**3.5 NVQ Level Definitions**

| **NVQ Level** | **Academic NVQ Qualification Name** | **Vocational Qualification Name** | **Description** |
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| **Level 1**  | * GCSE/SCE/O-level grades below C (or fewer than 5 at grades A-C)
* CSE grades below 1
* 1 AS level
 | * BTEC/SCOTBTEC/SQA-First Certificate
* BEC/SCOTBEC – General Certificate/Diploma
* City & Guilds – Operative Awards
* CPVE- Year 1 (Technician)
* LCCI/RSA/PEI – Elementary/ First Level
* RSA- Vocational Certificate
* Foundation GNVQ/GSVQ
* NVQ/SVQ Level 1
 | * Competence that involves the application of knowledge in the performance of a range of varied work activities, most of which are routine and predictable.
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| **Level 2**  | * 5 or more GCSE/SCE/O-level grades at A – C
* CSE grade 1
* 1 A level pass
* 2 or 3 AS levels
 | * BTEC/SCOTVEC/SQA-First Diploma
* City & Guilds – Higher Operative/craft
* LCCI – Certificate/Second Level
* PEI – Stage 2
* Pitmans – Intermediate Level 2 Diploma Certificate
* RSA- Diploma
* Intermediate GNVQ/GSVQ
* NVQ/SVQ Level 2
 | * Competence that involves the application of knowledge in a significant range of varied work activities, performed in a variety of contexts.
* Collaboration with others, perhaps through membership of a work group or team, is often a requirement.
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| **Level 3**  | * 2 or more A level passes
* 4 or more AS levels
 | * BEC/SCOTBEC BTEC/SCOTVEC/SQA – National OND
* TEC/SCOTEC – Certificate / Diploma
* City & Guilds – Advanced Craft
* LCCI – Third level Diploma
* Pitmans – Level 3 Advanced Higher Certificate
* RSA- Stage 3 Advanced Diploma
* Advanced GNVQ/GSVQ
* Access to Higher Education Courses
* Advanced awards in ESOL and foreign languages
* NVQ/SVQ Level 3
 | * Competence that involves the application of knowledge in a broad range of varied work activities performed in a wide variety of contexts, most of which are complex and non-routine.
* There is considerable responsibility and autonomy and control or guidance of others is often required.
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| **Level 4**  | * Teaching qualifications (including PGCE)
* First degree
 | * BEC/SCOTBEC BTEC/SCOTVEC/SQA – HND / HNC
* TEC/SCOTEC – Higher Certificate/Diploma
* LCCI – Advanced level
* RSA - Advanced Certificate/ Higher Diploma
* Diploma in Higher Education
* Nursing (SRN)
* Certificate in Higher Education
* NVQ/SVQ Level 4
 | * Competence that involves the application of knowledge in a broad range of complex, technical or professional work activities performed in a variety of contexts and with a substantial degree of personal responsibility and autonomy.
* Responsibility for the work of others and the allocation of resources is often present.
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| Level 5  | * Higher degree
 | * Continuing Education Diploma
* Other high level professional qualification
 | * Competence that involves the application of a range of fundamental principles across a wide and often unpredictable variety of contexts.
* Very substantial personal autonomy and often significant responsibility for the work of others and for the allocation of substantial resources features strongly, as do personal accountabilities for analysis, diagnosis, design, planning, execution and evaluation
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