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UNITED KINGDOM



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- There is no legislation surrounding HE access in the UK
- Differences between devolved nations, England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland

 Qualifications accepted for HE access tend to be included in national registers of the regulator

























## England, Wales and Northern Ireland

- Typically qualifications benchmarked to RQF level 3 / CQFW level 3
- Awards at this level include GCE A level, BTEC Nationals, Welsh Baccalaureate

























#### Scotland

Qualifications at SCQF levels 6-7

Includes the Higher and Advanced Higher

























## University admission

- Process managed by UCAS
- Universities are autonomous and decide their own admission requirements

























## **UCAS** tariff

- Recognised qualifications carry a UCAS tariff point value
- Only RQF / CQFW level 3 or SCQF level 6 qualifications carry tariff points
- This may include NVQ / SVQ qualifications too









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