

Examples of qualifications in United Kingdom per grade

1. Grades: AST/SC 1 to AST/SC 6 and AST 1 to AST 7

These grades correspond to secondary education giving access to post-secondary education.

- General Certificate of Education Advanced level — 2 passes or equivalent (grades A to E)
- BTEC National Diploma
- General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ), advanced level
- Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education, A level (VCE A level)

2. Grades: AST 3 to AST 11

These grades correspond to post-secondary education (non-university higher education course or short university course lasting at least 2 years)

- Higher National Diploma/Certificate (BTEC)/SCOTVEC
- Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
- National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ)
- Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQ) level 4

3. Grades: AD 5 to AD 16

These grades correspond to university-level education.

3.1. University-level education (lasting at least 3 years)

- (Honours) Bachelor degree
- NB: Master's degree in Scotland

3.2. University-level education (4 years or more)

- Honours Bachelor degree
- Master's degree (MA, MB, MEng, MPhil, MSc)
- Doctorate

NOTE

UK diplomas awarded in 2020 (until 31/12/2020) are accepted without an equivalence. UK diplomas awarded as from 01/01/2021 must be accompanied by an equivalence issued by a competent authority of an EU Member State.