

# Level 2 reformed Technical Qualifications Guide for Parents

## What are level 2 reformed Technical Qualifications?

Level 2 reformed Technical Qualifications are new qualifications designed to provide a head start towards the job your child wants. At level 2 they are the same level as GCSEs or other level 2 qualifications.

At level 2 there are two types of reformed Technical Qualifications:

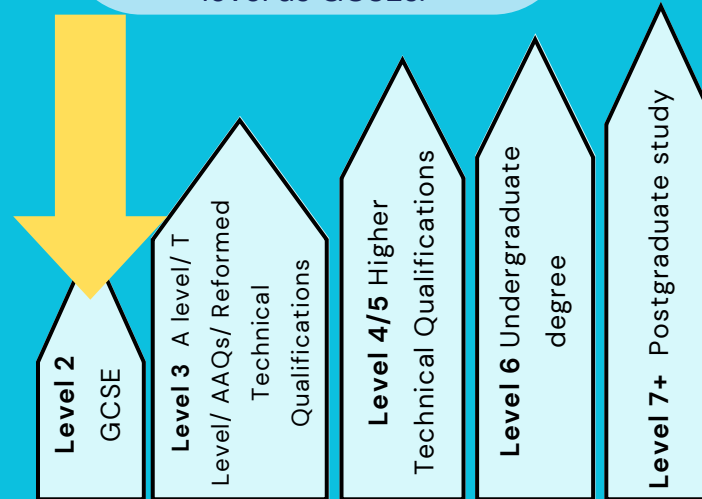
**Technical Occupational Entry qualifications** are based on employer led occupational standards at level 2, so you can be confident your child is studying the skills, knowledge and behaviours that employers need.

**Technical additional specialist qualifications** build on the skills and knowledge in an occupational standard, allowing someone to specialise further in a job. For example, a specialist qualification in hybrid vehicle maintenance might build on a larger automotive care qualification.

These qualifications are available for 16–19 learners and adults.

## Where do Reformed Technical Qualifications fit?

Level 2 reformed technical qualifications are the same level as GCSEs.



## Where can reformed Technical Qualifications take your child?

A level 2 reformed Technical Qualification could be a stepping stone to level 3 qualifications or training, or directly into skilled work.

## SUBJECTS AVAILABLE:

Building and construction; Child development and well-being; Engineering; Health & social care; Manufacturing technologies; Nursing and subjects and vocations allied to medicine, Sport, leisure and recreation and Transportation operations and maintenance.

## What do level 2 reformed Technical Qualifications offer?

**Recognised by employers and lead directly to skilled work:** because reformed Technical Qualifications are based on employer led occupational standards, they match up with the skills that employers say they need for specific jobs. So, if your child studies one of these qualifications it may help them become more employable in their chosen field.

**Hands-on, practical learning:** unlike purely academic courses, a reformed Technical Qualification focuses on real-world skills that employers value. Your child will learn by doing, which is ideal if they prefer practical training over theoretical study.

**Demand for skilled workers:** many industries, such as engineering, health, and construction have a growing demand for skilled professionals. A reformed Technical Qualification can give your child a direct route into these sectors.

**Pathway to career progression or further study:** if your child decides they want to continue studying, a reformed Technical Qualification can be a stepping stone to a level 3 qualification or training programme, or directly into skilled work.

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