

# HIGHER EDUCATION

Research has shown that going into Higher Education (HE) improves your chances of getting a job and, over the long term, earning more money than people who don't go.

HE courses usually lead to a level 5 or higher qualification.

"A" LEVEL IS LEVEL 3

A HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA IS LEVEL 5

A DEGREE IS LEVEL 6

In order to access HE you will usually need to gain a level 3 qualification first – like 'A' levels or a BTEC National.



If you don't have a level 3 qualification, you may still be able to access HE via a Foundation Degree. Visit [fd.ucas.com](http://fd.ucas.com) to find out more information

HE courses can be studied at universities or at some Colleges of Further Education

You can now apply for a degree - level Apprenticeship.

To find out more visit.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships)

A person with a degree is known as a graduate.

Don't let media reports about the cost of tuition fees put you off :

CHECK OUT THE FACTS ABOUT FEES, STUDENT LOANS



SO YOU CAN MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION



*Find out more*

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) and their "Getting Started" pages

The National Careers Service [nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk)

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