

Appendix 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 full level 2 and at least 4 to attain full level 3.

NVQ Level	Qualification Equivalent	Code in L35
Entry Level	Word Power / Number Power at entry level Certificate in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Skills for Life	07, 09
Level 1	GCSE / O Level Grades (5 or more at grades D-G or fewer than 5 at grades A-C) CSE below grade 1 1 AS level The Foundation Diploma (equivalent to 5 GCSES at grades D-G) Certificate in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Skills for Life at level 1 NVQ Level 1 GNVQ Foundation BEC General certificate BEC Diploma BTEC first certificate City & Guilds Operative Awards CPVE Year 1 (Technician) LCCI Elementary / First Level PEI Elementary / First Level RSA Elementary / first level RSA Vocational certificate	01

NVQ Level	Qualification Equivalent	Code in L35
Full 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 The Higher Diploma (equivalent to 7 GCSEs at grades A* to C) GNVQ Intermediate NVQ level 2	02
Full Level 3	A Levels (2 or more advanced level passes) 4 or more AS Levels AVCE double award The Advanced Diploma (equivalent to 3.5 A Levels) GNVQ advanced NVQ level 3 QAA recognised Access to Higher Education	03
Level 4	Teaching qualifications (including PGCE) BTEC National HNC / HND Higher Education certificate Higher Education diploma Foundation Degree LCCI advanced level First degree NVQ level 4 Nursing (SRN) RSA advanced certificate RSA higher diploma	04

NVQ Level	Qualification Equivalent	Code in L35
Level 5 and above	Continuing education diploma NVQ level 5 Masters degrees or post-graduate certificates and diplomas Doctorates or specialist awards	05