

Edexcel BTEC Levels and Equivalences within the QCF, NQF and FHEQ

QCF/NQF/ FHEQ level	Progression opportunities and examples of qualifications within each level
8	PhD/DPhil Professional doctorates (credit based), eg EdD
7	Master's degrees Postgraduate diplomas Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
6	Bachelor's degrees, eg BA, BSc Professional Graduate Certificate in Education Graduate certificates and diplomas
5	Edexcel BTEC HNDs (Higher National Diplomas) Foundation Degrees, eg FdA, FdSc Diplomas of Higher Education (Dip HE)
4	Edexcel BTEC HNCs (Higher National Certificates) Certificates of Higher Education (Cert HE) Level 4 National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs)
3	Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Diplomas Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diplomas Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Certificates GCE Advanced Level Level 3 NVQs Advanced Diplomas

BTEC National course titles

The BTEC Nationals have different titles on the two frameworks. The following table shows how they compare:

NQF BTEC Nationals	QCF BTEC Nationals	A level size equivalence
Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Subsidiary Award	Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Certificate	0.5 x A level
Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Award	Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	1 x A level
Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Subsidiary Certificate	Edexcel BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma	1.5 x A levels
Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate	Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Diploma	2 x A levels
Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Diploma	Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma	3 x A levels