

Finding your Level

The Level of a qualification decides the amount of demand made on the learner. At different Levels learners need to develop a range of skills and demonstrate that they understand the knowledge gained on their programme of study.

Level **E**

Entry Level demonstrates basic knowledge, skills and abilities to apply learning in everyday situations. These situations must be supervised. The knowledge and skills learnt at this Level do not represent the ability to practice in a specific job role.

- Word Power
- Number Power
- Certificate in Adult Literacy/Numeracy Entry Level
- ESOL Entry Level

Level **1**

Demonstrates basic knowledge, skills and abilities to apply learning in everyday situations. These situations must be supervised. This Level of learning focuses on activities that relate mainly to everyday roles and may be linked to job competence.

- GCSE/O Level Grades D-G (or fewer than 5 at Grades A-C)
- CSE below Grade 1
- 1 AS Level
- Certificate in Adult Literacy/Numeracy Level 1
- ESOL Level 1
- ECDL
- BEC General Certificate/Diploma
- BTEC First Certificate
- City & Guilds Operative Awards
- CPVE Year 1 (Technician)
- GNVQ Foundation
- LCCI Elementary / First Level
- NVQ Level 1
- RSA/PEI Elementary/First Level
- RSA Vocational Certificate

Level **2**

Demonstrates a good knowledge and understanding and performs various tasks with some supervision. At this Level, the knowledge and skills learnt are applicable to most supervised posts.

- GCSE/O Level (5 or more at grades A-C)
- CSE Grade 1 (5 or more)
- 1 A Level
- 2 to 3 AS Levels
- Certificate in Adult Literacy/Numeracy Level 2
- ESOL Level 2
- GNVQ Intermediate
- NVQ Level 2

Level **3**

Demonstrates the ability to gain or apply knowledge and skills to situations. This is an appropriate Level for people working independently, supervising and (in some areas) training others or wishing to further their learning by attending university.

- 2 or more A Levels
- 4 or more AS Levels
- AVCE Double Award
- GNVQ Advanced
- NVQ Level 3
- QAA Access to Higher Education

Level **4**

Demonstrates specialist learning and involves detailed analysis of a high Level of information and knowledge. Learning at this Level is for people working in technical, professional, management or developmental roles.

- Teaching Qualifications (including PGCE)
- First Degree
- BEC/BTEC HNC/HND
- Higher Education Certificate/Diploma
- LCCI Advanced Level
- NVQ Level 4
- Nursing (SRN)
- RSA Advanced Certificate/Higher Diploma

Level **5**

- Higher Degree
- Continuing Education Diploma
- NVQ Level 5