

Title: **Qualification Level Equivalences**
Theme: **Routes to Higher Education**

QUALIFICATION LEVEL EQUIVALENCES			
LEVELS	WORK-BASED	WORK-RELATED	ACADEMIC
Level 8		Specialist Awards	Doctorate (PhD)
Level 7		L7 Professional Diploma	Masters Degree
Level 6		L6 Professional Diploma	Honours Degree
Level 5	NVQ 5 Foundation Degree	Higher National Diploma Higher National Certificate	Diplomas of HE
Level 4	NVQ 4	Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQs)	Certificates of HE
Level 3	NVQ 3 Advanced Apprenticeship	BTEC National Diploma BTEC National Certificate Progression Diploma Advanced Diploma	3 A Levels 2 A Levels 2.5 A Levels 3.5 A Levels
Level 2	NVQ 2 Apprenticeship	BTEC First Diploma Higher Diploma	5 GCSEs A*-C 7 GCSEs A*-C
Level 1	NVQ 1 Young Apprenticeship	BTEC Introductory Award Foundation Diploma Entry Level Certificate	5 GCSEs D-G 5 GCSEs D-G 5 GCSEs D-G

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a Level 3 qualification