

ACCREDITATION (UK)

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Within the QCF, qualifications are organized according to difficulty (Level) and size (Credits), as illustrated below in relation to ABRSM graded exams:

<i>ABRSM</i>	<i>QCF Level</i>	<i>QCF Credits</i>
<i>Practical</i>		
Grade 1	Level 1 Award	6
Grade 2	Level 1 Award	9
Grade 3	Level 1 Award	12
Grade 4	Level 2 Certificate	15
Grade 5	Level 2 Certificate	18
Grade 6	Level 3 Certificate	22
Grade 7	Level 3 Certificate	27
Grade 8	Level 3 Certificate	32
<i>Theory</i>		
Grade 1	Level 1 Award	2
Grade 2	Level 1 Award	3
Grade 3	Level 1 Award	5
Grade 4	Level 2 Certificate	7
Grade 5	Level 2 Certificate	9
Grade 6	Level 3 Certificate	12
Grade 7	Level 3 Certificate	17
Grade 8	Level 3 Certificate	21

ABRSM exams are listed on the Register of Regulated Qualifications – <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk>.

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