

**NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (NQF) AND
SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (SCQF)**

1. The following table outlines the NQF for England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the SCQF for Scotland, together with indications of their respective Higher Education (HE) Qualification levels. Please note that this table is only a guide and may not be quoted as an authority.

| NQF (2004) | | National HE Qualifications | SCQF (2003) | | Scottish HE Qualifications |
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| Level | Examples | | Level | Examples | |
| 8 | Specialist awards | Doctorate | 12 | | Doctorate |
| 7 | Level 7 CIPD Postgrad Cert in Pers & Dev | Masters Postgrad Cert and Dips | 11 | SVQ 5 | Masters |
| 6 | Level 6 CIPD Cert in Business Awareness and Advanced Professional Study | Honours Degree Grad Certs and Dips | 10 | | Honours Degree |
| | | | 9 | | Ordinary Degree |
| 5 | Level 5 BTEC Higher Nat Cert in Civ Eng Level 5 NVQ ¹ | Dip HE/FE Foundation Degrees, HND | 8 | SVQ 4 | Dip HE HND |
| 4 | Level 4 CIOB Cert in Site Management Level 4 NVQ ¹ | Cert HE, HNC | 7 | Advanced Higher | Cert HE HNC |
| 3 | Level 3 BTEC Nat Dip/Cert in Civ Eng Level 3 NVQ in Eng Prod or Eng Maint A levels | | 6 | SVQ 3 Higher | |
| 2 | Level 2 BTEC First Cert in Eng Level 2 NVQ in Telecomms Tech (Infra) GCSEs Grades A*-C | | 5 | SVQ 2 General S Grade Intermediate 2 | |
| 1 | Level 1 BTEC Intro Cert in Eng Level 1 NVQ in Wood Occs GCSEs Grades D-G | | 4 | SVQ 1 General S Grade Intermediate 1 | |
| Entry | Entry Level Certificate in Adult Literacy | | 3 | Access 3 Foundation S Grade | |
| | | | 2 | Access 2 | |
| | | | 1 | Access 1 | |

¹ Revised levels are **not** currently being implemented for NVQs at Levels 4 and 5 though, as NVQs are accredited or re-accredited, it may be that they will be allocated levels between 4 and 7 on the NQF.