

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

INTERMEDIATE

Intermediate (I) Level - Foundation Degrees, ordinary (Bachelor) Degrees, Diplomas of Higher Education (HND) and other higher Diplomas

Holders of qualifications at this level will have developed a sound understanding of the principles in their field of study, and will have learned to apply those principles more widely. Through this, they will have learned to evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems. Their studies may well have had a vocational orientation, enabling them to perform effectively in their chosen field. They will have the qualities necessary for employment in situations requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making.

National Qualification Framework Level 5

Level 5 qualifications recognise the ability to increase the depth of knowledge and understanding of an area of work or study to enable the formulation of solutions and responses to complex problems and situations. Learning at this level involves the demonstration of high levels of knowledge, a high level of work expertise in job roles and competence in managing and training others. Qualifications at this level are appropriate for people working as higher-grade technicians, professionals or managers. Level 5 qualifications are at a level equivalent to intermediate Higher Education qualifications such as Diplomas of Higher Education, Foundation and other Degrees that do not typically provide access to postgraduate programmes.

Entry Standards

- A Level or equivalent in maths, science or technology
- BTEC National Certificate
- Advanced Apprenticeship (includes Technical Certificate)
- Accreditation of Experiential Learning (APEL) for experienced employees.

Career Progression

- Good progression for A Level, BTEC National Certificate or Advanced Apprenticeship (includes Technical Certificate) achiever or experienced employee.
- Mode of academic learning could be either full-time or part-time.
- A Foundation Degree or HND and further learning to Honours Degree level, plus relevant work experience (preferably via the Higher Apprenticeship) is required for an employee wishing to seek full membership of a professional institution and registration as an Incorporated Engineer (IEng).