



This framework shows how the various qualifications that are available link together. There are different types of qualifications - leading to further study, introducing a broad area of work or offering preparation for a specific job.

The qualifications within the framework can be divided into three main categories

**General** – related to a specific subject e.g. AS/A2 level Geography

**Vocationally relevant** – a broad introduction to a work area e.g. VCE Travel and Tourism

**Occupational** – skills and knowledge for a specific job e.g. NVQ Customer Service or *City & Guilds* Plumbing

Each qualification is equal to any other on the same level. It is possible to progress from one level and type of qualification to another, providing that a qualification from the level below has been achieved eg a qualification from level 2 must be successfully completed before embarking on a level 3 qualification.