HVET in England

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# Higher-level qualifications in England

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Trends and developments

- Higher VQs giving way to degrees and professional status
- Foundation Degrees (short cycle) introduced 2001; now more students on FDs than on HNC/Ds
- Higher Apprenticeships introduced 2008 at L5, 2013 at L6/7, increasingly include degrees at the relevant level
- Drive for ‘fair access to professions’ – including alternatives to full-time HE
- Negotiated, transdisciplinary work-based learning leading to university qualifications from short certificate to doctorate
Current issues

- Higher VQs outside HE a mess – only HNC/D widely recognised
- Legacy of successive reforms – NVQs, QCF
- Multiple NQFs in England
- High student fees
- Decline in part-time HE enrolments (peaked in 2002)
Students must be sponsored by an employer, who provides practical phases.
College phases assessed by examinations, assignments, practicals, and a work-based learning module based on experience at sea.
Practical phases assessed by employer via a log book.
Oral examination by Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
Higher Apprenticeship in Construction Management

Level 4 apprenticeship or vocational qualification

Level 5 HA

Foundation Degree
3 years integrated with work

Advanced entry to BSc

Gives RICS or CIoB associate membership

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Higher Apprenticeship in Construction Management

Level 5 HA

- Foundation Degree
- 3 years integrated with work

Level 6 HA

- BSc
- 2 years integrated with work
- Includes RICS or CIoB requirements

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- HNC in construction subject

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- Option to take a degree project at end of Fundamentals phase

Level 4 school leaver

Level 4 accounting certificate

Accountancy degree

Level 5 Diploma

BSc Project
ACCA accountancy pathway

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- Assessment by written examination for modules (and project for the degree)
- Minimum 3 years mentored work, sign-off of objectives by supervisor
- Approximately 10,000 per year achieve Chartered level (c. 40% in England)

ACCA Fundamentals (9 modules) level 5/6 equivalent

ACCA Professional (5 modules) level 7 equivalent

Between 3 and 10 years

Chartered Certified Accountant