

Progression pathways: levels of learning

This table serves as an example of difficulty levels, and is not an exhaustive list of all qualifications. Levels of learning represent the difficulty at which a qualification is pitched. **In England, qualifications are pitched at levels 1 to 8.** To give you an example of how these fit together and where they might feature in a learning journey please see the below table.

N.B. the level represents the difficulty at which the learning is pitched, **not** the expected duration or type of qualification. The table includes some examples of **academic, vocational and technical training options** that are an equivalent level of difficulty to each other.

1	GCSE grade 1-3 (G - D)					
2	GCSE grade 4-9 (C - A*)	BTEC First Diploma	Customer Service Practitioner Apprenticeship			
3	AS & A Levels	T Levels	Creative Venue Technician Apprenticeship	Foundation Diploma in Arts & Design		
4	Higher National Certificate	Higher Education Certificate	First full-time year of a Bachelor's Degree		Assitant Technical Director (Visual Effects Apprenticeship)	
5	Higher National Diploma (HND)	Foundation Degree	Higher Education Diploma	Second full-time year of a Bachelor's Degree	Operations/ Departmental Manager Apprenticeship	Bespoke Tailor & Cutter Apprenticeship
6	Final full-time year of a Bachelor's Degree	Broadcast & Media Systems Engineer Apprenticeship				
7	Postgraduate Certificate	Masters Degree	Creative Industries Production Manager Apprenticeship	Solicitor Apprenticeship		
8	Doctorate (PhD)					

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