

GCSE equivalent qualifications for entry on to CAFRE Further Education Courses 2020/2021

Important

- All students **must** have GCSE Grade C or equivalent in English and Maths for entry on to all courses unless otherwise stated
- All students will need to present evidence of their qualifications i.e. Certificate/results slip before a confirmed offer can be made.

Qualification		Equivalent to GCSE at Grade C or above	Notes
GCSE		A* - C	A Grade D or E in English and / or Maths may be acceptable for some Level 2 courses provided that the minimum entry requirements for that course is met. This is on the understanding that the student achieves Grade C equivalent qualification in the corresponding Essential Skills during their first year of study at CAFRE.
2010 specifications ¹	BTEC Level 2 Diploma (60 credits) Pass / Merit / Distinction	4 GCSEs	
	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate (30 credits) Pass / Merit / Distinction	2 GCSEs	
	BTEC Level 2 Certificate (15 credits) Pass / Merit / Distinction	1 GCSE	
BTEC Next Generation 2013	BTEC First Diploma (480 guided learning hours) Pass / Merit / Distinction	5 GCSEs	
	BTEC First Extended Certificate (360 guided learning hours) Pass / Merit / Distinction	4 GCSEs	

Qualification		Equivalent to GCSE at Grade C or above	Notes
	BTEC First Certificate (240 guided learning hours) Pass / Merit / Distinction	2 GCSEs	
	BTEC First Award (120 guided learning hours) Pass / Merit / Distinction	1 GCSE	
City & Guilds / Pearson Level 2 Technical Certificate		4 GCSEs	
Diploma in Digital Applications (DiDA) Level 2 Pass / Merit / Distinction		4 GCSEs	
Certificate in Digital Applications Level 2 Pass / Merit / Distinction		2 GCSEs	
OCN NI Level 2 Certificate		1 GCSE at Grade C	e.g. Agricultural Business Operations, Applied Science
OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate		2 GCSEs' at Grade C	e.g. Applied Science
Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (COPE) Level 2		1 GCSE at Grade C	
Essential Skills Level 2		GCSE Grade C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Skills are not accepted for the National Diploma in Food Technology • Students who intend to progress on to a degree need to check with each University that they will accept Essential Skills
Occupational Studies Level 2		1 GCSE Grade C	
Princes Trust Level 2 Certificate in Personal Development and Employability Skills (201 GLH)		1 GCSE at Pass Grade	
Princes Trust Level 2 Diploma in Personal Development and Employability Skills (369 GLH)		4 GCSEs at Pass Grade	