

Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) qualifications and equivalents

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

Equivalent qualifications

	Level of difficulty							
	Entry	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 8
	Entry (1, 2 and 3)	GCSE' s grade D –	GCSE' s grade A* -	A Levels	1 st year degree	2 nd year degree	3 rd year degree	Masters
	Entry level vocational qualifications Progressions awards	- NVQ Level 1 - Level 1 vocational qualifications	- Level 2 qualifications including NVQ's - Apprenticeship - BTEC First Certificate	- Level 3 qualifications including NVQ's - Advanced Apprenticeship - A Levels - BTEC National Certificate / Diploma	- Higher Professional Diploma - Level 4 qualifications including NVQ's - Higher National Certificate (HNC) - Certificate of Higher Education	- Level 5 qualifications - Higher National Diploma (HND) - Foundation Degree - Diplomas of Higher and Further Education	- Level 6 qualifications - Graduate Certificate and Diploma - BA Honours - BSc	- Level 7 qualifications - Master Professional Diploma - Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma
Broad equivalent								
Other common equivalents								