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/CSciTeach 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/CSciTeach 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.