

Prior Attainment

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Prior attainment level descriptors	Qualification equivalent
Entry level	QCF Award at Entry level QCF Certificate at Entry level Certificate in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL at Entry level RQF qualifications at Entry Level English and Maths Stepping Stones qualifications at Entry Level Functional Skills
Level 1	GCSE/O Level (at grades D-G or fewer than 5 at grades A-C) CSE below grade 1 1 AS Level (for AS qualifications regulated before 1 September 2015) QCF Diploma Level 1 QCF Certificate Level 1 QCF Award Level 1 Foundation 14-19 Diploma Functional Skills Certificate in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL at Level 1 Level 1 Key Skills Level 1 Principal Learning Introductory Diploma Introductory Certificate GNVQ Foundation NVQ Level 1 RQF qualifications at Level 1 Technical Awards in the Key Stage 4 Performance Tables
Full Level 2	GCSE/O Level (5 or more GCSEs grades A*-C) GCSE (9-1) (5 or more GCSEs grade 4 or above) 2 or 3 AS Levels (for AS qualifications regulated before 1 September 2015) CSE Grade 1 (5 or more) 1 A Level Higher 14-19 Diploma QCF Diploma level 2 QCF Certificate level 2 at 13 or 14 credits undertaken before 2014 to 2015 Level 2 Principal Learning NVQ level 2 GNVQ Intermediate
Full Level 3	A Levels (2 or more advanced level passes) 4 or more AS Levels (for AS qualifications regulated before 1 September 2015) QCF Diploma Level 3 QAA Access to HE Advanced 14-19 Diploma GNVQ Advanced NVQ level 3 AVCE double award Tech Levels which are in the 16-19 Performance Tables Applied Generals which are in the 16-19 Performance Tables (from 1 August 2015) QCF Certificate at Level 3 which is 30 to 36 credits From 1 August 2015 vocational qualifications of 300 GLH or more

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Prior attainment level descriptors	Current Ofqual Regulated Framework	National Qualification framework	Framework for Higher Education Qualifications
Level 4	QCF Award Level 4 QCF Certificate Level 4 QCF Diploma Level 4 HNC RQF qualifications Level 4	Level 4 NVQ level 4 Level 4 Professional Certificate Level 4 Professional Diploma	Certificates of higher education
Level 5	QCF Award Level 5 QCF Certificate Level 5 QCF Diploma Level 5 HND RQF qualifications Level 5		Foundation degrees
Level 6	QCF Award Level 6 QCF Certificate Level 6 QCF Diploma Level 6 RQF qualifications Level 6		Bachelor's degrees; graduate Certificates and diplomas
Level 7+	QCF Award Level 7 QCF Certificate Level 7 QCF Diploma Level 7 RQF qualifications Level 7	Level 5+ Continuing education diploma; NVQ level 5 Level 5 Professional Certificate	Doctorates
	QCF Award Level 8 QCF Certificate Level 8 QCF Diploma Level 8 RQF qualifications Level 8		Masters degrees; postgraduate certificates and diplomas