



UAL Level 2 qualification equivalencies

The specific content and structure of our Level 2 qualifications ensures they are high-quality and valid for the skills and knowledge they assess. This means that they are not strictly 'equivalent' to GCSEs, because of their different approach.

For the purposes of comparison, however, education authorities, employers, colleges and universities make judgements based on the relative sizes and levels of attainment across vocational and academic qualifications. This indicates the breadth and level of challenge of Level 2 qualifications when compared with GCSEs.

The following equivalencies are widely adopted across the education sector and nationally, although individual employers, colleges and universities have the right to set their own comparison assumption and admission criteria.

Vocational UAL Level 2 Diploma
460 Guided Learning Hours (GLH)
840 Total Qualification Time (TQT)

4 x GCSE (A-C)

4 x GCSE (1-9)

Pass

C

4/5

Merit

B

6

Distinction

A/A*

7/8-9
