

U.K. Qualifications Framework

What U.K. Qualifications Mean

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

There are Nine (9) Qualification Levels

Main Stages of Education & Employment	Level	Qualifications & Credit Framework Qualifications that fall in each level
Professional or postgraduate education, research or employment	8 Doctoral Level	Doctoral Degrees E.g. for example Doctor of Philosophy (PhD or DPhil) Level 8 Diploma
	7 Post Graduate Level	Integrated (Professional) Master's Degrees Master's Degrees Postgraduate Diplomas Postgraduate Certificate in Education Postgraduate Certificates
6 Degree Level		Bachelor's Degree with Honours Bachelor's Degrees Graduate Diplomas Professional Graduate Certificate in Education Graduate Certificates
	Entry to professional graduate employment	5 Associate Degree Level
Specialised education and training		
	Qualified/Skilled worker Entry to higher education Completion of secondary education	3 Diploma & Certificate Level
Progression to skilled employment Continuation of secondary education		
	Secondary education initial entry into employment or further education	1 Vocational & Secondary School Level
Qualifications can be taken at any age in order to continue or return to training		