

## NVQ Equivalency Table

One of the bits of information that we have to report to the DCSF on a monthly basis is what the highest qualification that a young person has. On IO Insight, this information appears at the very bottom of the [Client Details](#) page:

There are three different fields where this information is recorded:

**The Qualification Level** asks you to choose the highest qualification that the young person has from a drop down list. This is a mandatory field.

**Qualifications Final (Certified)** asks you to record whether the qualification that you have selected in the **Qualification Level** is one that they have already completed and have the certificates for or whether it is something that they are still studying towards.

**The Anticipated NVQ Level** asks you to record any qualifications that a client might be studying towards.

Sometimes the different types of qualifications a client is studying can be quite confusing, below is a table taken from the Connexions Direct website which should help to explain. Further information can be found on: [www.connexions-direct.com/whichwaynow](http://www.connexions-direct.com/whichwaynow)

This table shows a list of the different types of qualifications and their equivalency:

Qualification / Framework Level	Level Indicators	Examples of qualifications at this level
Entry Level	Builds a basic level of knowledge, understanding and skills	Foundation Diploma, BTEC Level 1, Entry 1, Entry 2 and Entry 3, in a range of areas including National Curriculum subjects, life skills, basic skills and skills for working life.
Level 1	Basic knowledge, understanding and skills, and the ability to apply learning to activities that relate to everyday situations	All GCSE's grades D-G, Foundation Diploma, BTEC Introductory Certificate, BTEC Level 2 Diploma, BTEC Level 2 Certificate, BTEC Level 2 Award, Level 1 DiDA, Level 1 CIDA+, Level 1 CiDA, Level 1 AiDA, BTEC Introductory Diploma, ASDAN Level 1 certificates, basic and key skills, Vocationally Related

		Qualifications (VRQ) Level 1 for example: OCR Nationals, BTEC Introductory, National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level 1.
Level 2	Building knowledge and/or skills in relation to subject or sector areas; gaining ability to apply learning to a varied range of tasks.	All GCSE's grades A*-C, Higher Diploma, BTEC First Diploma, BTEC First Certificate, BTEC Level 2 Diploma, BTEC Level 2 Certificate, BTEC Level 2 Award, Level 2 DiDA, Level 2 CIDA+, Level 2 CiDA, Level 2 AiDA, basic and key skills, VRQ Level 2 for example: City and Guilds Progression Awards, NVQ Level 2, graded examinations in Dance, Speech and Drama.
Level 3	Learning at this level involves obtaining in-depth knowledge, understanding and skills, and a higher level of application. Appropriate for people who want to go to university, or to further training or employment.	All GCE/VCE AS and A Levels, Advanced Diploma, BTEC National Diploma, BTEC National Certificate, BTEC National Award, BTEC Level 3 Diploma, BTEC Level 3 Certificate, BTEC Level 3 Award, Advanced Extension Awards, key skills, VRQ Level 3 for example: Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, NVQ Level 3, music grades 6,7 and 8.
Level 4-8	Specialist learning involving high level of knowledge in a specific occupational role or study. Appropriate for people working or wishing to progress to specialised technical and professional roles, and or managing and developing others.	Certificates and Diplomas of Higher Education, Bachelor's degrees, postgraduate qualifications, professional qualifications, Foundation degrees, Higher National Certificates and Diplomas, key skills Level 4, NVQ Level 4 and 5, teaching qualifications stages 1,2 and 3.

Recording these three fields is a mandatory requirement and they need to be filled in for all the clients that you register on IO.