

ANNEX G**Prior attainment levels**

The information shown in the table below provides a guide to the overall attainment level of learners that have achieved various combinations of qualifications. The levels shown do not necessarily coincide with the level at which individual qualifications are set. For example, GCE AS levels are at level 3, but the level of attainment achieved by a learner who has taken AS level qualifications depends on the number of qualifications achieved, one AS level being needed for the learner to attain level 1, at least two to attain level 2 and at least 4 to attain level 3.

NVQ Level	Academic qualification equivalent	Vocational qualification equivalent	Code number for L35
Level 0	Word Power / Number Power		07, 09
Level 1	GCSE / O Level Grades D – G (or fewer than 5 at grades A-C) CSE below grade 1 1 AS level	BEC General certificate BEC Diploma BTEC first certificate City & Guilds Operative Awards CPVE Year 1 (Technician) GNVQ Foundation LCCI Elementary / First Level NVQ Level 1 PEI Elementary / First Level RSA Elementary / first level RSA Vocational certificate	01
Level 2	GCSE / O Level (5 or more at grades A-C) CSE Grade 1 (5 or more) 1 Advanced level 2 / 3 AS levels	BEC General Certificate with credit BEC diploma with credit BTEC First diploma City Guilds Higher Operative / Craft GNVQ Intermediate LCCI Certificate (Second level) NVQ level 2 PEI stage 2 Pitmans Intermediate level 2 Diploma certificate RSA Diploma	02
Level 3	2 or more advanced level passes 4 or more AS levels	BEC National ONC / OND BTEC National ONC/ OND City & Guilds advanced	03

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		craft GNVQ advanced LCCI diploma (third level) NVQ level 3 Pitmans Level 3 advanced higher certificate RSA Stage 3 advanced Diploma TEC Certificate / Diploma Access to Higher Education Courses ESOL & Foreign languages advanced awards	
Level 4	Teaching qualifications (including PGCE) First degree	BEC National HNC / HND BTEC National HNC / HND Higher Education certificate Higher education diploma LCCI advanced level NVQ level 4 Nursing (SRN) RSA advanced certificate RSA higher diploma	04
Level 5	Higher degree	Continuing education diploma NVQ level 5 Other high level professional qualifications	05