

NVQ Level	Qualification Equivalent
Entry Level	Word Power / Number Power at entry level Certificate in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Skills for Life
Level 1	GCSE / O Level Grades (5 or more at grades D-G or fewer than 5 at grades A-C) CSE below grade 1 1 AS level The Foundation Diploma (equivalent to 5 GCSEs at grades D-G) Certificate in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Skills for Life at level 1 NVQ Level 1; GNVQ Foundation; BEC General certificate; BEC Diploma; BTEC first certificate; City & Guilds Operative Awards; CPVE Year 1 (Technician); LCCI Elementary / First Level; PEI Elementary / First Level; RSA Elementary / first level; RSA Vocational certificate
Full Level 2	GCSE / O Level (5 or more at grades A-C) CSE Grade 1 (5 or more) 1 Advanced level 2 / 3 AS levels The Higher Diploma (equivalent to 7 GCSEs at grades A* to C) GNVQ Intermediate NVQ level 2
Full Level 3	A Levels (2 or more advanced level passes) 4 or more AS Levels AVCE double award The Advanced Diploma (equivalent to 3.5 A Levels) GNVQ advanced NVQ level 3 QAA recognised Access to Higher Education
Level 4	Teaching qualifications (including PGCE) BTEC National HNC / HND Higher Education certificate Higher Education diploma Foundation Degree LCCI advanced level First degree NVQ level 4 Nursing (SRN) RSA advanced certificate RSA higher diploma
Level 5 and above	Continuing education diploma NVQ level 5 Masters degrees or post-graduate certificates and diplomas Doctorates or specialist awards