

**Qualifications by level across the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and the Qualifications & Credit Framework (QCF)**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Examples of NQF qualifications</b>	<b>Examples of QCF qualifications</b>
<b>Entry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Entry level certificates</li> <li>- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)</li> <li>- Skills for Life</li> <li>- Functional Skills at entry level (English, maths and ICT)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at entry level</li> <li>- Foundation Learning Tier pathways at entry level</li> <li>- Functional Skills at entry level</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCSEs grades D-G</li> <li>- BTEC Introductory Diplomas and Certificates</li> <li>- OCR Nationals</li> <li>- Key Skills at level 1</li> <li>- NVQs at level 1</li> <li>- Skills for Life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BTEC Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at level 1</li> <li>- Functional Skills at level 1</li> <li>- OCR Nationals</li> <li>- Foundation Learning Tier pathways</li> <li>- NVQs at level 1</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCSEs grades A*-C</li> <li>- BTEC First Diplomas and Certificates</li> <li>- OCR Nationals</li> <li>- Key Skills level 2</li> <li>- NVQs at level 2</li> <li>- Skills for Life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BTEC Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at level 2</li> <li>- Functional Skills at level 2</li> <li>- OCR Nationals</li> <li>- NVQs at level 2</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A levels</li> <li>- GCE in applied subjects</li> <li>- International Baccalaureate</li> <li>- Key Skills level 3</li> <li>- NVQs at level 3</li> <li>- BTEC Diplomas, Certificates and Awards</li> <li>- BTEC Nationals</li> <li>- OCR Nationals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BTEC Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at level 3</li> <li>- BTEC Nationals</li> <li>- OCR Nationals</li> <li>- NVQs at level 3</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NVQs at level 4</li> <li>- BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BTEC Professional Diplomas Certificates and Awards</li> <li>- HNCs</li> <li>- NVQs at level 4</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HNCs and HNDs</li> <li>- NVQs at level 5</li> <li>- BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HNDs</li> <li>- BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards</li> <li>- NVQs at level 5</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Diploma in Professional Production Skills</li> <li>- BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diploma in Translation</li> <li>- BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- specialist awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Award, Certificate and Diploma in strategic direction</li> </ul>