

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

### CERTIFICATE

#### **Certificate (C) Level - Certificates of Higher Education (HNC)**

The holder of a Certificate of Higher Education will have a sound knowledge of the basic concepts of a subject, and will have learned how to take different approaches to solving problems. He or she will be able to communicate accurately and will have the qualities needed for employment requiring the exercise of some personal responsibility.

#### **National Qualification Framework Level 4 (HNC)**

Level 4 qualifications recognise specialist learning and involve detailed analysis of a high level of information and knowledge in an area of work or study. Learning at this level is appropriate for people working in technical and professional jobs, and/or managing and developing others. Level 4 qualifications are at a level equivalent to Certificates of Higher Education.

#### **National Qualification Framework Level 3 (BTEC National and Technical Certificates)**

Level 3 qualifications recognise the ability to gain, and where relevant apply a range of knowledge, skills and understanding. Learning at this level involves obtaining detailed knowledge and skills. It is appropriate for people wishing to go to university, people working independently, or in some areas supervising and training others in their field of work.

#### **Entry Standards**

- 4 GCSEs or equivalent at grades A to C
- Intermediate GNVQ
- Apprenticeship
- Accreditation of Experiential Learning (APEL) for experienced employees

#### **Career Progression**

- Good progression for GCSE or Apprenticeship achiever or experienced employee.
- Mode of academic learning could be full-time or part-time.
- A HNC or relevant Technical Certificate plus work experience (preferably via the Advanced Apprenticeship) is required for an employee wishing to seek membership of a professional institution and registration as an Engineering Technician (Eng Tech).