

# International Qualification Framework

NQF level (UK)	Level criteria	Example qualifications	Equivalent FHEQ level (Europe)		Equivalent AQF Qualifications (Australia)
<b>Level 8</b>	Level 8 qualifications recognise leading experts or practitioners in a particular field. Learning at this level involves the development of new and creative approaches that extend or redefine existing knowledge or professional practice.	<a href="#">City &amp; Guilds Diploma of Fellowship</a>	D (Doctoral)	<a href="#">Doctorates</a>	D (Doctoral)
		Level 8 Advanced Professional Diploma			
		Level 8 Advanced Professional Certificate			
		Level 8 Advanced Professional Award			
<b>Level 7</b>	Level 7 qualifications recognise highly developed and complex levels of knowledge which enable the development of in-depth and original responses to complicated and unpredictable problems and situations. Learning at this level involves the demonstration of high level specialist professional knowledge and is appropriate for senior professionals and managers. Level 7 qualifications are at a level equivalent to Master's degrees, postgraduate certificates and postgraduate diplomas.	Level 7 Advanced Professional Diploma	M (Master's)	<a href="#">Master's degree</a>	M (Master's)
		Level 7 Advanced Professional Certificate		<a href="#">PGDip</a>	
		Level 7 Advanced Professional Award		<a href="#">PGCert</a>	
		City & Guilds Membership		<a href="#">Postgraduate Certificate in Education</a>	
		Cambridge ESOL Delta		Certificate level 7	
<b>Level 6</b>	Level 6 qualifications recognise a specialist high level knowledge of an area of work or study to enable the use of an individual's own ideas and research in response to complex problems and situations. Learning at this level involves the achievement of a high level of professional knowledge and is appropriate for people working as knowledge-based professionals or in professional management positions. Level 6 qualifications are at a level equivalent to Bachelor's degrees with honours, graduate certificates and graduate diplomas.	Level 6 Professional Diploma	H (Honours)	<a href="#">Bachelor's degree</a>	Graduate Diploma / Vocational Graduate Diploma
		Level 6 Professional Certificate		<a href="#">Graduate Certificate</a>	
		Level 6 Professional Award		<a href="#">Graduate Diploma</a>	
		City & Guilds Graduateship (awarded at the NQF 6 level)		<a href="#">Professional Certificate in Education</a>	
		City & Guilds Graduateship(pre-2004 awarded at the NVQ 5 level-Master Doctorate)		Certificate level 6	
		City & Guilds Associateship(pre-2004 awarded at the NVQ 5 level-Master Doctorate)			
		<a href="#">NEBOSH National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety</a>			
		British Safety Council Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health			

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<b>Level 5</b>	Level 5 qualifications recognise the ability to increase the depth of knowledge and understanding of an area of work or study to enable the formulation of solutions and responses to complex problems and situations. Learning at this level involves the demonstration of high levels of knowledge, a high level of work expertise in job roles and competence in managing and training others. Qualifications at this level are appropriate for people working as higher grade technicians, professionals or managers. Level 5 qualifications are at a level equivalent to intermediate Higher Education qualifications such as Diplomas of Higher Education, Foundation and other degrees that do not typically provide access to postgraduate programmes.	<a href="#">HND</a> <a href="#">HNC</a> Level 5 Professional Diploma Level 5 Professional Certificate Level 5 Professional Award International Advanced Diploma in Computer Studies (IADCS)NCC Education UK. <a href="#">Full Technological Certificate</a>	I (Intermediate)  Certificate level 5	<a href="#">Foundation degree</a> <a href="#">HND</a> <a href="#">DipHE</a> <a href="#">DipFE</a>  Graduate Certificate / Vocational Graduate Certificate
<b>Level 4</b>	Level 4 qualifications recognise specialist learning and involve detailed analysis of a high level of information and knowledge in an area of work or study. Learning at this level is appropriate for people working in technical and professional jobs, and/or managing and developing others. Level 4 qualifications are at a level equivalent to Certificates of Higher Education.	Level 4 Professional Diploma Level 4 Professional Certificate Level 4 Professional Award International Diploma in Computer Studies (IDCS) NCC Education UK. City & Guilds Licentiate ship	Certificate level 4  Certificate level 4	<a href="#">Diploma</a> <a href="#">Certificate of Higher Education</a>  Diploma



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<b>Level 3</b>	Level 3 qualifications recognise the ability to gain, and where relevant apply a range of knowledge, skills and understanding. Learning at this level involves obtaining detailed knowledge and skills. It is appropriate for people wishing to go to university, people working independently, or in some areas supervising and training others in their field of work.	<a href="#">A Level</a> <a href="#">AS Level</a> <a href="#">Advanced Diploma</a> National Diploma National Certificate National Award Level 3 Diploma Level 3 Certificate Level 3 Award Level 3 International Certificate in Computer Studies(ICCS) NCC Education UK. <a href="#">Level 3 NVQ</a> City & Guilds, Level 3. <a href="#">NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety.</a> <a href="#">Access to Higher Education Diploma</a>	Certificate Level 3	Certificate Level 3	Certificate Level IV
<b>Level 2</b>	Level 2 qualifications recognise the ability to gain a good knowledge and understanding of a subject area of work or study, and to perform varied tasks with some guidance or supervision. Learning at this level involves building knowledge and/or skills in relation to an area of work or a subject area and is appropriate for many job roles.	<a href="#">GCSE at grades A*-C</a> Higher Diploma First Diploma First Certificate Level 2 Diploma Level 2 Certificate Level 2 Award <a href="#">Level 2 DiDA</a> <a href="#">Level 2 CIDA+</a> <a href="#">Level 2 CiDA</a> <a href="#">Level 2 AiDA</a> Level 2 NVQ City & Guilds, Level 2.	Certificate Level 2	Certificate Level 2	Certificate Level III

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<b>Level 1</b>	Level 1 qualifications recognise basic knowledge and skills and the ability to apply learning with guidance or supervision. Learning at this level is about activities which mostly relate to everyday situations and may be linked to job competence.	GCSE at grades D–G Foundation Diploma Introductory Diploma Introductory Certificate Level 2 Diploma Level 2 Certificate Level 2 Award Level 1 DiDA Level 1 CIDA+ Level 1 CiDA Level 1 AiDA Level 1 NVQ City & Guilds, Level 1.	Certificate Level 1	Certificate Level 1	Certificate level II
<b>Entry Level</b>	Entry level qualifications recognise basic knowledge and skills and the ability to apply learning in everyday situations under direct guidance or supervision. Learning at this level involves building basic knowledge and skills and is not geared towards specific occupations.	<a href="#">Entry Level Certificate</a> Foundation Diploma BTEC Level 1 Certificate	Foundation Certificate	Foundation Certificate	Certificate level I

Singapore Qualifications are closely related to AQF