

Mapping of highest qualification to RQF levels for statistical analysis

Below level 2	Level 2	Level 3	Levels 4-6	Levels 7-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RQF level 1 qualifications • Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate • GNVQ/GSVQ foundation level • RSA/OCR/Cambridge Technical level 1 • GCSE < grade C, CSE < grade 1 and equivalents • 14-19 diploma • YT/YTP certificate • Basic Skills qualifications • Entry level qualifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RQF level 2 qualifications • SVQ level 2 • Intermediate apprenticeship • Intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate • GNVQ/GSVQ intermediate • RSA/OCR/Cambridge Technical level 2 • Higher diploma (14-19) • Scottish National level 5 • O level/GCSE grades A*-C and equivalents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RQF level 3 qualifications • SVQ level 3 (SCQF level 7) • OND/ONC National • Advanced or Progression diploma (14-19) • Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate • International Baccalaureate • Scottish Baccalaureate • GNVQ/GSVQ Advanced • A level or equivalent • RSA/OCR/Techni level 3 • Advanced apprenticeship • Scottish 6th year certificate • SCE higher or equivalent • Access qualifications • AS level or equivalent • Trade apprenticeship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree apprenticeship • First degree/foundation degree • RQF level 6 qualifications • Other degree • RQF level 5 qualifications • Diploma in Higher Education • HNC/HND Higher • Teaching further education • Teaching secondary education • Teaching primary education • Teaching foundation stage • Teaching level not stated • Nursing etc. • RSA/OCR/Cambridge technical level 4 • Other higher education below degree level • RQF level 4 qualifications • Higher apprenticeship • Advanced Higher (Scotland) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher degree • NVQ level 5 (old) • RQF level 7 qualifications

'Other' qualifications (those not explicitly identified and mapped to a level) are apportioned across RQF levels Below Level 2, Level 2 and Level 3 in the ratio 55:35:10.

[Levels of highest qualification held by working age adults](#)