

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	Academic qualification equivalent	Vocational qualification equivalent	Code number for L35
Entry Level	Word Power / Number Power	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	Certificate in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Skills for Life 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
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	GNVQs Intermediate NVQ level 2 Other vocational qualifications counted as full level 2 in Governments Labour Force Survey	02

NVQ Level	Academic qualification equivalent	Vocational qualification equivalent	Code number for L35
Full Level 3	A Levels 2 or more advanced level passes 4 or more AS Levels AVCE double award	GNVQ advanced NVQ level 3 QAA recognised Access to Higher Education Other vocational qualifications counted as full level 3 in Governments Labour Force Survey	03
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 and above	Higher degree	Continuing education diploma NVQ level 5 Other high level professional qualifications	05