



**Derbyshire**  
Fire & Rescue Service  
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# 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 and English 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) / IFE Level 2 Certificate in Fire Science, Operations and Safety (Pass) Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	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 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 Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	A-Level English Language (Grade C and Above) A-Level English Literature (Grade C and Above) BTEC Level 3 National Award Public Services (Uniformed)

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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](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.enic.org.uk/>