## Appendix 3

**Table A3.1:** UK education levels.

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| **Level** | **Details** |
| Level 1 | first certificate  GCSE - grades 3, 2, 1 or grades D, E, F, G  level 1 award  level 1 certificate  level 1 diploma  level 1 ESOL  level 1 essential skills  level 1 functional skills  level 1 national vocational qualification (NVQ)  music grades 1, 2 and 3 |
| Level 2 | CSE - grade 1  GCSE - grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4 or grades A\*, A, B, C  intermediate apprenticeship  level 2 award  level 2 certificate  level 2 diploma  level 2 ESOL  level 2 essential skills  level 2 functional skills  level 2 national certificate  level 2 national diploma  level 2 NVQ  music grades 4 and 5  O level - grade A, B or C |
| Level 3 | A level  access to higher education diploma  advanced apprenticeship  applied general  AS level  international Baccalaureate diploma  level 3 award  level 3 certificate  level 3 diploma  level 3 ESOL  level 3 national certificate  level 3 national diploma  level 3 NVQ  music grades 6, 7 and 8  tech level |
| Level 4 | certificate of higher education (CertHE)  higher apprenticeship  higher national certificate (HNC)  level 4 award  level 4 certificate  level 4 diploma  level 4 NVQ |
| Level 5 | diploma of higher education (DipHE)  foundation degree  higher national diploma (HND)  level 5 award  level 5 certificate  level 5 diploma  level 5 NVQ |
| Level 6 | degree apprenticeship  degree with honours - for example bachelor of the arts (BA) hons, bachelor of science (BSc) hons  graduate certificate  graduate diploma  level 6 award  level 6 certificate  level 6 diploma  level 6 NVQ  ordinary degree without honours |
| Level 7 | integrated master’s degree, for example master of engineering (MEng)  level 7 award  level 7 certificate  level 7 diploma  level 7 NVQ  master’s degree, for example master of arts (MA), master of science (MSc)  postgraduate certificate  postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)  postgraduate diploma |
| Level 8 | doctorate, for example doctor of philosophy (PhD or DPhil)  level 8 award  level 8 certificate  level 8 diploma |