

ROYAL AIR FORCE EDUCATIONAL EQUIVALENCIES



All subjects at A Level and GCSE must be distinct and only one subject may be offered from each of certain groupings which may be found at this link :

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Some subjects are not acceptable for an A Level requirement. This includes General Studies and Modern Studies

QUALIFICATION	Grade/Level	EQUIVALENCY							
		Level 1 and 2 - GCSE				Level 3 - A LEVEL			
		Level 1 Key Skills (where subject is applicable)	GCSE Grade D to G	1 GCSE Grade C	1 GCSE Grade B	1 A Level Grade E Minimum	2 A Levels Grade E Minimum	1 A Level Grade C Minimum	2 A Levels Grade C Minimum
Certificate in Adult Literacy or numeracy	Essential/Key Skills Level 1	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Certificate in Adult Literacy or numeracy	Essential/Key Skills Level 2	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Certificate in Adult Literacy or numeracy	Essential/Key Skills Level 3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Certificate in Adult Literacy or numeracy	Essential/Key Skills Entry Level 1	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Certificate in Adult Literacy or numeracy	Essential/Key Skills Entry Level 2	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Certificate in Adult Literacy or numeracy	Essential/Key Skills Entry Level 3	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Functional Skills in Literacy or Numeracy	Level 1	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Functional Skills in Literacy or Numeracy	Level 2	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Functional Skills in Literacy or Numeracy	Entry Level 1	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Functional Skills in Literacy or Numeracy	Entry Level 2	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Functional Skills in Literacy or Numeracy	Entry Level 3	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

General Certificate of Education - GCSE	Grades A* - B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
General Certificate of Education - GCSE	Grade C	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
General Certificate of Education - GCSE	Grades D - G	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Certificate of Secondary Education - CSE	Grade 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Certificate of Secondary Education - CSE	Grade 2-3	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
International General Certificate of Education - IGCSE	Grades A* - B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
International General Certificate of Education - IGCSE	Grade C	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
International General Certificate of Education - IGCSE	Grades D - G	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level - GCSE AS	Grades D-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level - GCSE AS	Grades A-C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * Grade A-B	3 * grade A-B	No	No
General Certificate of Education Advanced Level - GCSE A Level - per subject	Grades A-C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
General Certificate of Education Advanced Level - GCSE A Level - per subject	Grade D-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Advanced GNVQ - 6 Units	Grades A-C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Advanced GNVQ - 6 Units	Grade D-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Advanced GNVQ - 12 Units	Grades A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Advanced Subsidiary Vocational Certificate of Education (ASVCE) - 3 units	Grades A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Advanced Subsidiary Vocational Certificate of Education (ASVCE) - 3 units	Grades A-C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * Grade C	4 * grade C	No	No
Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (AVCE) Single Award – 6 units	Grades A-C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (AVCE) Single Award – 6 units	Grades D-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (AVCE) Double Award – 12 units	Grades A-C	Yes	Yes	Acceptable for up to 5 GCSEs depending on similarity of subject rules	Acceptable for up to 5 GCSEs depending on similarity of subject rules	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (AVCE) Double Award – 12 units	Grades D-E	Yes	Yes	Acceptable for up to 5 GCSEs depending on similarity of subject rules	Acceptable for up to 5 GCSEs depending on similarity of subject rules	Yes	Yes	No	No
Foundation Diploma (Level 1)	Grades A*-B	Yes	Yes	5 x GCSE + ½ GCSE each in Maths/Eng/ICT at Grade D-G	5 x GCSE + ½ GCSE each in Maths/Eng/ ICT at Grade D-G	No	No	No	No

Higher Diploma (Level 2)	Grades A*-C	Yes	Yes	7 x GCSE + ½ GCSE each in Maths/Eng/ICT at Grade A-C	7 x GCSE + ½ GCSE each in Maths/Eng/ ICT at Grade A-C	No	No	No	No
Advanced Diploma (Level 3)	Grades A*-C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3.5 ALevels inc Maths/Eng/ ICT	Yes	3.5 ALevels inc Maths/Eng/ ICT
Intermediate BTEC in Aviation Studies	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes (physics)	Yes (physics)	No	No	No	No
BTEC First Certificate	Pass	Yes	Yes	Acceptable for up to 4 GCSEs depending on similarity of subject rules	No	No	No	No	No
BTEC First Diploma	Pass	Yes	Yes	Acceptable for up to 4 GCSEs depending on similarity of subject rules	No	No	No	No	No
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	Pass (P)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	Merit (M)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	Distinction (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	Distinction * (D*)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
BTEC National Certificate/Diploma - Pre 2002	Merit or distinction in a single NC unit at Level 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
BTEC National Certificate/Diploma - Post 2002	Pass in a single NC unit at Level 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
BTEC National Certificate/Diploma - Pre 2002	3 full units at merit or distinction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BTEC National Certificate - Post 2002	A single Pass, Merit or Distinction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
BTEC National Certificate - Post 2002	PP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
BTEC National Certificate - Post 2002	MM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
90 Credit Diploma	PP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
90 Credit Diploma	MP/MM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
90 Credit Diploma	DM/DD/D*D/D*D*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BTEC National Diploma - Post 2002	PP/MP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
BTEC National Diploma - Post 2002	MM/DM/DD/D*D/D*D*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BTEC Extended Diploma	PPP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
BTEC Extended Diploma	MPP - D*D*D*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

City and Guilds (C&G) Land Based Services (LBS) Certificate	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
C&G LBS Certificate	M/D/D*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
C&G LBS Subsidiary Diploma	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
C&G LBS Subsidiary Diploma	M/D	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
C&G LBS Subsidiary Diploma	D*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C&G LBS 90 Credit Diploma	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
C&G LBS 90 Credit Diploma	M	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
C&G LBS 90 Credit Diploma	D/D*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C&G LBS Diploma	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
C&G LBS Diploma	M /D/ D*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C&G LBS Extended Diploma	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
C&G LBS Extended Diploma	M /D/D*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
National Vocational Qualification (NVQ)	Level 1	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
National Vocational Qualification (NVQ)	Level 2	Yes	Yes	Yes (not acceptable for English Lang. and maths)	Yes (not acceptable for English Lang. and maths)	No	No	No	No
National Vocational Qualification (NVQ)	Level 3	Yes	Yes	Yes (not acceptable for English Lang. and maths)	Yes (not acceptable for English Lang. and maths)	Yes	No	Yes	No
National Vocational Qualification (NVQ)	Level 4	Yes	Yes	Yes (not acceptable for English Lang. and maths)	Yes (not acceptable for English Lang. and maths)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) Intermediate	Level 2	Yes	Yes	Acceptable for up to 4 GCSEs depending on similarity of subject rules	No	No	No	No	No
General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) Advanced	Level 3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) 4	Level 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) 5	Level 5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Foundation Modern Apprenticeship	GCSE Level	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Open University (OU) 60 credits	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Open University (OU) 120 credits	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Foundation Degree – FD	Level 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access to Higher Education	6 unit pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No

Access to Higher Education	12 unit pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Award in Digital Applications - AiDA	Level 2 - Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Certificate in Digital Applications - CiDA	Level 2 - Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Diploma in Digital Applications - DiDA	Level 2 - Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish Access	Access 3	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No		No
Scottish Access	Access 2	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish Access	Access 1	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish Certificate of Education Standard/Ordinary Grade - SCE SG	Grades A-B or 1-2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Scottish Certificate of Education Standard/Ordinary Grade - SCE SG	Grade C or 3	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish Certificate of Education Standard/Ordinary Grade - SCE SG	Grades D-E or 4-6	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish National 1	Entry 1	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish National 2	Entry 2	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish National 3	Entry 3	No	No	No	No	No	No		No
Scottish National 4	Level 1	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish National 5	Level 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Scottish Higher (New)	Level 3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * Grade A-B	3 * grade A-B	2 * Grade A-B	3 * grade A-B
Scottish Advanced Higher (New)	Level 3+/4-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * grade A-C	Yes	2 * grade A-C
Scottish Certificate of Education Higher - SCE HG	Grades D-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Scottish Certificate of Education Higher - SCE HG	Grades A-B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * Grade A-B	3 * grade A-B	2 * Grade A-B	3 * grade A-B
Scottish Certificate of Education Higher - SCE HG	Grade C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * Grade C	4 * grade C	2 * Grade C	4 * grade C
Scottish Certificate of Sixth Year Studies - CSYS	Pass per subject. Each subject is equivalent to one A Level	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * pass	Yes	2 * pass
Scottish Advanced Higher	Grade A-C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * grade A-C	Yes	2 * grade A-C
Scottish Intermediate Certificate 1	Grade A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Scottish Intermediate Certificate 1	Grades B - E	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish Intermediate Certificate 2	Grade A - B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Scottish Intermediate Certificate 2	Grade C	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Scottish Intermediate Certificate 2	Grade D - E	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No

Welsh Baccalaureate	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Eire Leaving Certificate (Ordinary Level)	Grades Grade D-E	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Eire Leaving Certificate (Ordinary Level)	Grades A - B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Eire Leaving Certificate (Ordinary Level)	Grade C	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Eire Leaving Certificate (Higher Level)	Grade D	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Eire Leaving Certificate (Higher Level)	Grades A - B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * Grade A-B	3 * grade A-B	2 * Grade A-B	3 * grade A-B
Eire Leaving Certificate (Higher Level)	Grade C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 * Grade C	4 * grade C	2 * Grade C	4 * grade C

International Baccalaureate (IB)	Pass with min 24 pts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
European Baccalaureate	60%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Introductory Certificate in Supervisory Management		No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
NEBS Certificate in Management	Pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) Diploma In Insurance	Level 4 pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) Financial Planning Certificate	Level 4 pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) Advanced Certificate in Marketing	Pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Institute of Financial Services (IFS) CIB Level 3 certificate	Level 3 pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Associate Membership of IPD	Level 3 pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
International Institute of Sports Therapy - Diploma for Sports Therapy	Level 3 pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
ACCA Certified Accounting Technician	Level 4 pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Certified Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Stage 4	Stage 4 pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

SUBJECT GROUPINGS	Number allowed under Subject Heading	Acceptability of Alternatives within the group
English Language	One	English Literature is not acceptable
English Literature	One	
Mathematics	One	Arithmetic is not acceptable
Other Mathematical Subjects	One	Includes Additional and applied maths and statistics

Science	Any variation of the 3 basic sciences are acceptable	Includes single award Science and Applied Science, Human Biology, Environmental Science and agricultural science.
History	One	
Languages	No limitation unless specified by individual branch/trade	
Religious Studies	One	
Business Studies	One from each of 3 subject groups	
Social Studies	One	Social science and Social studies overlap
Political Studies	One	
Communication, Design and Technology (CDT)	One	a. Accounting, Finance b. Business Studies, Commerce, Economics, Marketing c. Law
Technological Subjects	One each from 2 subject groups:-	a. Electronics, Technology: CDT (Technology) b. Computer Studies , Information Technology
Technical Drawing	One	CDT Design and communication and Graphic Communication overlap
Music	One	
Art, Practical and Domestic Subjects	One	Examples Include : Art and Design, Building studies, Catering, CDT : Design and Realisation, Craft and Design, Dance , Drama, Woodwork, PE,Sports Studies, Keyboarding, Typewriting, Motor Vehicle Studies, Photography, Office Technology

