

Clearing 2011

UK Qualifications

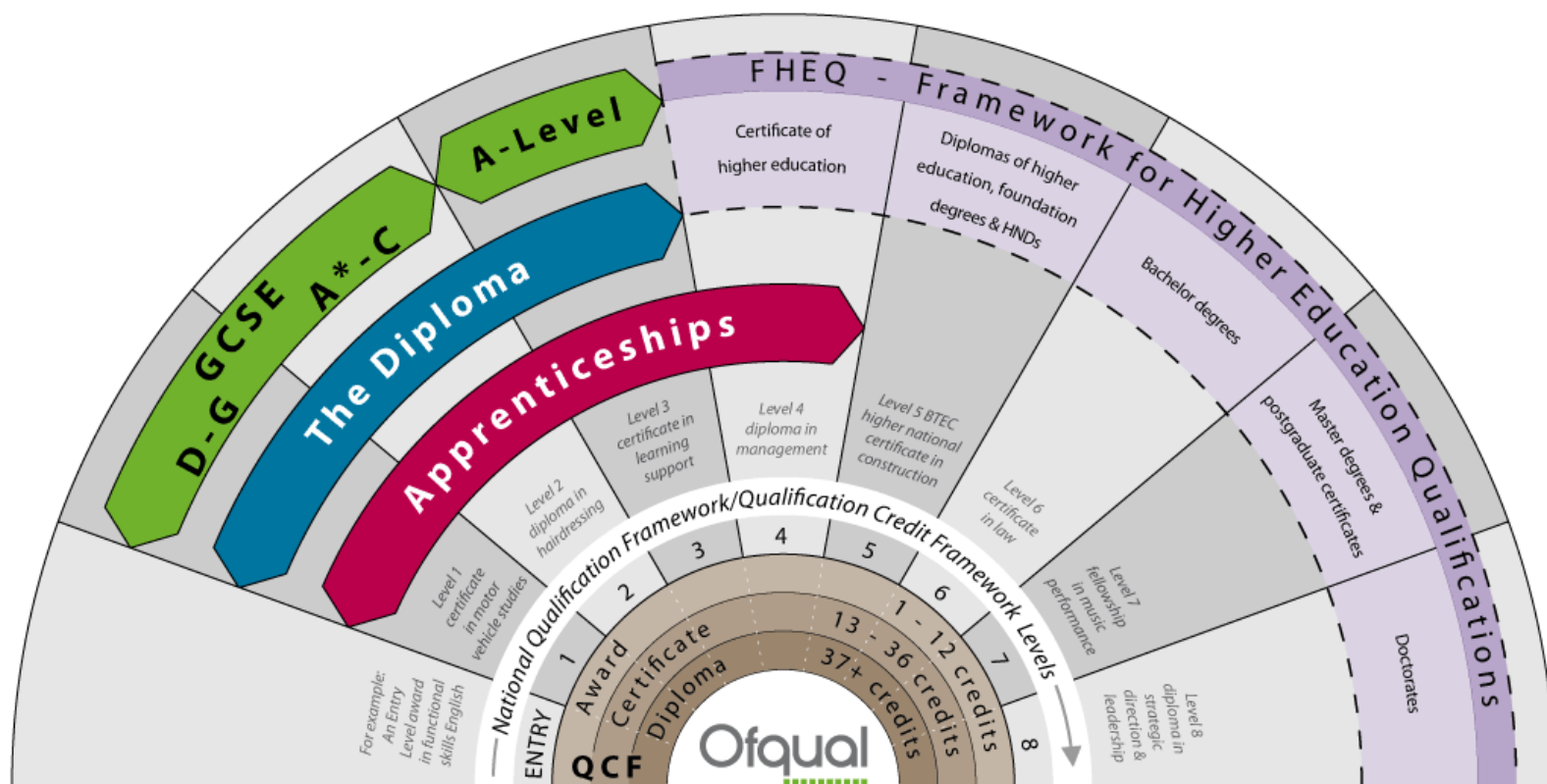


UK Qualifications

- Ofqual, together with its partner regulators in Wales (DCELLS) and Northern Ireland (CCEA), is responsible for regulation of the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF)
 - GCSE, A-Levels, Diploma, Apprenticeships
- QAA – The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications
 - Degrees, PhDs



Equivalences



Level	Examples of QCF qualifications
Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at entry level - Foundation Learning at entry level - Functional Skills at entry level
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BTEC Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at level 1 - Functional Skills at level 1 - Foundation Learning Tier pathways - NVQs at level 1
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BTEC Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at level 2 - Functional Skills at level 2 - OCR Nationals - NVQs at level 2
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BTEC Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at level 3 - BTEC Nationals - OCR Nationals - NVQs at level 3
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BTEC Professional Diplomas Certificates and Awards - HNCs - NVQs at level 4
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HNDs - BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards - NVQs at level 5
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Award, Certificate and Diploma in strategic dire



A-Levels, AVCE, AS Levels

Grade					Tariff points
GCE & AVCE Double Award	A level with additional AS (9 units)	GCE A level and AVCE	GCE AS Double Award	GCE AS & AS VCE	
A*A*					280
A*A					260
AA					240
AB					220
BB	A*A				200
BC	AA				180
	AB				170
CC					160
	BB				150
CD	BC	A*			140
DD	CC	A	AA		120
	CD		AB		110
DE		B	BB		100
	DD		BC		90
EE	DE	C	CC		80
			CD		70
	EE	D	DD	A	60
			DE	B	50
		E	EE	C	40
				D	30
				E	20

BTECs (NQF)

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Grade			Tariff points
Diploma	Certificate	Award	
DDD			360
DDM			320
DMM			280
MMM	DD		240
MMP	DM		200
MPP	MM		160
PPP	MP	D	120
	PP	M	80
		P	40

Equivalences of BTEC Firsts and Nationals

Level 2:

- BTEC First Awards = 1 GCSE A*-C
- BTEC First Certificates = 2 GCSEs A*-C
- BTEC First Diplomas = 4 GCSEs A*-C

Level 3:

- BTEC National Subsidiary Awards = 1 AS Level
- BTEC National Awards = 1 A Level
- BTEC National Certificates = 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Diplomas = 3 A Levels

working titles



BTEC qualifications (QCF) (Suite of qualifications known as Nationals)

Grade				Tariff points
Extended Diploma	Diploma	Subsidiary Diploma	Certificate	
D*D*D*				420
D*D*D				400
D*DD				380
DDD				360
DDM				320
DMM	D*D*			280
	D*D			260
MMM	DD			240
MMP	DM			200
MPP	MM			160
		D*		140
PPP	MP	D		120
	PP	M		80
			D*	70
			D	60
		P	M	40
			P	20

The Diploma

- Foundation Diploma - a level 1 qualification, equivalent to five GCSEs at grades D to G
- Higher Diploma - a level 2 qualification, equivalent to seven GCSEs at grades A* to C
- Advanced Diploma - a level 3 qualification for those over 16, The Advanced Diploma has a UCAS tariff equivalent to 3.5 A Levels, and at 'A' grade it attracts a possible 420 points. The Progression Diploma has a UCAS tariff equivalent to 2.5 A Levels and at 'A' grade attracts a possible 300 points.

The Diploma

UCAS Tariff points	Principal and Generic Learning		Additional and Specialist Learning (This example applies to GCE A levels only)			
	Grade	Tariff	Grade	Tariff (max.)		
Advanced Diploma	A*	350	A*	140		
	A	300	A	120		
	B	250	B	100		
	C	200	C	80		
	D	150	D	60		
	E	100	E	40		
Progression Diploma	<i>The UCAS Board agreed Tariff points for accredited components of the Advanced Diploma. Progression Diploma Tariff points are derived from achievement in Principal Learning, Extended Project and non-accredited generic learning:</i>					
	Principal Learning		Extended Project		Progression Diploma	
	Grade	Tariff	Grade	Tariff	Grade	Tariff
	A*	210	A*	70	A*	350
	A	180	A	60	A	300
	B	150	B	50	B	250
	C	120	C	40	C	200
	D	90	D	30	D	150
E	60	E	20	E	100	

City & Guilds

- City & Guilds:

What our qualifications are equal to.

Level	Explanation
Entry level	If you've not got any prior experience, and you don't feel confident about your abilities, then this level could be a good place to start
Level 1	GCSE D-G grades* Ideal if you're just starting out or are new to the subject area. This level covers routine tasks and basic knowledge.
Level 2	GCSE A-C grades* You need to have some knowledge or experience of the area.
Level 3	A-level* Covers more complex work and will help you develop your supervisory skills.
Level 4	HND/Foundation degree* By now you would need to be a specialist in the area.
Level 5	Honours degree* Most likely you'll have management experience by this point.
Level 6	Masters degree* For senior managers
Level 7	As high as you can go.

* Approximate academic equivalent in England – for comparison only.

We accept City & Guilds Level 3 qualifications which are equivalent to A-Levels. They come in 3 different flavours
Award: 1 – 12 credits
Certificate: 13-36 credits
Diploma: 37+ credits

Access Courses

- Students taking access courses and the normal entry requirement is a good pass of an approved courses:
 - Access to Higher Education
 - Access to Computing
 - Access to Maths
 - Access to Science
 - Access to Engineering
- 60 credits with 45 credits at level 3



GNVQ

- Foundation and Intermediate are equivalent to GCSE.
- Advanced GNVQ are like A-Levels

Grade	Advanced GNVQ points	A level grade equivalence
Distinction	220	A & B
Merit	160	C & C
Pass	100	D & E

Advance Entry

Qualification	Level	BSc (Hons) Computing	BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
IMIS Diploma (new syllabus)	overall pass of 60%	Year 2	Year 2
IMIS Higher Diploma (new syllabus)	overall pass of 60%	Year 3	Year 3
IMIS Graduate Diploma	pass (but exemptions possible for distinctions)	Year 3	
NCC Diploma	overall pass of 60%	Year 2	Year 2
NCC Advanced Diploma	overall pass of 60%	Year 3	Year 3
ACP Diploma	overall pass of 65%	Year 2	Year 2
ACP Advanced Diploma	distinction (in ALL four modules)	Year 3	Year 3
ABE Certificate	pass	Year 1	Year 1
ABE Diploma	4 part II subjects at grade B		Year 2
ABE Advanced Diploma	4 subjects at grade B		Year 3

Example

- www.fssc.org.uk/qualification_map_v2.1.doc



Other Qualifications

Advanced Entry

- NCC (National Computer Centre)
 - Diploma: Can go to Level 2 of BSc (Hons) Computing or BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
 - Advanced Diploma: Can go to Level 3 of BSc (Hons) Computing or BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
- IMIS (Institute for the management of Information Systems)
 - Diploma: Can go to Level 2 of BSc (Hons) Computing or BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
 - Higher Diploma: Can go to Level 3 of BSc (Hons) Computing or BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems.
- ABE (Association of Business Executives)
 - Parts 1 & 2 Diploma in Business Information Systems: Can go to Level 2 of BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
 - Advanced Diploma: Can go to Level 3 of BSc (Hons) Computing or BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
- BCS (British Computer Society)
 - Certificate in IT: Can go to Level 2 of BSc (Hons) Computing or BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
 - Diploma in IT: Can go to Level 3 of BSc (Hons) Computing or BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
 - Professional Graduate Diploma in IT : Can go onto our MScs



Qualifications to look out for

- CLAIT, ECDL = These only check the students level in Office applications.
- New Beginnings 2 from UEL= This needs to be bundled with an additional qualification.

