

If you are aged between 19-23 years old at the 31st August 2023 (born on or after 1/9/1999), you will need to already hold a Full Level 2 or above equivalent qualification to be eligible for funding through the Adult Education Budget (AEB).

Please refer to the tables below to check your current prior educational attainment.

Prior attainment levels table: Source: <https://guidance.submit-learner-data.service.gov.uk/23-24/ilr/entity/PriorAttain/field/PriorLevel>

Level	Qualification equivalent
<p style="text-align: center;">Entry level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCF qualifications at Entry level • Certificate in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL at Entry level RQF qualifications at Entry Level • English and Maths qualifications at Entry Level • Key skills at entry level • Functional Skills at entry level • Essential Digital Skills qualification
<p style="text-align: center;">Level 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE/O Level at grades D-G (1-3) or fewer than 5 at grades A-C (4-9) • CSE grade 2 and 3 • 1 AS Level (for AS qualifications regulated before 1 September 2015) • QCF qualifications at Level 1 • Foundation 14-19 Diploma • Functional Skills • Certificate in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL at Level 1 • Level 1 Key Skills • Level 1 Principal Learning • Introductory Diploma • Introductory Certificate • GNVQ Foundation • NVQ Level 1 • RQF qualifications at Level 1 • Technical Awards in the Key Stage 4 Performance Tables • Essential Digital Skills qualifications

<p style="text-align: center;">Full Level 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE/O Level (5 or more GCSEs grades A*-C) • GCSE (9-1) (5 or more GCSEs grade 4 or above) • 2 or 3 AS Levels (for AS qualifications regulated before 1 September 2015) • CSE Grade 1 (5 or more) • 1 A Level • Higher 14-19 Diploma • QCF Diploma level 2 • QCF Certificate level 2 at 13 or 14 credits undertaken before 2014 to 2015 • Level 2 Principal Learning • NVQ level 2 • GNVQ Intermediate • Technical Certificates in the 16-19 Performance Tables • QCF Certificate level 2 at 15 credits and above • From 1 August 2015 vocational qualifications of 150 GLH or more that are on the level 2 and level 3 legal entitlement qualification list.
<p style="text-align: center;">Full level 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Levels (2 or more advanced level passes) • 4 or more AS Levels (for AS qualifications regulated before 1 September 2015) • QCF Diploma Level 3 • QAA Access to HE • Advanced 14-19 Diploma • GNVQ Advanced • NVQ level 3 • AVCE double award • Tech Levels which are in the 16-19 Performance Tables • Applied Generals which are in the 16-19 Performance Tables (from 1 August 2015) • QCF Certificate at Level 3 which is 30 to 36 credits • From 1 August 2015 vocational qualifications of 300 GLH or more that are on the level 2 and level 3 legal entitlement qualification list.
<p style="text-align: center;">Level 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCF Award Level 4 • QCF Certificate Level 4 • QCF Diploma Level 4 • HNC • RQF qualifications Level 4 • Certificates of higher education

<p>Level 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCF Award Level 5 • QCF Certificate Level 5 • QCF Diploma Level 5 • HND • RQF qualifications Level 5 • Foundation degrees
<p>Level 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCF Award Level 6 • QCF Certificate Level 6 • QCF Diploma Level 6 • RQF qualifications Level 6 • Bachelor's degrees, graduate certificates and diplomas
<p>Level 7+</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCF Award Level 7 • QCF Certificate Level 7 • QCF Diploma Level 7 • RQF qualifications Level 7 • Master's degrees, • Postgraduate certificates and diplomas • QCF Award Level 8 • QCF Certificate Level 8 • QCF Diploma Level 8 • RQF qualifications Level 8 • Doctorates

