The National Qualification Framework

Level 8	NVQ 5	Highly Specialised Diploma from Professional Body					Doctorate Degree	
		Employment					Employment	
Level 7	NVQ 5	Post Graduate Professional Diploma					Masters Degree	
		Employment					Employment	
Level 6	NVQ 4	Professional Diploma					Honours Degree	
		Employment					Employment	
Level 5	NVQ 4	Professional Certificate					Foundation Degree/Diploma in Higher Education	
		Employment					Employment	
Level 4	NVQ 4	BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificate & Awards					Certificate of Higher Education	
							Employment	
Level 3	NVQ 3	BTEC Awards, Certificates & Diplomas at Level 3	AS/A Levels	CACHE Diploma	Advanced Diploma	Advanced Apprenticeships	OCR Nationals	International Baccalaureate
		Employment						
Level 2 Students expecting 5 A*-C GCSE	NVQ 2	BTEC Awards, Certificates & Diplomas at Level 2	GCSE's	CACHE Certificate	Higher Diploma	Foundation Apprenticeships		
		Employment						
Level 1 Students expecting GCSE grades D-F	NVQ 1	BTEC Awards, Certificates & Diplomas at Level 1	Skills for working Life	CACHE Foundation	Foundation Diploma			

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