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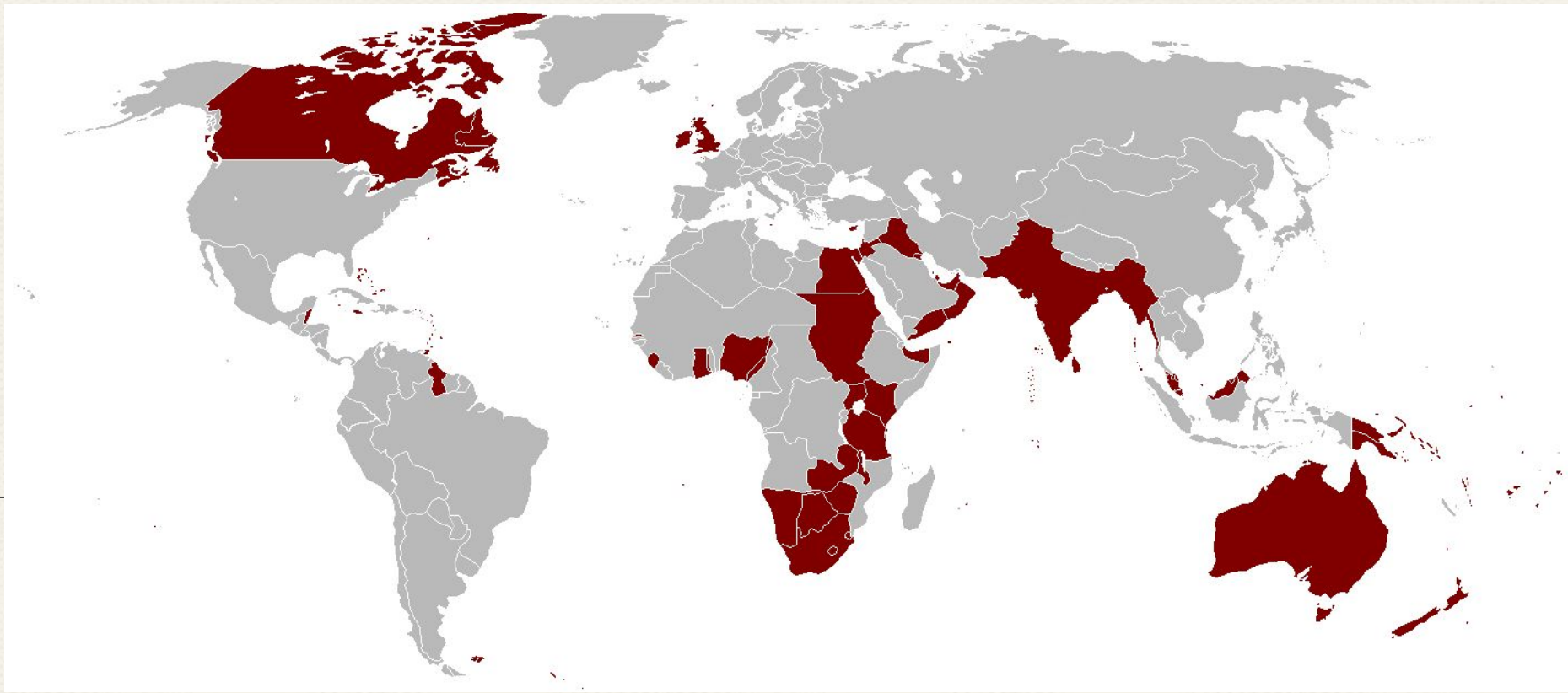
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ODDS AND ENDS

Non-University Credentials in the British
Education System



British Empire at its Territorial Peak - circa 1921

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British Colonies

Australia

Bahamas

Bangladesh

Canada

Caribbean

Ghana

Hong Kong

India

Indonesia

Ireland

Kenya

Lesotho

Liberia

Macau

Malawi

Malaysia

Malta

Myanmar

Nepal

New Zealand

Nigeria

Pakistan

Scotland

Singapore

South Africa

Sri Lanka

Tanzania

Trinidad / Tobago

Uganda

United Kingdom

Zambia

Zimbabwe

First Things First

Basics of the British Education System

British Basics (6-5-2)

YEARS

2	Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Levels• AS Levels
5	Secondary School	Years: 7 - 11
6	Primary School	Years: 1 - 6

Sixth Form is an additional 2 years and leads to the **Advanced Subsidiary / Advanced Levels**
*Grants university access

Secondary school typically runs from ages 11 - 16 and leads to the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) **Ordinary Level**

Many “Odds and Ends” alternate routes of entry into further education colleges, universities, professional associations

What do we Mean by “Odds and Ends”?

- Credentials that do not easily align within the US education system / don't have “familiar” names
 - BTEC (Business and Technology Education Council)
 - NQF (National Qualification Frameworks)
 - NVQ (National Vocational Qualifications)
 - Higher Diploma
 - Foundation Year
 - Sandwich Year
 - Credentials that are issued by boards or committees
 - City and Guilds
 - Chartered Boards / Institutes
 - ACCA

What You Want to Look for

Is it vocational?

Licentiate
Professional Diploma
City and Guilds
Certificate
Diploma
Advanced Certificate
Advanced Diploma

Is it academic?

Bachelor
Master
Doctorate
Sandwich Year
Foundation Year

Watch out!

Many of the exam boards offer both academic and vocational awards

What it boils down to, is:
What can the student do with this credential in their home country?

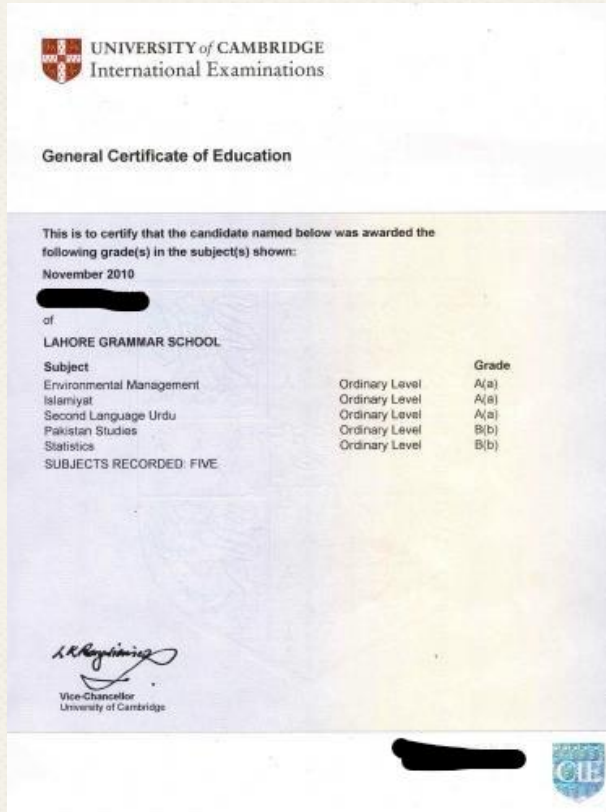
Credentials We Will Cover

- O/AS/A Levels
- GCSE / IGCSE
- BTEC Credentials
- Chartered Institutions / Organizations
- Sandwich Year
- Foundation Year

Don't fret! Your handouts have more!

O/AS/A Levels

Ordinary Level (O Levels)



- First offered in 1988
- Academic oriented
- Represents completion of secondary studies in the UK
- Also offered in over 100 countries
- UK universities generally require 5 passes in academic subjects AND at least 2 passes on Advanced levels

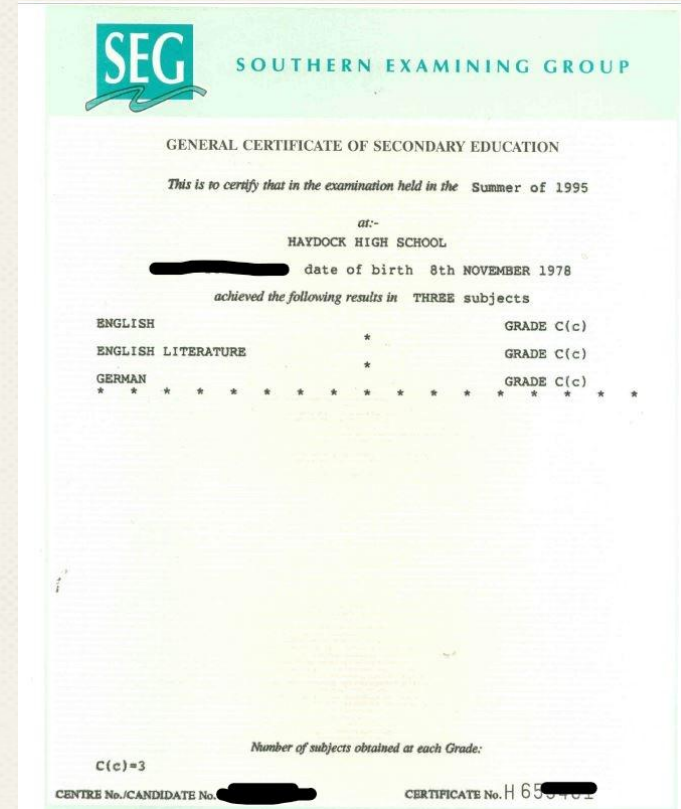
What can the student do with this in the UK?

Depending on results, the student can continue studies to earn the AS/A Levels that lead to university. The “Odds and Ends” credentials are also an option.

General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE)

- Represents completion of secondary education in the UK (11 years)
- Students take 8-10 courses a year
- Almost all students take English, Mathematics and Science
- Generally, in the US, 5 academic passes are required (A*-C)

What can the student do with this in their home country?
Employment or further education. For students who wish seek admission to a university, they must successfully complete 2 A Levels



GCSE Grade Structure

Old Scale	New Scale (England)
A*	9
A	8 7
B	6
C	5 4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	
U	U

First exams taught on
new scale in 2015; First
assessment reflecting
new scale in 2017

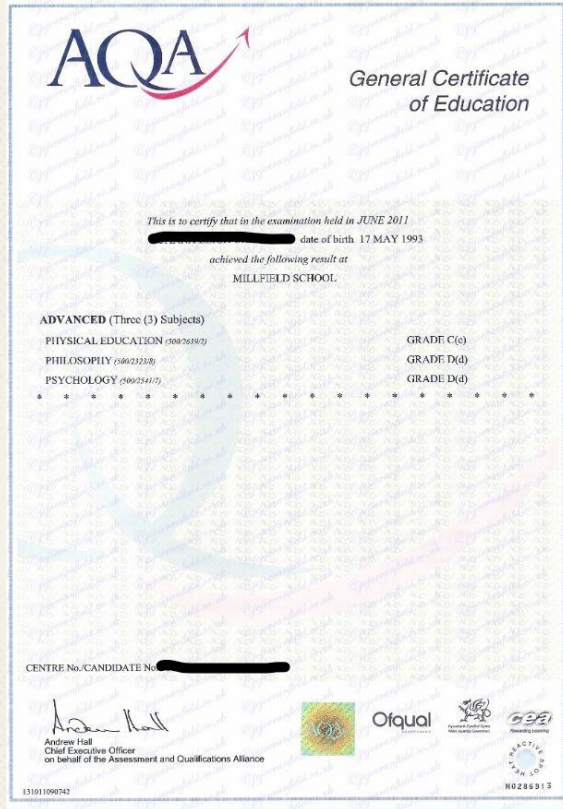
Advanced Subsidiary

- IF your institution / school grants transfer credits, each passed course is a semester of undergraduate study
 - Credit is $\frac{1}{2}$ of that of an A Level
- Can be treated as a standalone credential (if no Advanced Levels are submitted)

What can the student do with this in the their home country?
Continue with studies for A levels, BTEC credentials, and employment



Advanced Level



- Required for university admission in the UK
- Represents 13 years of education
- IF your institution / school grants transfer credits, each passed course is a year of undergraduate study
- Can be treated as a standalone credential

What can the student do with this in their home country?
Grants university access, professional / higher awards from award bodies, employment

General Certificate of Education

edexcel

Pearson
Edexcel GCE

JUNE 2015

This is to certify that
[REDACTED]

CAMBRIDGE ARTS AND SCIENCES

obtained the grades indicated in the following subject(s):

ADVANCED LEVEL (ONE SUBJECT)	QN
MATHEMATICS	GRADE B (b) 100/3412/2

ISSUED 05-OCT-2015

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Certifying Statement of Results

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CAMBRIDGE ARTS AND SCIENCES

Obtained the grades indicated in the following subject(s) in the examination held in
JUNE 2014

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (ONE SUBJECT)	
PHYSICS	GRADE D (d)

This Statement has been produced in lieu of the original documentation, which is no longer available.

THIS IS NOT A CERTIFICATE
(See notes overleaf)

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Responsible Officer

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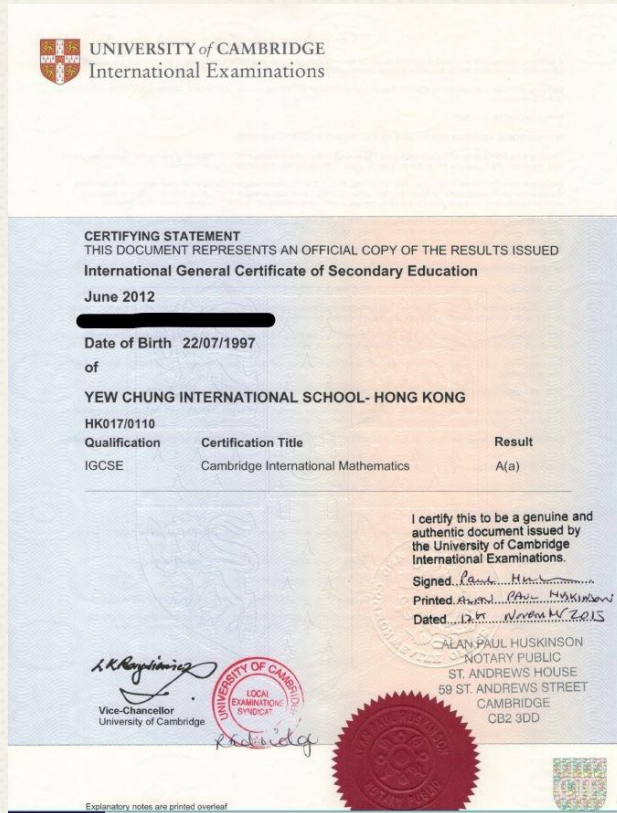
AS and A Levels Credit

	Years of Study	General Courses	Lab Courses (i.e. Biology)
AS Levels	½ year	3 credit hours	3-4 credit hours
A Levels	1 year	6 credit hours	6-8 credit hours

NOTE:

All Recommendations
Are Dependent On Your Institutional Policy On
A Levels

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)



- Offered in over 100 countries
- Most often the credential will be issued by University of Cambridge International Examination (CIA)
 - Oxford International AQA
 - Pearson
- Students usually attend a private school in their home country but can also be taught in UK private schools
- Otherwise it is the same as the GCSE

What can the student do with this in their home country?

Most students will have to pass university admissions exams, but are granted access to university study.

BTEC Credentials

Quick and Dirty of BTEC

- Can be secondary
- Can be undergraduate
- Can be vocational
- Can be academic
- Can be a combination of the above



The Basics of the BTEC

- Designed as specialist work-related qualifications and are available in a range of sectors, such as business, engineering and ICT
- Provide career development opportunities for those already in work
- Available at different levels, from Entry Level Skills for Working Life, right through to professional qualifications at Level 7
- Students can choose to earn the next level credential, AS/A Levels, and NVQ, BTEC Apprenticeship or a mix of them

BTEC Firsts

UK

- Designed for Level 2 learners and are equivalent to GCSEs
- Majority of the students are 14-19
- Suitable as an introduction to life and work (practical skills)
- Provide progression route to further study, apprenticeship or employment

International

- Also designed for Level 2 learners and are equivalent to IGCSEs
- Also in the 14-19 age range
- Successful completion of Level 2 leads to further study or employment

BTEC Nationals and Higher Nationals

Nationals

- Career based qualification
- Successful completion leads to higher education or employment
- Can be used for university admission, in conjunction with A Levels

Higher Nationals

- Technical and professional qualification at Level 4 and Level 5
- Access to a Top-Up Bachelor

BTEC Specialist and Professional Qualifications and Tech Awards

Specialist and Professional

- Levels 4-7
- Successful completion leads to employment or further study in vocational area
- Courses offered through colleges, training centers and employers

Tech Awards

- Students are 14-16
- Level 1 or 2

BTEC

Career Based

- BTEC Nationals
 - Applied General (University route)
 - Technical Levels (lead to employment/ but could go to university)
- BTEC Nationals - Level 3 (1 GCE A-level)
 - BTEC National Certificate (2 GCE A-levels)
 - BTEC National Diploma (3 GCE A-level)

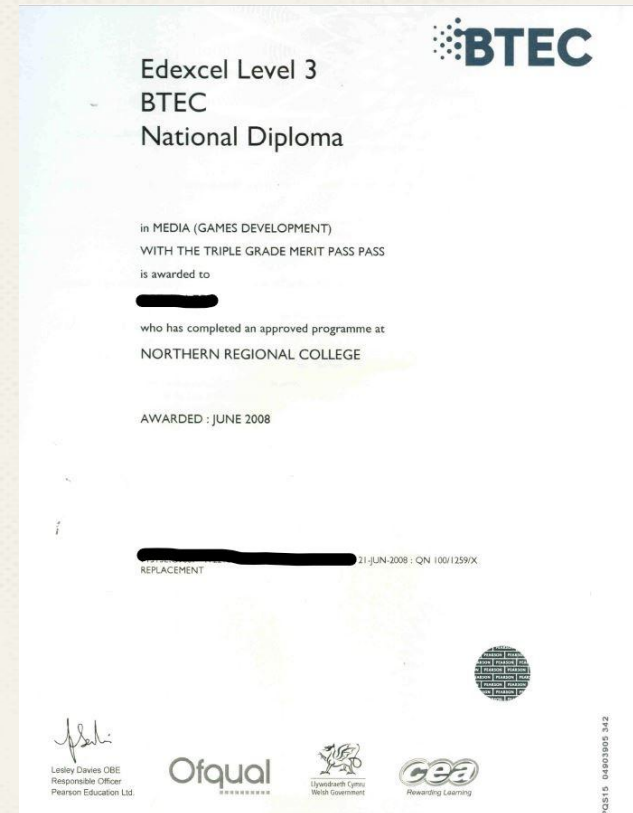
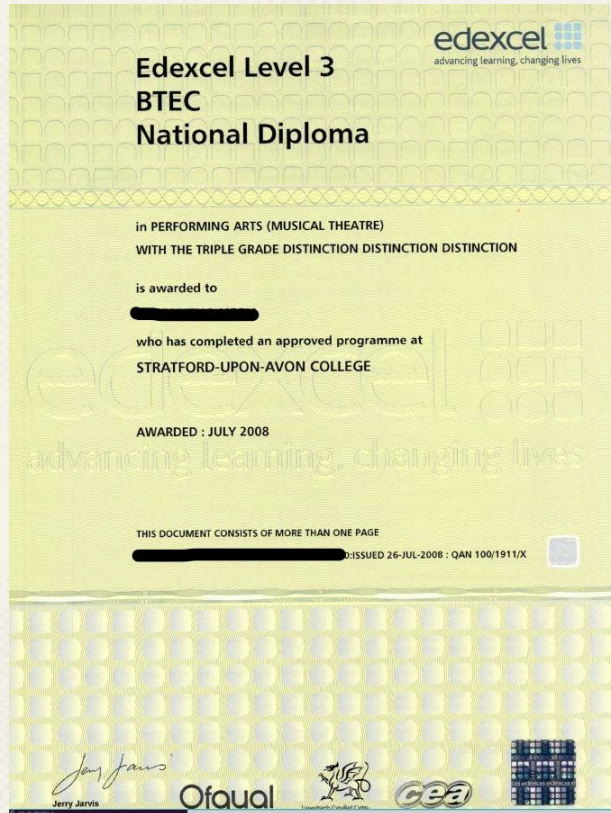
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BTEC

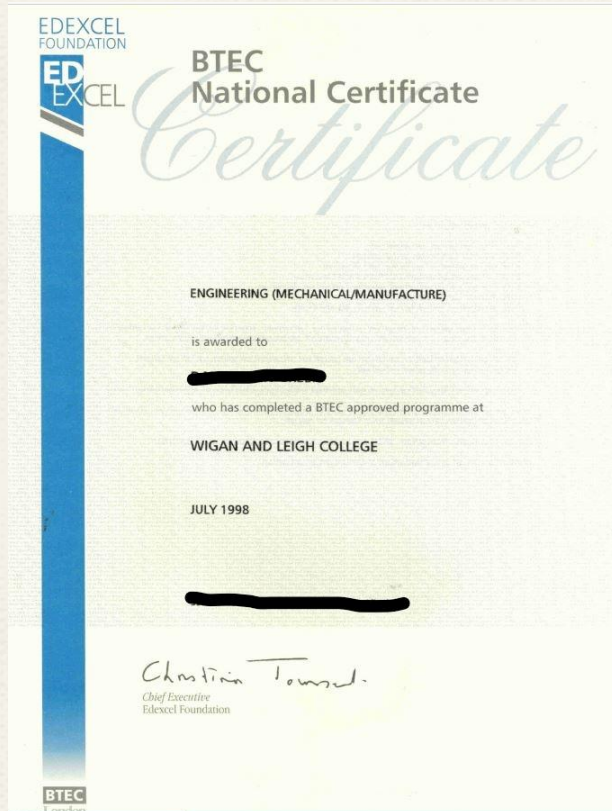
- BTEC Higher Nationals
 - Higher National Certificate -Level 4 (13 credits or 130 hours)
 - COMPLETION OF FIRST YEAR
 - Higher National Diploma - Level 5 (37 credits or 370 hours)
 - COMPLETION OF YEAR TWO - LOOK AT TWU EQ FOR BOTH
 - Equivalent to two years of study in the U.S.

(May give HNC and HND the equivalent of an Associate's degree)

BTEC Samples



BTEC Samples



BTEC Samples

BTEC

Notification of Performance


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LEVEL 7 BTEC ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA
in INTERNATIONAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT

UNIT	VALUE	LEVEL	GRADE
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, LONDON			
MANAGEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT	5.0	7	MERIT
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT PROJECT	5.0	7	PASS
HUMAN RESOURCE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	5.0	7	PASS
MANAGING FINANCE	5.0	7	PASS
CHANGE MANAGEMENT	5.0	7	PASS
ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE	5.0	7	PASS
COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES	5.0	7	PASS
QUALITY & SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT	5.0	7	PASS

THE LEARNER HAS QUALIFIED FOR THE ABOVE AWARD IN JULY 2010

[REDACTED] ISSUED 07-AUG-2010




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BTEC

Level 7 BTEC Advanced Professional Diploma


in INTERNATIONAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT


is awarded to
[REDACTED]

who has completed an approved programme at
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, LONDON

AWARDED : JULY 2010

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Professional Bodies and Associations

Chartered Institutions / Organizations

Basics of Charters

- -Generally if professional bodies are recognized, there are three places to check
 - -Privy Council
 - -Anything with the name “Chartered” is most likely to be found here
 - -Ofqual Register of Regulated Qualifications
 - -The majority of professional associations that are not approved by the Privy Council will have individual credentials registered here
 - -British Qualifications
 - -Especially useful for credentials issued before 2007, or if the institution has closed, merged, or changed names.

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

- Recognized by the Privy Council of the UK
- Headquartered in the UK, but offered worldwide
- When evaluating, you will need to know which scheme the student followed
- Entry qualifications appear to vary by country, but it is all completion of secondary education



Think Ahead

Case Study

The following slides are a sample of one student, “Timothy” who has a membership with the Association of Chartered Accountants.

Background: Timothy was 16, and wanted a streamlined path to a career in Accounting. He sat for GCSE’s, and was admitted into the Certified Accounting Technician program.

Certified Accounting Technician (Pre-2011)



2 year duration

Equivalent to 1 year of undergraduate study

Requires GCSE / age 16

Can move on to Professional Level, part I

Suggested US equivalency - 1 year undergraduate study

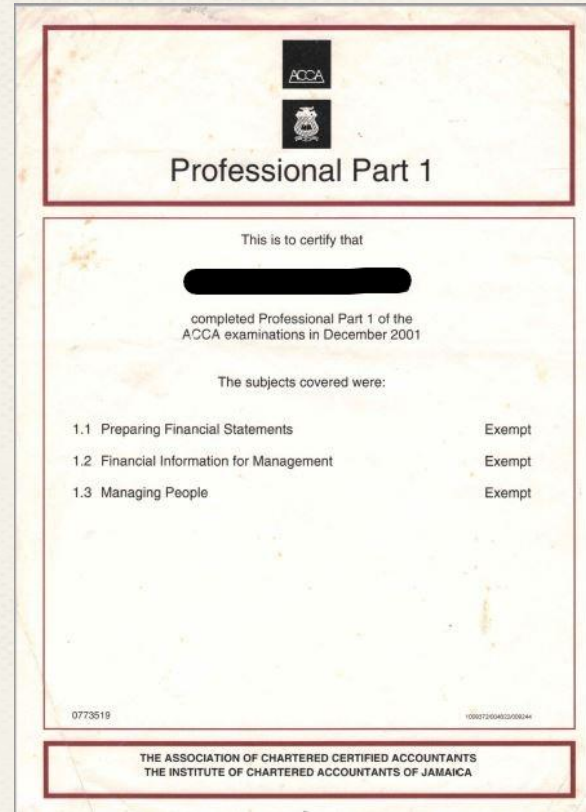
Professional Level, Part I

Duration varies by program, and student status (part or full time)

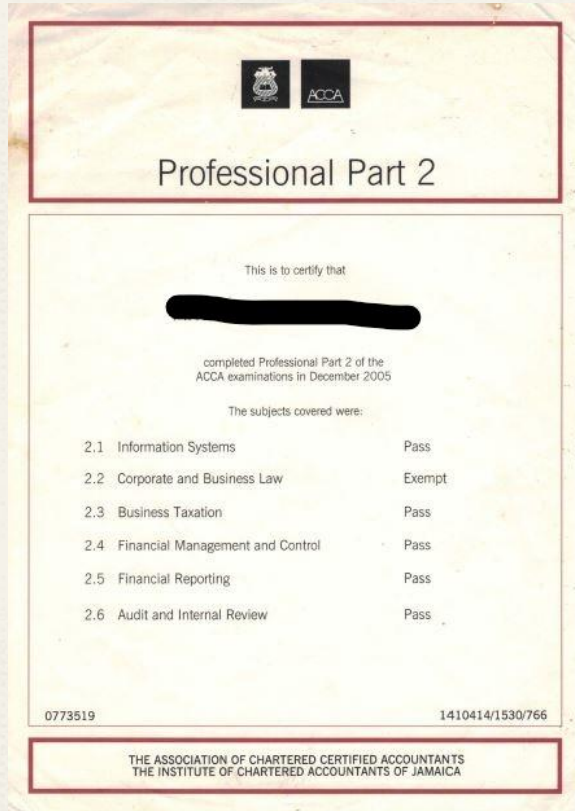
Requires CAT (pre-2011) or A levels (post 2011)

Can move on to Professional Level, Part II

Suggested US equivalency - 19.5 credits



Professional Level, Part II



Duration varies by program, and student status (part or full time)

Requires Professional Level, Part I

Can move on to Professional Level, Part III or “Membership”

Suggested US equivalency - approximately 2 years of undergraduate study (sophomore and junior years)

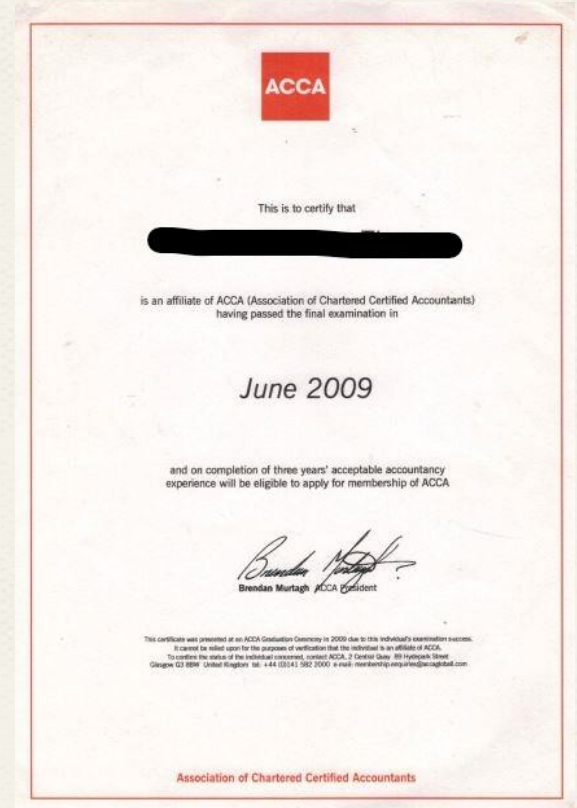
“Membership”

Duration varies by program, and student status (part or full time)


Requires Professional Level, Part I

Can move on to Professional Level, Part III or “Membership”

Suggested US equivalency - Bachelor’s degree



Association of Chartered Certified Accountants



Examination History Details
Name: [REDACTED]
Registration Number: [REDACTED]
Date: 29 December 2016

Relevant Dates
Registration: 04 August 2014

Foundations in Accountancy: December 2011


Paper	Result	Mark	Exam Session
FA1 Recording Financial Transactions	CBE Pass	68	December 2014
MA1 Management Information	CBE Pass	72	December 2014
FA2 Maintaining Financial Records	CBE Pass	80	June 2015
MA2 Managing Costs and Finance	CBE Pass	76	December 2014
FAU Foundations in Audit	Pass	67	June 2015
FFM Foundations in Financial Management	Pass	81	December 2015

Paper(s) to complete under current syllabus

FAB	Accountant in Business
FMA	Management Accounting
FFA	Financial Accounting
FTX	Foundations in Taxation

University of Dallas

Official
Unofficial
Pending
Pending Grade J

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The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
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Tel: +44 (0)141 582 2000 Fax: +44 (0)141 582 2222
www.accaglobal.com

This is the most common formatting of ACCA credentials, with all the qualifications on one transcript.

City and Guilds

- Apprenticeships and Qualifications
- Eligible at age 16
- Numerous qualifications in various vocations



Sandwich Year

Subtitle area

Definition



“A college course consisting of periods of study with periods of work between them so that students get practical experience”

-Cambridge Dictionary

Sample Transcript

 **Aston University**

16 May 2019

To Whom It May Concern

Confirmation Letter

Student Name: [REDACTED]
Student Number: [REDACTED]
Nationality: Spanish
Date of Birth: 11 Jul 1998

Re: [REDACTED]
Term Time Address/Contact Address: [REDACTED]

This is to certify that according to our records [REDACTED] has enrolled and is now a current student on the following degree programme at Aston University.

Course Title: BSc International Business and French With Portuguese
Academic Level: Undergraduate
Awarding Body: Aston University
Start Date: 14 September 2016
Expected End Date: 13 June 2020
Student's Mode of Attendance: Sandwich - Out Of Uni (On Placement) - Erasmus
Current Status: Current Student
Current Location of Study: Abroad For The Year As A Whole

This student's programme includes a compulsory paid erasmus placement which is assessed and contributes towards their degree. They are expected to return to Aston University to complete their studies once their placement has ended.

Aston University
Birmingham B4 7ET
United Kingdom
Tel +44 (0)121 204 3000
www.aston.ac.uk

General information:

- Some bachelor programs offer an additional year of work placement / industry practice
- Most often in the first or second year, but can be at any time

Thick Sandwich


General information:

Same as regular Sandwich Year,
but 2 years in duration.

Other names:

SWEP (Student Work Experience
Programme)

SIWES (Student's Industrial Work
Experience Scheme)



Coventry

 University

TRANSCRIPT OF LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Name: [REDACTED]
 Date of Birth: 7-Jul-1979

University Ref: [REDACTED]
 Hesa ID: [REDACTED]

Qualification Awarded: The degree of Bachelor of Engineering with Honours, First Class in Mechanical Engineering

Module Code	Module Title	Marks				Grade	Credits		
Year : 1997 - MEng/BEng in Mechanical Engineering Sandwich (Thick)									
111MEC	Solid Mechanics	Cw	81	Ex	92	Mm	89	P	15
113MEC	Thermofluids	Cw	67	Ex	93	Mm	85	P	15
131ELC	Electrical Technology (Mechanical)	Cw	88	Ex	65	Mm	72	P	7.5
131MFT	Manufacturing Tech and Materials	Cw	64	Ex	64	Mm	64	P	15
132DES	Engineering Design (Mechanical)	Cw	62	Mm	62			P	15
132EMD	Manufacturing Business Management	Cw	75	Ex	64	Mm	70	P	15
132EXP	Experimental and Engineering Applications (Mechanical)	Cw1	59	Cw2	80	Mm	67	P	15
144MTE	Engineering Maths (Mech)	Cw1	82	Cw2	86	Cw3	86	P	15
		Mm	85						
151CSG	Introduction to Programming	Cw	85	Mm	85			P	7.5
Year : 1998 - MEng/BEng in Mechanical Engineering Sandwich (Thick)									
208DES	Engineering Design (Mech)	Cw	65	Mm	65			P	15
208MFT	Materials and Process Technology 2	Cw	64	Ex	66	Mm	65	P	15
209MFT	Actuation and Control	Cw	84	Ex	64	Mm	70	P	15
210MEC	Solid Mechanics	Cw	69	Ex	86	Mm	81	P	15
231EMD	Manufacturing Organisation	Cw	73	Ex	77	Mm	76	P	15
233MEC	Thermofluids Mechanics	Cw	69	Ex	71	Mm	70	P	15
241MTE	Engineering Mathematics 2	Cw	92	Mm	92			P	15
243ELC	Instrumentation (Mech Eng)	Cw	72	Ex	83	Mm	80	P	15

Year : 1999 - Placement Year

Year : 2000 - Placement Year

Foundation Year

Subtitle area

General Information

- Standalone credential
- Designed to give students access to higher education at university without the usual A levels
- Also geared towards mature students that have been out of the education system for a number of years.
- Different Foundation Year programs have different entry requirements, but all require the GCSE for admission
- Can be considered the freshman year of a 4-year U.S. Bachelor

Samples

CU Coventry
Coventry University Group

CU Coventry
Armstrong Siddleley Building
Gosford Street
Coventry CV1 5DL
talk. 024 7766 8787
write. ouc@coventry.ac.uk
see. www.coventry.ac.uk/cuc

Ref: [REDACTED]
Date: 16 May 2018

NOTIFICATION OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2017/2018

Name: [REDACTED]
Course: Foundation in Engineering (FT)
Stage: 0

Overall Result: Pass

Module	Module Title	Marks			Grade	Credits
Z09EN	Academic and Professional Practice	Cw 78	Prs 75	Mm 77	P	30
Z10EN	Fundamental Engineering Mathematics	Cw1 74	Cw2 48	Mm 61	P	30
Z11EN	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Fu...	Cw1 50	Cw2 54	Mm 52	P	30
Z12EN	Mechanical Engineering Fundamentals	Cw1 47	Cw2 59	Mm 54	P	30

Equivalent number of single modules, credits obtained on this occasion: 6 (120 credits)

Total Modules passed and credits accumulated to date:

Level	Modules	APL Credits	Passes Modules	Passes Credits	Total To Date Modules	Total To Date Credits
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You have passed. You may progress to the next stage of your course.

You have achieved a Foundation Year Certificate of Achievement. This is not a stand alone award and enables you to progress to stage 1 of your degree programme.

If you are eligible to enrol on-line, via SOLAR, you will receive an email into your

NCC education

International Foundation Year


This is to certify that
[REDACTED]

has successfully achieved a distinction mark of 76% in the above academic programme quality assured

by NCC Education and delivered by

Gateway Graduate School, Kandy, Sri Lanka

14 February 2013


Professor Peter Ford
Chair of the Academic Board

Thank you for your attendance

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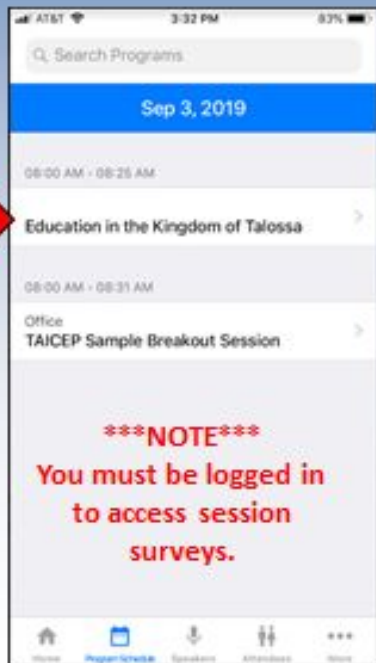
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Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

