

Qualification equivalency list

The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) requires qualifications to be titled in the same way reflecting how big they are by using credit. Below is a table which shows how the old and new Edexcel and City & Guilds (previously known as NPTC) qualifications compare.

	Edexcel		City & Guilds		QCF			Equivalent to
	Old Qualification title	GLH	Old Qualification title	GLH	Qualification title	GLH	Credits	
Level 4/5	BTEC Higher National Diploma	960	-	-	-	-	-	Foundation Degrees, Diploma in Higher Education
	BTEC Higher National Certificate	600	-	-	-	-	-	Intermediate level qualifications
Level 3	BTEC National Diploma	1080	NPTC Advanced National Diploma	1080	Level 3 Extended Diploma	1080	180	3 GCE A Levels
	BTEC National Certificate	720	NPTC Advanced National Certificate	540 - 600	Level 3 Diploma	720	120	2 GCE A Levels
	BTEC National Award	360	-	-	Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	360	60	1 GCE A Levels
	-	-	-	-	Level 3 Certificate	180	30	1 GCE AS Levels
	-	-	NVQ in (vocational area)	450	Level 3 Work-based Diploma	All vary	All vary	1-2 GCE A Levels
Level 2	BTEC First Diploma	360	NPTC National Certificate	450 - 470	Level 2 Diploma	360	60	4 GCSEs (A*-C)
	BTEC First Certificate	180	-	-	Level 2 Extended Certificate	180	30	2 GCSEs (A*-C)
	-	-	-	-	Level 2 Certificate	90	15	1 GCSEs (A*-C)
	-	-	NVQ in (vocational area)	450	Level 2 Work-based Certificate, Diploma	All vary	All vary	1-2 GCSEs (A-C)
Level 1	BTEC Introductory Diploma	-	NPTC Level 1 Certificate in Land-based Studies	360	Level 1 Awards, Certificates and Diplomas (vocational component of Foundation learning)	-	-	GCSE (D-G) but will vary according to the performance points
	BTEC Introductory Certificate	-	-	-		-	-	GCSE (D-G)
Entry level	BTEC Entry level Certificate in Life Skills	-	NPTC Entry Level (E1 to E3) in Life Skills	n/a	Entry level Awards, Certificates and Diplomas	All vary	-	n/a
	BTEC Entry level Certificate in Skills for Working Life	-	NPTC Entry Level Skills for Working Life	240				n/a

Full details of the qualifications available at each level can be found on the relevant Awarding Organisation's website:

- City & Guilds: www.nptc.org.uk/qualifications/
- Edexcel: www.edexcel.com/quals/Pages/default.aspx