

## Qualification Levels

Qualification Level	Examples of Qualifications	What they provide
Entry	Entry level awards, certificates, and diplomas	Foundational knowledge
	Essential Skills at entry level	Practical application of learning in real life situations
One	GCSE grades D-G (and grades 3 to 1 in England)	Fundamental understanding and skills
	Level one awards, diplomas and certificates	Capability to apply learning with support or supervision.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Skills level 1</li> <li>• NVQs</li> <li>• Essential Skills</li> <li>• Music grades 1 to 3</li> </ul>	May be relevant to job proficiency
Two	GCSE grades A*- C (and grades 4 to 9 in England)	Solid knowledge and comprehension of a subject.
	Intermediate apprenticeships	Capacity to perform various tasks with some guidance or supervision
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 2 awards, diplomas, and certificates</li> <li>• OCR Nationals</li> <li>• NVQs</li> <li>• Essential Skills</li> <li>• Music grades 4 and 5</li> <li>• O level – grades A-C</li> </ul>	Suitable for a wide range of job roles.
Three	AS and A levels	Proficiency to acquire and utilise diverse knowledge, skills and understanding at a detailed level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Higher Education diploma</li> <li>• Advanced apprenticeship</li> <li>• International Baccalaureate</li> <li>• NVQs</li> <li>• BTEC diplomas, certificates, and awards</li> <li>• BTEC Nationals</li> <li>• OCR Nationals</li> <li>• Music grades 6 to 8</li> </ul>	Suitable for those aspiring to attend university, work independently or, in some cases, supervise and train others in their field of work
Four	NVQs	Specialised education, focusing on in-depth analysis of extensive information and knowledge within a specific area of work or study.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTEC Professional diplomas, certificates and awards</li> <li>• HNCs</li> <li>• Certificates of Higher Education (CertHE)</li> <li>• Higher apprenticeship</li> </ul>	Designed for individuals working in technical and professional roles, and/or those involved in managing and developing others.
Five	HNDs	Capacity to enhance the depth of knowledge and comprehension

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		within a specific area of work or study, enabling you to address complex problems and situations.
	NVQs	Requires a high level of work expertise and competence in managing and training others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTEC Professional diplomas, certificates and awards</li> <li>• Foundation degrees</li> <li>• Diploma of higher education (DipHE)</li> </ul>	Ideal for individuals working as higher-grade technicians, professionals, or managers
Six	Bachelor's degrees	In-depth, expert-level knowledge within a specific area of work or study, empowering you to apply your own ideas and research to address complex problems and situations.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Graduate Certificate in Education</li> <li>• Graduate diplomas</li> <li>• BTEC Advanced Professional diplomas, certificates and awards</li> <li>• Degree apprenticeship</li> </ul>	Designed for individuals working as knowledge-based professionals or in professional management positions.
Seven	Master's degrees	Advanced and intricate levels of knowledge, enabling you to create innovative solutions for intricate and unpredictable problems and situations.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postgraduate Certificate in Education</li> <li>• BTEC Advanced Professional diplomas, certificates and awards</li> </ul>	Intended for senior professionals and managers.
Eight	Doctoral degrees	Possibility to cultivate innovative and imaginative approaches that expand or redefine current knowledge or professional practices.
	Specialist awards, certificates and diplomas	Intended for leading experts or practitioners in a specific field.