

Qualification levels age 16-19

Levels 4-6 (higher education)

Examples: Degree, Foundation Degree, HND, Higher Apprenticeship, Degree Apprenticeship

To study at this level you normally need Level 3 qualifications e.g. A Level, BTEC National, Level 3 Cambridge Technicals

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Examples: A Level, AS Level, BTEC National, Level 3 Cambridge Technicals, NVQ 3, AQA Baccalaureate, Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Advanced Apprenticeship

To study at this level you normally need at least 4-6 GCSE grades 9-4 / A*-C or equivalent, including English and sometimes maths. In some cases you may need grades 9-6 or 9-5 / A*-B.

Level 2

Examples: BTEC First, NVQ 2, Level 2 Cambridge Technicals, Intermediate Apprenticeship

To study at this level you may need GCSE grades 3 / D or equivalent, including English and sometimes maths.

Level 1

Examples: BTEC Level 1, Level 1 Functional Skills, Level 1 Cambridge Nationals, NVQ 1

To study at this level you may need GCSE grades 1-2 / E-G or equivalent.

Entry Level

Examples: Entry Level Certificate, Entry Level Functional Skills

There are no set requirements for study at this level.

You can move up from one level to the next if you meet the required standard.

This is a general guide. Always check entry requirements before you apply, especially if your qualifications are equivalent to GCSE.

