

## Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) qualifications and equivalents

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| <b>Qualification size</b>  | 37+ credits     | Diploma     | Diploma     | Diploma     | Diploma     | Diploma     | Diploma     | Diploma     | Diploma     | Diploma     |
|                            | 13 – 36 credits | Certificate | Certificate | Certificate | Certificate | Certificate | Certificate | Certificate | Certificate | Certificate |
|                            | 1 – 12 credits  | Award       | Award       | Award       | Award       | Award       | Award       | Award       | Award       | Award       |
|                            | Entry           | 1           | 2           | 3           | 4           | 5           | 6           | 7           | 8           |             |
| <b>Level of difficulty</b> |                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |

### Equivalent qualifications

|                          | Entry                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                                                            | 2                                                                                                                                                      | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 6                                                                                                                                                           | 7                                                                                                                                                                 | 8                                                   |
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| Broad equivalent         | Entry (1, 2 and 3)                                                                                                       | GCSE's grade D – G                                                                                           | GCSE's grade A* - C                                                                                                                                    | A Levels                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> year degree                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> year degree                                                                                                                                                                          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> year degree                                                                                                                                 | Masters                                                                                                                                                           | Doctorate                                           |
| Other common equivalents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry level vocational qualifications</li> <li>• Progressions awards</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NVQ Level 1</li> <li>• Level 1 vocational qualifications</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 2 qualifications including NVQ's</li> <li>• Apprenticeship</li> <li>• BTEC First Certificate</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 3 qualifications including NVQ's</li> <li>• Advanced Apprenticeship</li> <li>• A Levels</li> <li>• BTEC National Certificate / Diploma</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher Professional Diploma</li> <li>• Level 4 qualifications including NVQ's</li> <li>• Higher National Certificate (HNC)</li> <li>• Certificate of Higher Education</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 5 qualifications</li> <li>• Higher National Diploma (HND)</li> <li>• Foundation Degree</li> <li>• Diplomas of Higher and Further Education</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 6 qualifications</li> <li>• Graduate Certificate and Diploma</li> <li>• BA Honours</li> <li>• BSc</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 7 qualifications</li> <li>• Master Professional Diploma</li> <li>• Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> |