

Level 2 Qualifications

At Level 2, you will gain some knowledge or experience within that area of study.

There are tons of different ways for you to achieve qualifications at this level, and to continue on to further study and even Higher Education study! Each of these qualifications have different ways of teaching and assessing your skills to fit every learning style.

Why study a Level 2 course?

- It is important to work towards Level 2 qualifications because they are a stepping stone for further education and employment.
- When applying for any job or apprenticeship, usually a minimum of Level 2 English and Maths are required, but a variety of subjects is appreciated.
- Subjects on offer can vary from each education provider - your school can tell you what qualifications and subjects they offer!
- All Level 2 qualifications are a similar level of difficulty, but the size, content and teaching style of the course can vary.
- Level 2 qualifications are a great place to start when starting in a new area of study.

Functional Skills Maths, English and ICT

- Equivalent to a GCSE Grade 4 in English and Maths.
- Assessed by exam.
- Practical learning, using real life situations to help you develop your skills in these areas.

GCSEs

- 2 years of study
- Classroom teaching, usually assessed by exams.
- You study the core theories and main principles, introducing you to new subjects or going more in depth with subjects you have previously studied.
- Can be studied alongside other Level 2 qualifications, such as BTECs.

BTECs

BTEC Firsts

- 2 years of study.
- Assessed by coursework and controlled assessments that can be activity based or written.
- Focus on vocational areas of study, with all BTEC Firsts offering practical learning as well as classroom.
- Offer an introduction to work in the sector you're studying, learning skills and developing understanding that will help you in that career.
- Opportunity for work experience and industry visits.
- Can be studied in combination with other Level 2 qualifications such as GCSEs.
- You cannot study English and Maths via BTEC.

NVQs

National Vocational Qualification

- NVQs are a practical work based qualification, requiring a job or work placement/ apprenticeship to study.
- Assessed by portfolio and observation.
- Colleges may offer you a work placement on application to the NVQ course, so check their website!
- NVQs are really specific to the job you are carrying out - this means you learn key skills and have a complete understanding of one particular workplace.
- Studying an NVQ at Level 2 may be more suitable if the area is new to you.

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