



Derbyshire
Fire & Rescue Service
Making Derbyshire Safer

Qualification Guidance for Firefighter Applicants

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide information and guidance regarding qualification requirements to individuals wanting to apply for the position of Firefighter within Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The educational entry criteria for the role Firefighter is GCSE's Grade A-C or a score of 4 - 9 within the new grading system in Maths, English and Science or equivalent. Below is a list of accepted qualifications including approved equivalents.

Guidance for Applicants regards Maths Qualifications

Level 2 Qualifications	Level 3 Qualifications
Key Skills Level 2 Application of Number (Pass) Level 2 Functional Skill in Mathematics (Pass) GCSE Mathematics Grade A-C or new grades 4-9 Level 2 Certificate in Fire Engineering Science (Pass)	A-Level Mathematics (Grade C and Above) AQA Certificate Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Pass)

Should individuals have a Level 2 qualification that is not listed above which they believe holds equivalency they will be required to evidence this. The evidence must demonstrate that the proposed equivalency is subject specific and to the required level. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service will reserve the right to decide whether sufficient evidence has been provided. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service **will not** undertake research to establish equivalency on behalf of the applicant or potential applicant.

Guidance for Applicants regards Science Qualifications

LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
IFE (Institute of Fire Engineers) Level 2 Certificate in Fire Engineering Science (Pass) GCSE Science Grade A-C or new grades 4-9 BTEC Level 2 in Applied Science (Pass)	IFE Level 3 Certificate in Fire Engineering Science (Pass) IFE Level 3 Diploma in Fire Engineering Science (Pass) A-Level Science (Grade C and Above)

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Guidance for Applicants regards English Qualifications

LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
GCSE in English Language Grade A-C or new grades 4-9 GCSE in English Literature Grade A-C or new grades 4-9 Functional Skill Level 2 in English	A-Level English Language (Grade C and Above) A-Level English Literature (Grade C and Above)

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Useful Information for Applicants

Replacement O Level/ GCSE/ A Level Certificates

- <https://www.gov.uk/replacement-exam-certificate>

New Grading System Information

- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/638308/Grading_new_GCSEs_from_2017.pdf

Providing Equivalency for Qualifications obtained Abroad

- <https://www.naric.org.uk/naric/>