

QUALIFICATION COMPARISON TABLE (Edexcel)

The table below lists the points for some of the most popular Edexcel qualifications. It does not list all the Edexcel qualifications available as some qualifications aren't typical and need to be checked individually. In addition, new qualifications are accredited week by week. If the qualification you are looking for isn't listed here you can search the [National Database of Accredited Qualifications](#) (NDAQ).

Qualifications at Entry level, and levels 1 and 2 will only carry performance points if approved for pre-16 learners. At level 3 only those approved for 16 - 18 learners will carry points. For details on the age for which qualifications are approved please see [Section 96](#) and [Section 97](#) on the DCSF/BIS websites.

Accreditation is a continuous process, and data is uploaded to the NDAQ weekly, usually overnight each Friday. Performance figures can only be added after the DCSF has approved the qualification. It could be up to four weeks from when a qualification receives accreditation to when performance figures appear on NDAQ.

DCSF make the final decisions about what are included in the tables. QCDA allocate points to qualifications.

Type	Qualification	Contribution to Level 1 and Level 2 threshold	Contribution to Level 3 threshold	Grade	Point score
Entry Level					
Basic Skills	Certificates in Adult Literacy, Adult Numeracy Entry 3 Entry 2 Entry 1	-	-	P P P	3.5 3 2.5
Entry Level	Certificate in Life Skills Entry 3 Entry 2 Entry 1	-	-	P P P	28 24 20
Entry Level	Certificate in Skills for Working Life Entry 3 Entry 2	-	-	P P	28 24
Entry Level	Certificate in ICT Skills for Life Entry 3 Entry 2 Entry 1	-	-	P P P	7 6 5
Entry Level	Edexcel Entry Level Certificates in Design and Technology, English, Geography, History, Information and Communication Technology, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Physical Education, Religious Studies, Science Entry 3 Entry 2 Entry 1	-	-	P P P	14 12 10
ESOL	Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life Entry 3 Entry 2 Entry 1	-	-	P P P	28 24 20
ESOL	Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening)				

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	Entry 3 Entry 2 Entry 1	-	-	P P P	14 12 10
ESOL	Certificate in ESOL for Work	No points/contribution to threshold			
ESOL	Certificate in ESOL International	No points/contribution to threshold			
Functional Skills	Award in Functional Skills (any subject) Entry 3 Entry 2 Entry 1	-	-	P P P	7 6 5
QCF	Diploma Extended Certificate Certificate Award	Depends on the size of the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			
QCF	BTEC Certificate in WorkSkills BTEC Award in WorkSkills	-	-	P	14 3.5
LEVEL 1					
Basic Skills	Certificates in Adult Literacy, Adult Numeracy	10%	-	P	12.5
Diploma Foundation Diploma	Principal Learning	60%	-	A* A B	102 84 57
	Foundation Project	10%	-	A* A B	17 14 9.5
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ESOL	Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening)	20%	-	P	25
ESOL	Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life	Not yet available	-	P	Not yet available
ESOL	Certificate in ESOL for Work	No points/contribution to threshold			
ESOL	Certificate in ESOL International	No points/contribution to threshold			
Functional Skills	Award in Functional Skills English, ICT, Mathematics	10%	-	P	12.5
GCSE	GCSE (double award)	40%	-	D E F G	68 56 44 32
GCSE	Any GCSE	20%	-	D E F G	34 28 22 16
GCSE	GCSE short course	10%	-	D E F	17 14 11

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Key Skills	Key skills qualifications	15%	-	P	18.8
NVQ	NVQs	Depends on the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			
NVQ	Any NVQ language unit	5%	-	P	7
Other General	DiDA	80% (A distinction will contribute to the level 2 target)	-	D M C P	160 136 112 76
Other General	ECiDA	60% (A distinction will contribute to the level 2 target)	-	D M C P	120 102 84 57
Other General	CiDA	40% (A distinction will contribute to the level 2 target)	-	D M C P	80 68 56 38
Other General	AiDA	20% (A distinction will contribute to the level 2 target)	-	D M C P	40 34 28 19
Principal Learning	Principal Learning	60%	-	A* A B	102 84 57
Project	Foundation Project	10%	-	A* A B	17 14 9.5
QCF	Diploma Extended Certificate Certificate Award	Depends on the size of the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			
QCF	BTEC Diploma in WorkSkills BTEC Certificate in WorkSkills BTEC Award in WorkSkills	80% 20% 5%	-	P	100 25 6.3
VRQ	BTEC Introductory Diploma	80%	-	D M P	136 112 76
VRQ	BTEC Introductory Certificate	40%	-	D M P	68 56 38
VRQ	BTEC Diploma BTEC Extended Certificate BTEC Certificate BTEC Award	Depends on the size of the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			

Type	Qualification	Contribution to Level 1 and Level 2 threshold	Contribution to Level 3 threshold	Grade	Point score
LEVEL 2					
Basic Skills	Certificates in Adult Literacy, Adult Numeracy	10%	-	P	23
Diploma Higher Diploma	Principal Learning	100%	-	A* A B C	290 260 230 200
	Higher Project	10%	-	A* A B C	29 26 23 20
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ESOL	Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life	60%	-	P	138
ESOL	Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening)	20%	-	P	46
ESOL	Certificate in ESOL International	No points/contribution to threshold			
Functional Skills	Awards in Functional Skills English, ICT, Mathematics	10%	-	P	23
GCSE	GCSE (double award)	40%	-	A* A B C	116 104 92 80
GCSE	GCSE	20%	-	A* A B C	58 52 46 40
GCSE	GCSE short course	10%	-	A* A B C	29 26 23 20
Key Skills	Key skills qualifications	15%	-	P	34.5
NVQ	NVQs	Depends on the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			
NVQ	Any NVQ language unit	5%	-	P	12
Other General	DiDA	80%	-	D M P C	232 208 184 160
Other General	ECiDA	60%	-	D M C P	174 156 138 120
Other General	CiDA	40%	-	D M P C	116 104 92 80

Type	Qualification	Contribution to Level 1 and Level 2 threshold	Contribution to Level 3 threshold	Grade	Point score
Other General	AiDA	20%	-	D M P C	58 52 46 40
Principal Learning	Principal Learning	100%	-	A* A B c	290 260 230 200
Project	Higher Project	10%	-	A* A B C	29 26 23 20
QCF	BTEC Diploma BTEC Extended Certificate BTEC Certificate BTEC Award	Depends on the size of the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			
QCF	BTEC Diploma in WorkSkills BTEC Extended Certificate in Workskills BTEC Certificate in WorkSkills BTEC Award in WorkSkills	80% tbc 20% 5%	-	P	184 tbc 46 11.5
VRQ	BTEC First Diploma	80%	-	D* D M P	232 208 184 160
VRQ	BTEC First Certificate	40%	-	D* D M P	116 104 92 80
VRQ	BTEC Diploma BTEC Extended Certificate BTEC Certificate BTEC Award	Depends on the size of the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			
LEVEL 3					
AEA	Edexcel Advanced Extension Award	-	5%	D M	27 23
Diploma Advanced Diploma Progression Diploma	Principal Learning	120%	75%	A* A B C D E	450 405 360 315 270 225
	Extended Project	24%	15%	A* A B C D E	90 81 72 63 54 45
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ESOL	Certificate in ESOL International	No points/contribution to threshold			

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GCE	Advanced GCE (Double Award)	160%	100%	AA AB BB BC CC CD DD DE EE	540 510 480 450 420 390 360 330 300
GCE	Advanced Subsidiary GCE (Double Award)	80%	50%	AA AB BB BC CC CD DD DE EE	270 255 240 225 210 195 180 165 150
GCE	Advanced GCE	80%	50%	A B C D E	270 240 210 180 150
GCE	Advanced Subsidiary GCE	40%	25%	A B C D E	135 120 105 90 75
GCE	Advanced VCE (Double Award)	160%	100%	AA AB BB BC CC CD DD DE EE	540 510 480 450 420 390 360 330 300
GCE	Advanced VCE	80%	50%	A B C D E	270 240 210 180 150
Key Skills	Key skills qualification	24%	15%	P	63
NVQ	NVQs	Depends on the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			
NVQ	Any NVQ language unit	8%	5%	P	24
Principal Learning	Principal Learning	120%	75%	A* A B C D E	450 405 360 315 270 225
Project	Extended Project	24%	15%	A* A B C D E	90 81 72 63 54 45

Type	Qualification	Contribution to Level 1 and Level 2 threshold	Contribution to Level 3 threshold	Grade	Point score
QCF	Diploma Extended Certificate Certificate Award	Depends on the size of the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			
QCF	BTEC Certificate in WorkSkills BTEC Award in WorkSkills	Not yet available	Not yet available	P	Not yet available
VRQ	BTEC National Diploma	240%	150%	DDD DDM DMM MMM MMP MPP PPP	810 757.5 705 652.5 600 547.5 495
VRQ	BTEC National Certificate	160%	100%	DD DM MM MP PP	540 480 420 360 300
VRQ	BTEC National Award	80%	50%	D M P	270 225 165
VRQ	BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design	140%	87.5%	D M P	472.5 393.75 288.75
VRQ	BTEC Diploma BTEC Extended Certificate BTEC Certificate BTEC Award	Depends on the size of the qualification taken, check the NDAQ database			

Equivalence tables

It is not always a simple task to equate grades for BTEC qualifications to grades for GCSEs and GCEs. BTECs are graded on a 3-point (Pass, Merit, Distinction) or 4-point (Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction*) scale, whereas GCSEs are graded on an 8-point scale (A* - G) and GCEs on a 5-point scale (A - E). However, taking the SCAAT points as a benchmark, we have produced the following tables to help you to equate points to GCSE/GCE grades.

Level 1 equivalence table

This chart shows the approximate equivalence of the main Level 1 BTEC qualifications, and the elements of the Level 1 Foundation Diploma, to GCSEs. It also includes the Workskills suite of qualifications at this level.

Qualification	GCSE equivalence	Overall grade (and points)	GCSE grade equivalence (and points)
Introductory Diploma	4 GCSEs at grades D - G	D (136)	DDDD (136)
		M (112)	EEEE (112)
		P (76)	FFGG (76)
Introductory Certificate	2 GCSEs at grades D - G	D (68)	DD (68)
		M (56)	EE (56)
		P (38)	FG (38)
Foundation Diploma Principal Learning	3 GCSEs at grades D - G	A* (102)	DDD (102)
		A (84)	EEE ((84)
		B (57)	FF/GG (57)
Foundation Project	0.5 GCSEs at grades D - G	A* (17)	0.5 D (17)
		A (14)	0.5 E (14)
		B (9.5)	0.5 F/G (9.5)
BTEC Diploma in Workskills	4 GCSEs at grades at E/F	P (100)	EEFF (100)
BTEC Award in Workskills	0.25 GCSEs at grades E/F	P (25)	E/F (25)
BTEC Certificate in Workskills	1 GCSE at grade E/F	P (6.3)	0.25 E/F (6.25)

Level 2 equivalence table

This chart shows the approximate equivalence of the main Level 2 BTEC qualifications, and the elements of the Level 2 Higher Diploma, to GCSEs. It also includes the Workskills suite of qualifications at this level.

Qualification	GCSE equivalence	Overall grade (and points)	GCSE grade equivalence (and points)
First Diploma	4 GCSEs at grades A* - C	D* (232)	A*A*A*A* (232)
		D (208)	AAAA (208)
		M (184)	BBBB (184)
		P (160)	CCCC (160)
First Certificate	2 GCSEs at grades A* - C	D* (116)	A*A* (116)
		D (104)	AA (104)
		M (92)	BB (92)
		P (80)	CC (80)
Higher Diploma Principal Learning	5 GCSEs at grades A* - C	A* (290)	A*A*A*A* (290)
		A (260)	AAAA (260)
		B (230)	BBBB (230)
		C (200)	CCCC (200)
Higher Project	0.5 GCSEs at grades A* - C	A* (29)	0.5 A* (29)
		A (26)	0.5 A (26)
		B (23)	0.5 B (23)
		C (20)	0.5 C (20)
BTEC Diploma in Workskills	4 GCSEs at grades A* - C	P (184)	BBBB (184)
BTEC Extended Certificate in Workskills	2 GCSEs at grades A* - C	P (92) (tbc)	BB (92) (tbc)
BTEC Certificate in Workskills	1 GCSE at grade A* - C	P (46)	B (46)
BTEC Award in Workskills	0.25 GCSE at grades A* - C	P (11.5)	0.25 B (11.5)

Level 3 equivalence table

This chart shows the approximate equivalence of the main Level 3 BTEC qualifications, and the elements of the Level 3 Advanced and Progression Diplomas at level 3, to GCEs.

Qualification	GCE equivalence	Overall grade (and points)	GCE grade equivalence (and points)
National Diploma	3 GCEs at grades A - E	DDD (810)	AAA (810)
		DDM (757.5)	ABB (750)
		DMM (705)	BBB (720)
		MMM (652.5)	BCC (660)
		MMP (600)	CCD (600)
		MPP (547.5)	DDD (540)
		PPP (495)	DDE (510)
National Certificate	2 GCEs at grades A - E	DD (540)	AA (540)
		DM (480)	BB (480)
		MM (420)	CC (210)
		MP (360)	DD (360)
		PP (300)	EE (300)
National Award	1 GCE at grade A - E	D (270)	A (270)
		M (225)	B/C (225)
		P (165)	D/E (165)
Advanced and Progression Diploma Principal Learning	1.5 GCEs grades A* - E	A* (450)	1.5 A*s (450)
		A (405)	1.5 As (405)
		B (360)	1.5 Bs (360)
		C (315)	1.5 Cs (210)
		D (270)	1.5 Ds (180)
		E (225)	1.5 Es (150)
Extended Project	0.3 GCEs grades A* - E	A* (90)	0.3 A* (90)
		A (81)	0.3 A (81)
		B (72)	0.3 B (72)
		C (63)	0.3 C (63)
		D (54)	0.3 D (54)
		E (45)	0.3 E (45)