

What do the different qualification levels mean?

Here's a quick guide to the different qualification levels:

Entry Level (EL)

Entry level qualifications may be right for you if you've been away from learning for a long time and need help to build your skills in English, maths and IT.

These include:

- Entry Level Certificates – EL1, EL2 and EL3
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Foundation Learning

Level 1

Level 1 qualifications are similar to GCSEs at grades D – G.

These include:

- Level 1 Certificates in Adult Literacy and Numeracy
- GCSEs grades D-G
- BTEC Introductory Diplomas and Certificates
- NVQs at level 1

Level 2

Level 2 qualifications are similar to GCSEs at grades A* – C.

These include:

- Level 2 Certificates in Adult Literacy and Numeracy
- GCSEs grades A* – C
- NVQs at level 2

Level 3

Level 3 qualifications are similar to A levels.

These include:

- 2 A levels
- NVQs at level 3