

Pastoral Formation Institute
Admissions Regulations

1.1 A candidate may be admitted to any course or programme of studies offered and/or accredited by the Pastoral Formation Institute as a regular student if s/he:

- (a)
 - i. demonstrates, through certification by an accredited/recognised institution/s that s/he achieved an educational level that is at least one level lower than the level of the course on offer, or
 - ii. has been registered as a student at another higher education institution recognized by the Board for this purpose, or
 - iii. will have reached the age of 23 by the commencement of the course, and demonstrates, normally after having been assessed through an interview or some other form of assessment, that s/he has the necessary academic background to follow the course of studies with profit, or
 - iv. possesses qualifications which fall short of those required, which shortfall is deemed by the Board to have been due to a physical or learning disability which would have made it difficult for the applicant to obtain the required entry qualification, and
- (b) satisfies any other requirements that may be set out in the regulations and bye-laws for that course or programme of studies.

1.2 With reference to regulation 1.1 (a), the Board of the Pastoral Formation Institute shall establish clear criteria and means for ascertaining that the candidate has achieved the required entry level for qualifications achieved in the areas of Vocational Education and Training, Non Formal Education and/or Informal Education.

1.3 With reference to regulation 1.1 (a) (iv.), the Board may seek the advice of an accredited professional working in the field of special needs education and/or disability issues to be able to evaluate the application on academic grounds.

1.4 In identifying the level of entry to the course or programme of studies, the Board of the Pastoral Formation Institute shall abide by the Directives, Guidelines, and Legal Notices issued by the Maltese Educational Authorities.

<i>Course</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>ECTS</i>	<i>Special Entry Requirement</i>	<i>Proposed Additional Requirements</i>
General Education Award in Evangelisation	4	10	School Leaving Certificate or equivalent Referral letter from Parish Priest and/or the respective Provincial Superior, (in the case of members of Consecrated Religious Life) and/or Movement/Association Leader (in the case of members of a Catholic Association)	NIL
Higher Education Award in Missiology	5	5	school leaving certificate or evidence of a secondary level of education.	Demonstrates level B1 Spoken and Written competence of English (Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference), Matriculation Certificate or Equivalent
Higher Education Award in Christian Leadership	5	8	Interview together with two reference letters	Demonstrates level B1 Spoken and Written competence of English (Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference), Matriculation Certificate or Equivalent
Higher Education Award in Evangelisation and Catechesis	5	10	interview to ascertain a pretertiary level of education	Should suffice (especially for the YF course) Demonstrates level B1 Spoken and Written competence of English (Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference), Matriculation Certificate or Equivalent
Higher Education Award in Adolescent and youth Ministry	5	16	School leaving certificate or evidence of a secondary level of education Referral letter from Parish Priest and/or the respective Provincial Superior,(in the case of members of Consecrated Religious Life) and/or Movement/Association Leader (in the case of members of a Youth Group)	Demonstrates level B1 Spoken and Written competence of English (Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference), Matriculation Certificate or Equivalent
Higher Education Award in	5	16	School Leaving Certificate or evidence of a	Demonstrates level B1 Spoken and Written

Theology			secondary level of education, together with an interview aimed at ascertaining ability to research and study.	competence of English (Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference), Matriculation Certificate or Equivalent
Higher Education Award in Catholic Social Teaching	5	12	Pre-Tertiary Qualifications or equivalent	Should suffice however better change wording Matriculation Certificate or Equivalent Demonstrates level B1 Spoken and Written competence of English (Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference), Matriculation Certificate or Equivalent
Diploma in Spiritual Companionship	6	60	Interview together with two reference letters	Demonstrates level B1 Spoken and Written competence of English (Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference), Matriculation Certificate or Equivalent
Higher Education Award in Catholic Religious Education	7	10	a first degree with theology as a main area	NIL

