**Simple Comparison of Education Qualifications in the UK**

This table sets out a simple comparison of the education qualifications across the UK.

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| SCQF Level | Scottish Qualification (new in **bold**) | E,W & NI Level | E,W & NI Qualification |
| 1 | **National 1, Awards**  Access Qualification | Entry | Entry Level Certificate, ESOL, etc. |
| 2 | **National 2, Awards**  Access Qualification |
| 3 | **National 3, Awards, Skills for Work 3**  Standard Grade Foundation Level | 1 | GCSE Grades D-G  Level 1 NVQ |
| 4 | **National 4, Awards, Skills for Work 4**  Standard Grade General/Intermediate Level | 2 | GCSE Grades A\*-C  Level 2 NVQ |
| 5 | **National 5, Awards, Skills for Work 5**  Standard Grade Intermediate/Credit Level |
| 6 | **Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher**  Higher | 3 | A-Levels A-E  International Baccalaureate  Level 3 NVQ |
| 7 | **Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate**  Advanced Higher; Higher National Certificate | 4 | Higher National Certificate  Level 4 NVQ |
| 8 | Higher National Diploma | 5 | Higher National Diploma  Level 5 NVQ |
| 9 | Ordinary Degree | 6 | 1st Degree (Ordinary and Honours)  Level 6 NVQ |
| 10 | Honours Degree |
| 11 | Masters, PG Diploma | 7 | Masters, PG Diploma  Level 7 NVQ |
| 12 | PhD | 8 | PhD |

For further details on the Scottish Framework, visit this link:

<http://www.scqf.org.uk/framework-diagram/Framework.htm>

For further details on the England, Wales and Northern Ireland Framework, and for equivalent qualifications outside the UK, visit this link:

<http://scqf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Quals-Can-Cross-Boundaries-2017-FINAL-WEB.pdf>

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The English Secondary Education System is changing over the next couple of years – these links will provide some comparison and explanation and this document will be revised accordingly.

* <https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels>
* <https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/626682/GCSE_Factsheet_employerFEHE.pdf>