

ABE is recognised by the UK government’s official qualifications regulatory authority for England, Ofqual. Ofqual assesses qualifications by ‘Levels’ and they are titled accordingly. This table explains which qualifications are at equivalent levels.

QCF/RQF Level	Examples of other qualifications at the same level of learning difficulty
Level 3	UK ‘A’ Level, International Baccalaureate BTEC Award, Certificate or Diploma Level 3
Level 4	Level 4 HNC, first year of a 3-year Bachelors degree course BTEC Professional Award, Certificate or Diploma Level 4
Level 5	HND, Higher Diploma, Foundation degree, second year of a 3-year Bachelors degree course, BTEC Professional Award, Certificate or Diploma Level 5
Level 6	Bachelors Degree, Graduate Diploma BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate or Diploma Level 6
Level 7	Masters Degree, Postgraduate Diploma BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate or Diploma Level 7

Credits

Credits are assigned to regulated qualifications and recognised by universities in many countries. The credits you achieve through some qualifications may count towards others, if you have covered similar learning outcomes at a comparable level. As a general rule, ten hours of learning (including both taught and self-study) equates to approximately one credit.

Each stage of a degree is 120 credits and this matches the credits available for ABE’s full RQF Diplomas, meaning they offer clear academic progression.

If you require any verification or have any questions about our qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@abeuk.com.

More Information

Information in this table can be verified on the following UK government website link: www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/compare-different-qualification-levels