Qualifications, levels and what they mean

Level	National Qualifications Framework NQF	**Qualifications and Credit Framework examples QCF**	**Framework for Higher Education Qualifications examples FHEQ**
Entry	- Entry level certificate - Entry level Skills for Life	- Entry level award, certificate and diploma - Entry level Functional Skills - Entry level Foundation Learning	
1	- GCSE (grades D-G) - Key Skills level 1 - NVQ level 1 - Skills for Life level 1 - Foundation diploma	- BTEC award, certificate and diploma level 1 - Foundation Learning level 1 - Functional Skills level 1 - OCR National	
2	- GCSE (grades A*-C) - Key Skills level 2 - NVQ level 2 - Skills for Life level 2 - Higher diploma	- BTEC award, certificate and diploma level 2 - Functional Skills level 2	
3	- AS and A level - Advanced Extension Award - Cambridge International award - International Baccalaureate - Key Skills level 3 - NVQ level 3 - Advanced diploma - Progression diploma	- BTEC award, certificate and diploma level 3 - BTEC National - OCR National - Cambridge National	
4	- Certificate of higher education - Key Skills level 4 - NVQ level 4	- BTEC Professional award, certificate and diploma level 4	- Certificate of higher education - HNC
5	- HND - NVQ level 4 - Higher diploma	- BTEC Professional award, certificate and diploma level 5 - HNC - HND	- Diploma of higher education - Diploma of further education - Foundation degree - HND
6	- NVQ level 4	- BTEC Advanced Professional award, certificate and diploma level 6	- Bachelor's degree - Graduate certificate - Graduate diploma
7	- BTEC Advanced Professional award, certificate and diploma level 7 - Fellowship and fellowship diploma - Postgraduate certificate - Postgraduate diploma - NVQ level 5	- BTEC Advanced Professional award, certificate and diploma level 7	- Master's degree - Postgraduate certificate - Postgraduate diploma
8	- NVQs level 5	- Vocational qualifications level 8	- Doctorate