

Qualification Levels

England, Wales, Northern Ireland

For applicants with qualifications awarded from England, Wales and Northern Ireland, there is the minimum requirement of:

RSciTech Registered Science Technician - [Level 3](#) qualification* or equivalent** learning and achievement

Level 3 refers to any of the below qualifications:

- A level
- Access to higher education diploma
- Advanced apprenticeship
- Applied general
- AS level
- International Baccalaureate diploma
- Level 3 award
- Level 3 certificate
- Level 3 diploma
- Level 3 ESOL
- Level 3 national certificate
- Level 3 national diploma
- Level 3 NVQ
- T Level
- Tech level

RSci Registered Scientist – [Level 5](#) qualification* or equivalent** learning and achievement

Level 5 refers to any of the below qualifications:

- Diploma of higher education (DipHE)
- Foundation degree
- Higher national diploma (HND)
- Level 5 award
- Level 5 certificate
- Level 5 diploma
- Level 5 NVQ

CSci/CSciTech Chartered Scientist/ Chartered Science Teacher – [Level 7](#) qualification* or equivalent** learning and achievement

Level 7 refers to any of the below qualifications:

- Integrated master's degree, for example master of engineering (MEng)
- Level 7 award
- Level 7 certificate
- Level 7 diploma
- Level 7 NVQ

- Master's degree, for example, Master of Science (MSc)
- Postgraduate certificate
- Postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)
- Postgraduate diploma



Scotland

For applicants with qualifications awarded from **Scotland**, there is the minimum requirement of:

RSciTech Registered Science Technician - [Level 6](#) qualification* or equivalent** learning and achievement

Level 6 refers to any of the below qualifications:

- Higher awards, skills for work higher
- National certificate
- Professional development award
- National progression award
- Modern apprenticeship
- Foundation apprenticeship
- SVQ

RSci Registered Scientist – [Level 8](#) qualification* or equivalent** learning and achievement

Level 8 refers to any of the below qualifications:

- Higher national diploma
- Advanced diploma
- Professional development award
- Diploma of higher education
- Higher apprenticeship
- Technical apprenticeship
- SVQ

CSci/CSciTech Chartered Scientist/ Chartered Science Teacher – [Level 11](#) qualification* or equivalent** learning and achievement

Level 11 refers to any of the below qualifications:

- Professional development award
- Masters degree
- Integrated masters degree
- Post graduate certificate
- Graduate apprenticeship
- Professional apprenticeship
- SVQ

*Qualifications need to be within a scientific discipline or relevant practice.



**Equivalence refers to the QAA (Quality Assurance Agency for Education) descriptors for CSci and the Ofqual descriptors for RSci and RSciTech.

Outside of the UK

You can compare European qualifications by following [this link](#).

You can also contact the [UK National Information Centre](#) (UK ENIC) to compare a UK qualification with any non-UK qualification - there's a fee for this.