:

All subjects are examined at the same time and points are calculated based on a single sitting.

#### What documents do I need to send?

You must send a copy of your official examinations results and your results from the final year of school. Both documents should be accompanied by a translation. All documents must be sent to CAO and include your CAO application number.

#### Bonus points for mathematics:

Grade 2 or better in Extended Mathematics in Matur examination where mathematics is one of the subjects counted for points.

# Graduate Entry

- **EU & Non-EU Applicants**

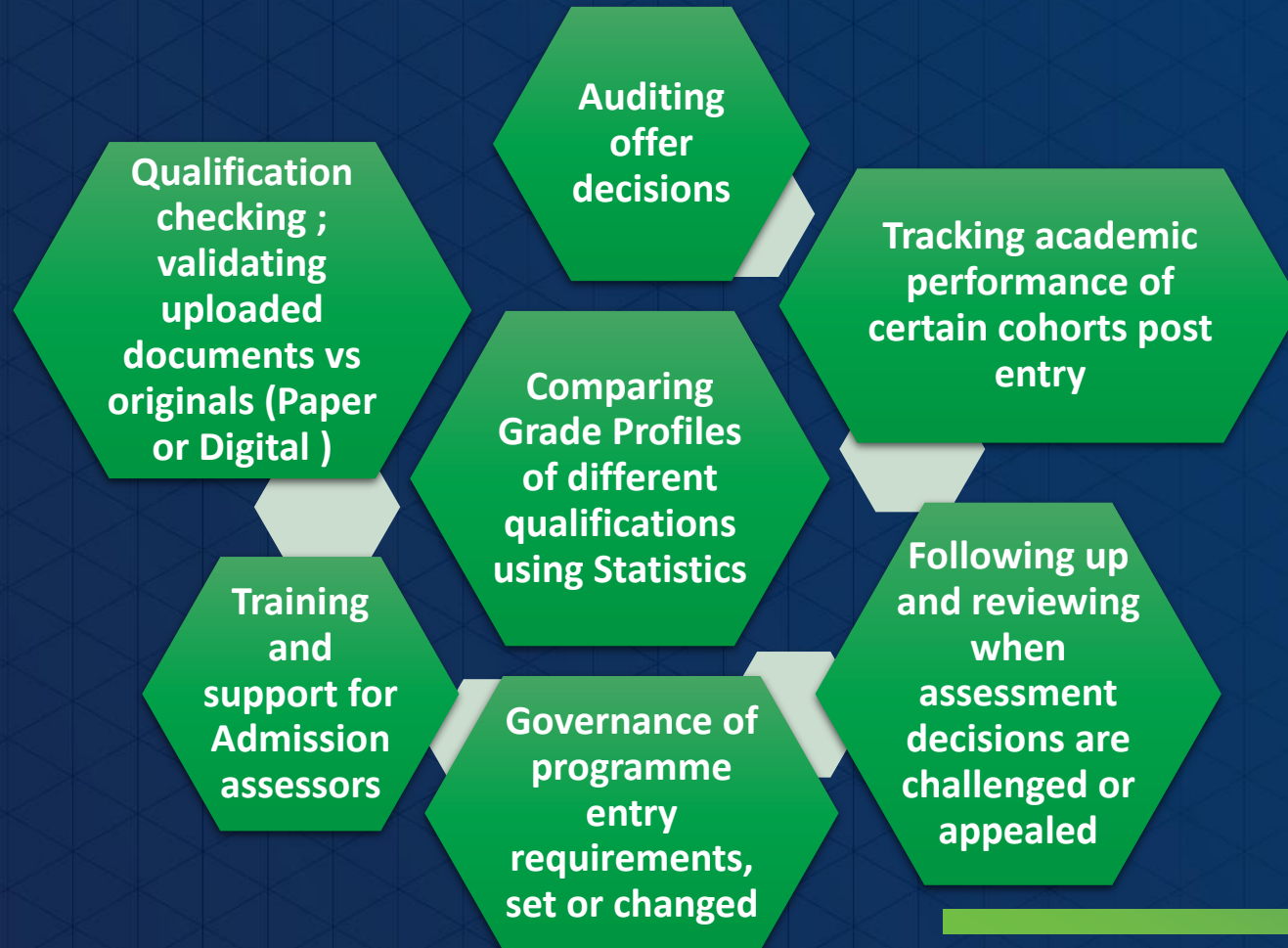
- Different models of assessing applications and qualifications across Irish universities .
- Some operating centrally , some operating a decentralised/delegated system and some a hybrid of both.
- Articulating entry requirements in terms of Level 8 award classifications such as First Class Honours (1H) , Upper Second class Honours (2H1 ) or Lower second class honours (2H2) is common.
- Mapping all qualifications to this award classification is generally required



# Some Sources of Information – Qualification Recognition

- **ECCTIS – Validate Institution, qualification award and Grade comparison tool**
- **Ministries of Education**
- **Embassies**
- **ENIC - NARIC**
- **NUFFIC**
- **International – e.g. AEI Australian Education International**

# UCD – What are the quality control points in managing different qualifications





# What are the challenges ?



**Finding up to date data ( e.g. grade distributions, award levels and % taking a qualification ) to support comparison of qualifications**



**Training and upskilling of those assessing qualifications**



**Recognition of those presenting with a mix of qualifications**



**Consistency in assessing RPL, Experiential Learning, Home schooling, Undocumented qualifications (e.g.EQPR)**