

NEW STRUCTURE OF THE NQF

Key Skills	NVQs	National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and BTEC Customised Framework		Framework for Higher Education Qualification levels (FHEQ)
		Original levels	Revised levels	
	Level 5 NVQs	Level 5 BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF and Customised)	Level 8 BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF and Customised ¹)	D (Doctoral) doctorates
			Level 7 BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF and Customised ¹)	M (Masters) masters degrees, postgraduate certificates and diplomas
Level 4 Key Skills	Level 4 NVQs	Level 4 BTEC HNDs and HNCs (NQF and Customised) BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF and Customised)	Level 6 BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF and Customised ¹)	H (Honours) bachelors degrees, graduate certificates and diplomas
			Level 5 BTEC HNDs and HNCs (NQF and Customised ¹) BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF and Customised ¹)	I (Intermediate) diplomas of higher education and further education, foundation degrees, higher national diplomas
			Level 4 BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF and Customised ¹)	C (Certificate) certificates of higher education
Level 3 Key Skills	Level 3 NVQs	Level 3 BTEC National Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF and Customised) BTEC Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF) BTEC Advanced Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (Customised) Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art and Design) (NQF) A Levels (NQF) Advanced Extension Award (NQF)		
Level 2 Key Skills Literacy Numeracy	Level 2 NVQs	Level 2 BTEC First Diplomas and Certificates (NQF and Customised) BTEC Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF) BTEC Intermediate Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (Customised) GCSEs grades A*-C (NQF)		
Level 1 Key Skills Literacy Numeracy	Level 1 NVQs	Level 1 BTEC Introductory Diplomas and Certificates (NQF and Customised) BTEC Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (NQF) BTEC Foundation Diplomas, Certificates and Awards (Customised) GCSEs grades D-G (NQF)		
Entry Level Literacy Numeracy		Entry Level BTEC Certificates in Life Skills (NQF) BTEC Certificates in Skills for Working Life (NQF) Entry Level Certificates (NQF)		

¹ The titles of the Customised Framework qualifications, at new NQF levels 4 to 8, are subject to final approval.