

Know your qualifications

There are nine levels of qualifications. Each level tells your college, university or employers what levels of skills and knowledge you have.

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You will need some form of qualification to get a job. For some careers you will need basic qualifications, before learning and training on the job. Other careers choices will require several years of study.

Getting the right qualifications and studying the right subjects at the right time will give you a better chance of getting the job that you want. It also opens up the choice of jobs you could try.

What type of qualifications are available?

Year 11 – GCSE's

Year 11/12 – GCSE's, intermediate apprenticeships, vocational qualifications, iGCSE's.

Year 13 – A levels, vocational qualifications, advances apprenticeships, International Baccalaureate.



Year 13 plus – college or higher apprenticeships, HNC, HND, foundation degree, postgraduate MA or PhD.

When thinking about a career, it's not just about the money. You need to find something that you enjoy, would be good at and would find it rewarding and fulfilling. The 10 most in-demand jobs in the UK are:

1. Developer
2. Designer
3. Finance manager
4. Recruitment consultant
5. Office administrator
6. Engineering
7. Sales executive
8. Nurse
9. Teacher

10. Chef