Your Guide to Qualifications

Qualifications come in different **types** and **levels**. You can move between the different **types** as you progress through the **levels**.

Talk to your School / College Connexions Personal Adviser, or visit your nearest Connexions Centre to find out more about qualifications, courses and careers.

Qualification levels → Qualification types ↓	Pre Entry / Entry Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Levels 4 - 6	Levels 7 - 8
Skills for Life / Foundation Learning	Literacy / Numeracy ESOL△ Functional Skills❒ Foundation Learning❒	Literacy / Numeracy ESOL△ Functional Skills❒ Foundation Learning❒	Literacy / Numeracy ESOL△ / Key Skills Functional Skills❒	ESOL△ / Key Skills	Key Skills	
General	Entry Level Certificate	GCSE grades D - G	GCSE grades A* - C	AS / A Level International Baccalaureate	Bachelor Degree	Masters Degree Doctorate Post Graduate Qualification
The Diploma		Foundation Diploma	Higher Diploma	Progression Diploma Advanced Diploma		
Vocational	e.g. City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate	e.g. BTEC Introductory OCR National Level 1	e.g. BTEC First City & Guilds Level 2	e.g. BTEC National CACHE Level 3	Bachelor Degree HND / HNC Foundation Degree Diploma / Certificate of HE	Masters Degree Doctorate Post Graduate Qualification
NVQs		NVQ 1	NVQ 2	NVQ 3	NVQ 4	NVQ 5
Apprenticeships			Apprenticeship Young Apprenticeship+	Advanced Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship	
Examples of Job Levels	Unskilled	Semi-skilled	Skilled	Technician	Manager / Professional	Senior Manager / Professional

△ ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages
❒ From September 2010
+ Age 14 to 16. Qualification level may vary depending on the learning programme

Useful Websites

Personal profiler
www.fasttomato.com

Course & career information
www.apprenticeships.org.uk
www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u
http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas
www.way2go.me.uk

HE information
www.direct.gov.uk/highereducation
www.prospects.ac.uk
www.ucas.ac.uk
www.unistats.com

Further Information
www.cxstaffs.co.uk
www.connexions-direct.com

Money for study
http://moneytolearn.direct.gov.uk
www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance
www.studentcalculator.org.uk

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