

Level 3 Qualifications

At Level 3, you begin on more complex work than what you have previously studied, with some focus on developing supervisory skills.

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

Advanced Apprenticeships

- Between 1 and 6 years of study.
- Full time work with time in college to study.
- Study a combination of NVQs and BTECs that are relevant to the sector you're working in.
- Designed to prepare you for working life with on the job experience, responsibility and support from your employer to help you advance.
- The national minimum wage for an apprentice between ages 16 and 18 is currently £4.15 per hour - check the [government website for current rates at all ages](#).
- You can find apprenticeships via colleges or the [National Apprenticeship Service](#).

T Levels

- 2 years of study
- Classroom teaching with practical learning, and an industry placement.
- Minimum of 315 hours on industry placement, over two years of study.
- 2020 Courses: design, surveying and planning for construction; digital production, design and development; education and childcare.
- Introduced in 2020, so more courses are to be introduced over the next few years - [see here](#).

A Levels

- 2 years of study
- Classroom teaching, assessed by exams.
- Can be studied in combination with other Level 3 qualifications depending on the education provider.

BTECs

BTEC Extended Diploma

- 2 years of study.
- Assessed by coursework and controlled assessments that can be activity based or written.
- Focus on vocational areas of study, with practical and classroom learning.
- Focus on the sector you're studying, learning skills and understanding that will help you in that career.
- Opportunity for work experience and industry visits.
- Can be studied in combination with other Level 3 qualifications depending on the education provider.

NVQs

National Vocational Qualification

- 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!
- Can be studied in combination with other Level 3 qualifications depending on the education provider.
- You may not begin at Level 3 - especially if this is an entirely new area of study!

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