

# Level 4+ Qualifications

At Level 4+, your studying will enable you to handle complex problems. You will gain experience that will mean you're ready to manage others.

There are tons of different ways for you to achieve a qualification at this level, each with different ways of teaching and assessing your skills.

## Undergraduate Degree

- Degrees vary in length, course content, assessment style and teaching style depending on course and Higher Education institution - research is a must!
- Study full time or part time.
- Over 350 course providers in the UK alone, with over 50,000 different courses.
- Some providers offer study and work abroad opportunities, as well as years in industry.
- You can explore subjects available via [UCAS](#) and specific University websites.

## Higher Apprenticeships

- Full time work with time in college to study.
- 1-5 years of study depending on apprenticeship.
- Designed to prepare you for working life with on the job experience, responsibility and support from your employer to help you advance.
- Study NVQs, HNDs or a degree relevant to your sector.
- The national minimum wage for an apprentice is currently £4.15 per hour for your first year - check the [government website](#) for current rates at all ages.
- You can find apprenticeships via [the Government website](#)

## HNC

Higher National Certificate

- This is a BTEC at a Level 4
- 1 year long
- Assessed through assignments, projects and practical tasks throughout the course.
- Equivalent to the first year at University

## 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 qualifications depending on the education provider.
- You may not begin at Level 3 - especially if this is an entirely new area of study!

## HND

Higher National Diploma

- This is a BTEC at a Level 4 - 5
- 2 years long
- Assessed through assignments, projects and practical tasks throughout the course.
- Equivalent to the first and second years at University.
- If you study a HND, your first year will be the same content as a HNC in that area.

Entry requirements, Higher Education providers and application processes vary depending on course - be sure to **research**.

## Chat to us!

Got questions?  
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We're here to help!



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