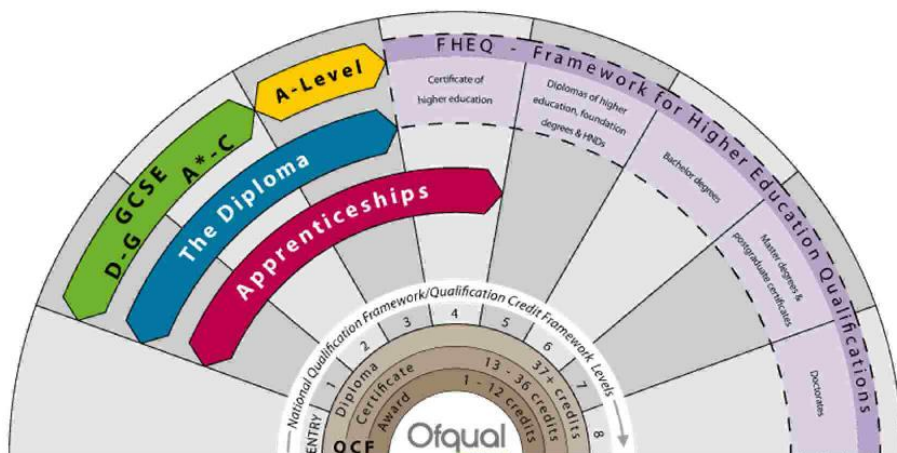


## Qualifications and Credit Framework

The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) contains vocational (or work-related) qualifications, available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

These qualifications are made up of units that are worth credits. You can study units at your own pace and build these up to full qualifications of different sizes over time.

Units and qualifications also range in difficulty, from entry level to level 8 (similar to the levels in the NQF).



Level	Examples of academic/FHEQ qualifications	QCF	Police Staff paycales
<b>Entry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Entry level certificates</li> <li>- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)</li> <li>- Skills for Life</li> <li>- Functional Skills at entry level (English, maths and ICT)</li> </ul>	Awards, Certificates, Diplomas	
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>GCSEs grades D-G</b></li> <li>- Key Skills at level 1</li> <li>- Skills for Life</li> <li>- Functional Skills at Level 1</li> </ul>	<b>QCF Level 1</b>	Scale 2
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>GCSEs grades A*-C / 9-5</b></li> <li>- Key Skills level 2</li> <li>- Skills for Life</li> <li>- Functional Skills at Level 1</li> </ul>	<b>QCF Level 2</b>	Scale 3 (x2 passes) Scale 4 (x3 passes) Scale 5 (4-5 passes)
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>A levels</b></li> <li>- Key Skills level 3</li> <li>- GCE in applied subjects</li> <li>- International Baccalaureate</li> </ul>	<b>QCF Level 3</b>	Scale 6
<b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>HNCs</b></li> <li>- Certificates of Higher Education</li> </ul>	<b>QCF Level 4</b> vocational qualifications	SO1
<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>HNDs</b></li> <li>- diplomas of higher education</li> <li>- Foundation Degrees</li> <li>- higher national diplomas</li> </ul>	<b>QCF Level 5</b> vocational qualifications	SO2
<b>6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Bachelors degrees</b></li> <li>- bachelors degrees with honours</li> <li>- graduate certificates and diplomas</li> <li>- Professional Graduate Certificate in Education</li> </ul>	<b>QCF Level 6</b>	PO1
<b>7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Masters degrees</b></li> <li>- integrated masters degrees</li> <li>- postgraduate certificates</li> <li>- postgraduate diplomas</li> </ul>	<b>QCF Level 7</b>	PO2-3
<b>8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Doctoral degrees</b></li> </ul>	<b>QCF Level 8</b>	HMG (G-D)
			HMG (C-A)