

About the **different types** of qualifications



Academic

Applied general

Vocational or technical

These are focused on in-depth study of particular subjects.

These are focused on work-based options across the full range of jobs, industries and professions.

- Subject-based qualifications are the most common option to get into uni or college.
- They can also lead to employment or work-based qualifications, such as higher apprenticeships.
- They're usually assessed by a series of examinations. Some qualifications include unit assessment and practical activities.

- They provide broad study of a vocational area.
- They're intended to enable you to go on to uni or college.
- They provide an introduction to an industry, for example engineering.
- Each is supported by at least three universities.
- They're usually assessed by a mixture of coursework and exams.

- These include professional qualifications and some provide a licence to practise in a particular job role career area.
- They enable you to demonstrate competence in a particular job.
- They are recognised as good preparation for the world of work – employability skills.
- They're usually assessed by a mixture of coursework and practical, work-based tasks.

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- Accounting
- Art and design
- Biology
- Business studies
- Chemistry
- Citizenship studies
- Classics
- Computing and ICT
- Design and technology
- Drama and theatre studies
- Economics
- English language and literature
- Geography
- Government and politics
- History
- Home economics
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media studies
- Modern foreign languages
- Music and music technology
- Physical education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious studies
- Sociology
- Welsh first or second language

- Agriculture, horticulture and animal care
- Arts, media and publishing
- Beauty therapy and hairdressing
- Business, administration and law
- Child development and wellbeing
- Construction, planning and the built environment
- Engineering and manufacturing technologies
- Health, public services and care
- Information and communication technology
- Leisure, travel and tourism
- Medicine and dentistry
- Preparation for life and work
- Retail and commercial enterprise
- Science
- Social sciences

- Agriculture, horticulture and animal care
- Arts, media and publishing
- Business, accounting, administration and law
- Construction, planning and built environment
- Engineering, manufacturing
- Health, social care, child development and well-being
- Information and communication technology
- Leisure, sport, travel and tourism
- Public services
- Retail, hospitality and commercial enterprise
- Textiles and apparel manufacturing
- Transportation, operations and maintenance
- Warehousing and distribution