

Table 7 - Highest Qualification on Entry of First Year Students to First Degree Courses at UK HE Institutions by Location of Institution and Mode of Study 1997/98

| | | Total | Postgraduate (excl. PGCE) | PGCE | First degree (UK inst.) | Other graduate & equivalent qualifications | HE credits | Other HE & professional qualifications | GCE A-level, SCE Highers & equivalent | A-level equivalent vocational quals.(1) | ACCESS courses | GCSE/O-level, SCE O grades & standard grades | Other qualifications | No qualification required/held | Not known/ sought | |
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| England institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | All modes(2) | 299597 | 811 | 132 | 2860 | 1880 | 2664 | 25696 | 180571 | 8239 | 11093 | 3303 | 33013 | 5219 | 24116 | 1 |
| 2 | Full-time | 239019 | 342 | 29 | 1677 | 1422 | 1955 | 13882 | 155620 | 5894 | 9661 | 2230 | 26489 | 3348 | 16470 | 2 |
| 3 | Sandwich | 34305 | 46 | 5 | 130 | 313 | 235 | 2098 | 20985 | 2132 | 833 | 306 | 4118 | 721 | 2383 | 3 |
| 4 | Part-time | 26242 | 423 | 98 | 1052 | 145 | 474 | 9715 | 3954 | 207 | 596 | 767 | 2402 | 1149 | 5260 | 4 |
| Wales institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | All modes(2) | 20542 | 24 | 6 | 103 | 10 | 85 | 1355 | 12563 | 484 | 522 | 373 | 2056 | 411 | 2550 | 5 |
| 6 | Full-time | 17174 | 15 | 3 | 63 | 6 | 73 | 765 | 11217 | 332 | 475 | 328 | 1653 | 297 | 1947 | 6 |
| 7 | Sandwich | 2221 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 149 | 1215 | 149 | 31 | 14 | 300 | 33 | 317 | 7 |
| 8 | Part-time | 1147 | 8 | 3 | 35 | 2 | 7 | 441 | 131 | 3 | 16 | 31 | 103 | 81 | 286 | 8 |
| Scotland institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | All modes(2) | 35225 | 86 | 6 | 380 | 143 | 640 | 4429 | 22112 | 111 | 697 | 80 | 2371 | 355 | 3815 | 9 |
| 10 | Full-time | 31308 | 54 | 4 | 298 | 127 | 586 | 2901 | 20858 | 101 | 670 | 49 | 2165 | 311 | 3184 | 10 |
| 11 | Sandwich | 1576 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 7 | 8 | 262 | 1035 | 8 | 21 | 1 | 170 | 16 | 35 | 11 |
| 12 | Part-time | 2340 | 32 | 2 | 69 | 9 | 46 | 1266 | 219 | 2 | 6 | 30 | 36 | 28 | 595 | 12 |
| Northern Ireland institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | All modes(2) | 7555 | 43 | 0 | 17 | 38 | 34 | 915 | 5420 | 319 | 84 | 52 | 539 | 3 | 91 | 13 |
| 14 | Full-time | 4967 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 13 | 13 | 269 | 4075 | 137 | 70 | 13 | 319 | 1 | 41 | 14 |
| 15 | Sandwich | 1503 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 5 | 212 | 885 | 173 | 10 | 4 | 181 | 1 | 7 | 15 |
| 16 | Part-time | 1083 | 28 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 16 | 434 | 458 | 9 | 4 | 35 | 39 | 1 | 43 | 16 |
| All UK HE institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | All modes(2) | 362919 | 964 | 144 | 3360 | 2071 | 3423 | 32395 | 220666 | 9153 | 12396 | 3808 | 37979 | 5988 | 30572 | 17 |
| 18 | Full-time | 292468 | 420 | 36 | 2045 | 1568 | 2627 | 17817 | 191770 | 6464 | 10876 | 2620 | 30626 | 3957 | 21642 | 18 |
| 19 | Sandwich | 39605 | 53 | 5 | 149 | 340 | 253 | 2721 | 24120 | 2462 | 895 | 325 | 4769 | 771 | 2742 | 19 |
| 20 | Part-time | 30812 | 491 | 103 | 1165 | 163 | 543 | 11856 | 4762 | 221 | 622 | 863 | 2580 | 1259 | 6184 | 20 |

(1) GNVQ/ESVQ level 3 or NVQ/SVQ level 3.

(2) Includes 'other' modes of study.