

Level	Indicators	Key Skills	NVO	National Qualifications Framework	Framework for Higher Education Qualifications
Level 8	Level 8 qualifications recognise leading experts or practitioners in a particular field. Learning at this level involves the development of new and creative approaches that extend or redefine existing knowledge or professional practice.				D (Doctoral) doctorates
Level 7	Level 7 qualifications recognise highly developed and complex levels of knowledge which enable the development of in-depth and original responses to complicated and unpredictable problems and situations. Learning at this level involves the demonstration of high level specialist professional knowledge and is appropriate for senior professionals and managers.				M (Masters) masters degrees, postgraduate certificates and diplomas
Level 6	Level 6 qualifications recognise a specialist high level knowledge of an area of work or study to enable the use of an individual's own ideas and research in response to complex problems and situations. Learning at this level involves the achievement of a high level of professional knowledge and is appropriate for people working as knowledge-based professionals or in professional management positions.				H (Honours) bachelors degrees, graduate certificates and diplomas
Level 5	Level 5 qualifications recognise the ability to increase the depth of knowledge and understanding of an area of work or study to enable the formulation of solutions and responses to complex problems and situations. Learning at this level involves the demonstration of high levels of knowledge, a high level of work expertise in job roles and competence in managing and training others. Qualifications at this level are appropriate for people working as higher grade technicians, professionals or managers.		Level 5		I (Intermediate) diplomas of higher education and further education, foundation degrees, higher national diplomas
Level 4	Level 4 qualifications recognise specialist learning and involve detailed analysis of a high level of information and knowledge in an area of work or study. Learning at this level is appropriate for people working in technical and professional jobs, and/or managing and developing others.	Level 4	Level 4		C (Certificate) certificates of higher education
Level 3	Level 3 qualifications recognise the ability to gain, and where relevant apply a range of knowledge, skills and understanding. Learning at this level involves obtaining detailed knowledge and skills. It is appropriate for people wishing to go to university, people working independently, or in some areas supervising and training others in their field of work.	Level 3	Level 3	A Levels (Advanced Levels)	BTEC National Diplomas, Certificates and Awards BTEC Diploma in Foundation Studies BTEC Diplomas, Certificates and Awards
Level 2	Level 2 qualifications recognise the ability to gain a good knowledge and understanding of a subject area of work or study, and to perform varied tasks with some guidance or supervision. Learning at this level involves building knowledge and/or skills in relation to an area of work or a subject area and is appropriate for many job roles.	Level 2	Level 2	GCSE grades A* - C (General Certificate of Secondary Education)	BTEC First Diplomas and Certificates BTEC Diplomas, Certificates and Awards
Level 1	Level 1 qualifications recognise basic knowledge and skills and the ability to apply learning with guidance or supervision. Learning at this level is about activities which mostly relate to everyday situations and may be linked to job competence	Level 1	Level 1	GCSE grades D - G	BTEC Introductory Diplomas and Certificates BTEC Diplomas, Certificates and Awards
Entry Level 1, 2 & 3	Entry level qualifications recognise basic knowledge and skills and the ability to apply learning in everyday situations under direct guidance or supervision. Learning at this level involves building basic knowledge and skills and is not geared towards specific occupations.	Entry Level			BTEC Certificates in Life Skills BTEC Certificates in Skills for Working Life

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