

Progression pathways: levels of learning

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 table below.

N.B. the level represents the difficulty at which the learning is pitched, **not** the expected duration or type of qualification/study programme. The table includes some examples of

academic, vocational and technical training options that are an equivalent level of difficulty to each other. 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.

1	GCSE grade 1-3 (D-G)					
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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