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Key findings

There were 901,400 achievements in vocational qualifications in January to March 2012, an increase of 16 per cent on the same quarter of 2011. These achievements covered 5,420 individual qualifications, offered across 127 awarding organisations. In this quarter, there were 14,520 vocational qualifications available and eligible for awarding, an increase of 26 per cent on the previous year.

National vocational qualifications

In January to March 2012, there were 31,350 achievements in national vocational qualifications (NVQs). This figure declined by 80 per cent compared with the same quarter of the previous year, primarily due to the restructuring of some qualifications onto the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). Qualifications moving onto the QCF enable learners to accumulate and transfer credit towards a regulated qualification. Achievements in NVQs covered 741 individual qualifications (representing 55 per cent of all available NVQ qualifications) offered by 37 individual awarding organisations.

The qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care, with 1,950 achievements. The awarding organisation with the most achievements in NVQs was City & Guilds, with 14,150 achievements (45 per cent of all NVQ achievements).

Vocationally-related qualifications

From January to March 2012, there were 51,500 achievements in vocationally-related qualifications (VRQs). This figure has declined, by 69 per cent when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. Again, this is primarily due to the restructuring of qualifications onto the QCF. These achievements covered 647 individual qualifications (representing 32 per cent of all available VRQ qualifications) offered by 54 individual awarding organisations.

The qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the OCR Level 2 National First Award in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), with 11,200 achievements. The awarding organisation that awarded the most achievements in VRQs was OCR, with 24,300 achievements (48 per cent of all VRQ achievements).

Qualifications and Credit Framework qualifications

From January to March 2012, there were 817,950 achievements in qualifications on the QCF. This figure increased from 455,400 in January to March 2011, representing

an increase of 80 per cent. These achievements covered 3,989 individual qualifications (representing 36 per cent of all available QCF qualifications) offered by 116 individual awarding organisations. The increase in achievement numbers reflects the restructuring of many qualifications, which have transferred from being NVQs or VRQs to the QCF. The QCF is a credit-based framework that enables learners to accumulate and transfer credit towards a regulated qualification.

The qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, with 44,400 achievements. The awarding organisation that awarded the most achievements was City & Guilds, with 106,650 achievements (13 per cent of all QCF achievements).

Introduction

This statistical bulletin is published by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual). We regulate qualifications, examinations and assessments in England, and vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland.

Under the new Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, one of our key objectives is to improve public confidence in regulated qualifications and assessments, by raising awareness and understanding of the qualifications we regulate. This bulletin will be used to inform that future work.

In this bulletin we present achievements for regulated vocational qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the quarter January to March 2012.

The qualifications covered are NVQs, VRQs, qualifications on the QCF and occupational qualifications (OQs). In this bulletin these qualifications are considered to be regulated vocational qualifications.

This bulletin is one of a suite of three publications presenting quarterly statistics on achievements for regulated qualifications, excluding GCSEs, GCEs¹ and the Diploma. The other two bulletins are:

- *Higher Qualifications Quarterly* (covers all qualifications at level 4 and above), hence there will be some overlap between figures in this bulletin and those in the Higher Qualifications Quarterly bulletin
- *Supplemental Qualifications Quarterly* (covers entry to level 3 for basic skills, entry level, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), free-standing mathematics qualifications, functional skills, key skills and other general (OG) qualifications).

Each quarter, awarding organisations submit data to us on achievements in vocational qualifications (excluding GCSEs and GCEs) during the quarter. Achievements are awarded in the quarter during which the final certificates are issued. This bulletin presents this data, giving information on the number of achievements by awarding organisations, along with the sector subject area (SSA), type (except OQs due to low numbers) and level of qualification. All vocational

¹ Data for GCSEs and GCEs can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) website at www.jcq.org.uk/national_results/index.cfm or at www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data .

qualifications regulated by us are included, regardless of age of learner, centre type and funding status of the qualification.

Geographical coverage

The bulletin covers the achievements in regulated vocational qualifications of all recognised² awarding organisations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Since 2011 we have begun to collect data for England, Wales and Northern Ireland individually. As of this quarter we are publishing a quarterly bulletin for Northern Ireland.

Qualification type

At the point of accreditation, regulated qualifications are classified into 18 qualification types. We recognise that the classification system is not ideal, as very similar qualifications may appear under different types, for example NVQs and the QCF, and some qualifications are miscoded. We are working with experts to investigate how this situation might be improved in the future.

This bulletin presents figures on four of these types: NVQs, VRQs, qualifications on the QCF, and OQs.

Revisions

Once published, data on the number of achievements for any qualification is not usually subject to revision. However, data may be revised in subsequent bulletins due to late-received data or if an error is identified. Qualifications may also be re-categorised to a different type, level, SSA or awarding organisation. In some cases, this may result in previous data being amended to reflect the new categorisation.

In this bulletin some figures have been revised since the quarter 4 2011 bulletin. These revisions were due to historical updates from two awarding organisations.

Completeness of the data

Awarding organisations send us data every quarter. We contact any awarding organisation that does not return a complete set of data within the collection to

² We recognise awarding organisations against the Criteria for Recognition (www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2011-05-16-criteria-for-recognition.pdf). This is required before they can begin awarding regulated qualifications.

ensure that the data is as complete as possible. For this quarter, we received data from all the awarding organisations.

Figures in the commentary and tables for the number of achievements awarded are rounded to the nearest 50. This reflects the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale data collection. As a result of rounded figures, the percentages shown in pie charts will not necessarily sum to 100 per cent.

Due to seasonal variation in the number of achievements over the year, comparisons in this bulletin are only made with data in the same quarter of the previous year.

The raw data, since 1989, is available in the Regulated Qualifications Activity data set in the statistics section of our website: www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/vocational-data

Updates

In light of the QCF becoming the leading framework for vocational qualifications, this bulletin will be changed as from the April to June 2012 edition to include more in-depth analysis of regulated, available qualifications to help gain a fuller understanding of the current trends.

Definitions

Definitions of some of the key terms used in this bulletin are:

Accreditation – a process that reviews and confirms achievement to specific criteria and standards

Achievements – any award that is not graded as U or Absent or X

Available qualification – a qualification eligible for an award

Awarding organisation – organisations recognised to develop, deliver and award descriptions of qualifications

Active qualification – a qualification eligible for learners to be awarded upon, even if the qualification is no longer available for enrolment

Certificating – a formal recognition of learner achievement

Recognition – an evidence-based process of achieving compliance to the Criteria for Recognition

A glossary is available on our website at: www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/165/411 with further details on SSA classifications, and qualification types and levels.

In this bulletin 'quarter' refers to calendar quarters. So Q1 refers to January to March, Q2 to April to June, Q3 to July to September, and Q4 to October to December.

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Achievements this quarter

To provide an overall perspective on achievements during the latest quarter, this section presents figures for all qualification types, except GCEs, GCSEs and the Diploma. Further details for qualification types not included in this bulletin can be found in the companion bulletins on higher and supplemental qualifications.

The total number of achievements across all qualification types for the period January to March 2012 is shown in the table below (with January to March 2011 figures shown for comparison).

Qualification	January to March 2011	January to March 2012	% change	Direction of change
Basic skills	170,800	127,500	(-25)	↓
ESOL	62,350	67,950	9	↑
Entry level	7,350	6,100	(-17)	↓
Free-standing mathematics qualifications	1,550	500	(-68)	↓
Functional skills	63,000	96,800	54	↑
Higher level	7,450	3,600	(-52)	↓
Key skills	124,050	130,650	5	↑
NVQ	154,950	31,350	(-80)	↓
OQ	4,050	1,000	(-75)	↓
OG	49,700	46,450	(-7)	↓
QCF	455,400	817,950	80	↑
VRQ	165,150	51,100	(-69)	↓
Total number of achievements	1,265,800	1,380,900	9	↑

From the table above we can see the impact of qualifications being restructured onto the QCF, with an increase of 80 per cent in the number of achievements for these qualifications. Qualifications in ESOL also increased, by 9 per cent. The increase in QCF achievements could be due to a variety of reasons, including:

- The Skills Funding Agency's preference to fund qualifications on the QCF
- The revisions of qualifications to fit with the Apprenticeship framework
- The QCF offers three different sizes of a qualification (award, certificate and diploma), creating potential for a greater number of qualifications and associated achievements
- Awarding organisations engaging with sectors to offer new, innovative qualifications based on subject content.

We also see an increase of 54 per cent in functional skills achievements, a qualification type that will replace key skills and basic skills. Basic skills had a corresponding decline of 43,300 (25 per cent) on the achievements given in January to March 2011, although key skills sees a slight increase of 5 per cent. This increase is partly due to the increase in Apprenticeships, which require functional skills and key skills qualifications, as well as the discontinuation of key skills qualifications, which were postponed to September 2012. In the 2010/11 academic year there were 200,300 Apprenticeship achievements compared with 171,500 in 2009/10.³

With qualifications being restructured onto the QCF, we see a decline in all other qualification types, with the largest decreases in achievements reported in NVQs (80 per cent), OQs (75 per cent), free-standing mathematics qualifications (68 per cent), VRQs (69 per cent) and higher level (52 per cent).

The one remaining qualification type, OG, had a considerably smaller decline, of 7 per cent.

³ www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_current .

The 20 qualifications with the highest number of achievements across all qualification types, for the period January to March 2012, are shown in the table below.

Qualification	Qualification type	Number of achievements
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	QCF	44,400
HABC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	QCF	12,150
Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	BS	12,000
Skillsfirst Level 2 Diploma in Retail Skills (QCF)	QCF	11,900
Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	FS	11,750
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	BS	11,200
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	BS	11,000
Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	BS	10,850
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	QCF	10,750
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Literacy	BS	10,350
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	QCF	10,250
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	VRQ	9,750
Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	KS	9,550
Skillsfirst Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	QCF	9,450
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	QCF	9,250
Cambridge ESOL Level 2 Certificate in English (IELTS 7.0-8.0)	ESOL	9,200

OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	BS	9,050
Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	FS	9,050
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	QCF	9,000
BIIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	QCF	8,850

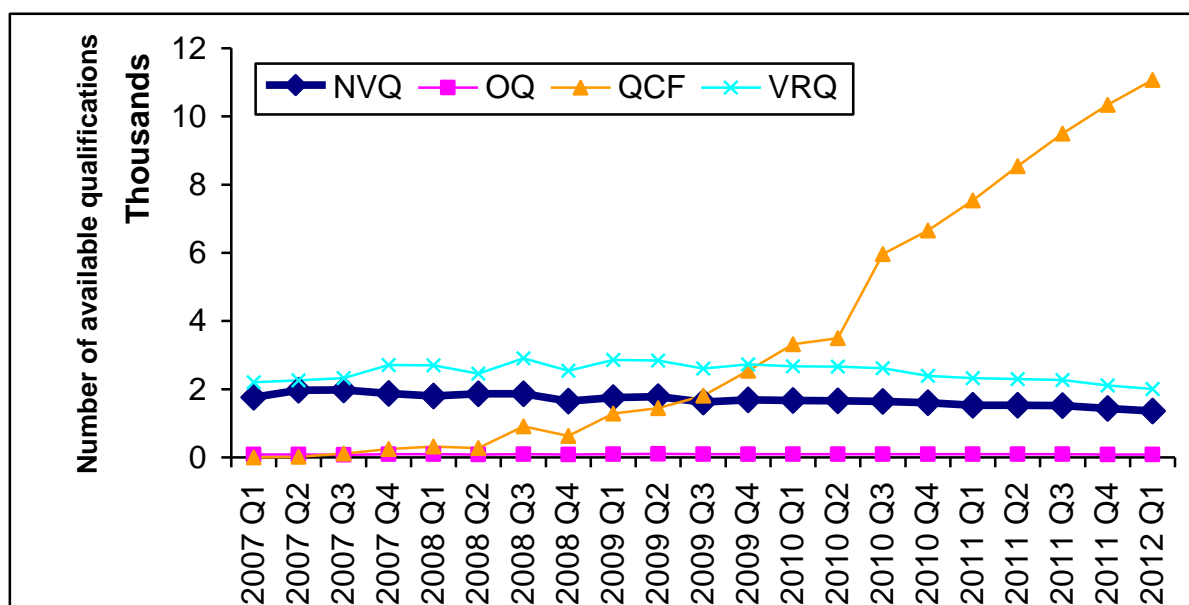
(Key: basic skills (BS); other general (OG); functional skills (FS); key skills (KS))

Regulated vocational qualifications

(See figure 1 and tables 1–2.)

There are currently 14,520 vocational qualifications, regulated and eligible for awarding. This figure is an increase of 26 per cent on the previous year. These qualifications comprise 11,069 qualifications on the QCF (76 per cent of the total), 2,010 VRQs (14 per cent), 1,355 NVQs (9 per cent) and 86 OQs (less than 1 per cent) (see figure 1 and table 1).

Figure 1: Number of available regulated vocational qualifications per quarter, January to March 2007 (2007 Q1) to January to March 2012 (2012 Q1)



We can see from figure 1 that the number of qualifications on the QCF has been growing at a consistent pace since quarter 3 of 2009, and OQs stay relatively stable. The figure shows that NVQs and VRQs decrease in number very slightly. As some of these qualifications move onto the QCF there will be a duplication of qualifications available to learners until the old qualifications cease to award. Over time we expect the availability of NVQs and VRQs to decline.

During the last quarter, 1,999 new vocational qualifications were added to the list of available, regulated qualifications. These included 1,966 QCF qualifications and 33 VRQs. Despite an overall decline in available VRQs, this quarter sees an increase in these qualifications. This is because VRQs are still valued by users and, as market demands continue, they will look for alternatives to the NVQs that are restructuring onto the QCF.

During the last quarter, 13 qualifications changed awarding organisation and 12 changed SSA. No qualifications were re-categorised in terms of type or level.

National vocational qualifications

(See figures 2–7 and tables 1–6.)

NVQs are work-related, competence-based qualifications that cover a broad range of occupations and are delivered in a workplace setting. These qualifications are made up of units taken from the National Occupational Standards (NOS), which define the knowledge, understanding and competence required to perform a particular job.

Please note that these figures refer to qualifications coded as NVQs and do not include NVQs on the QCF, as this would be double counting the qualifications.

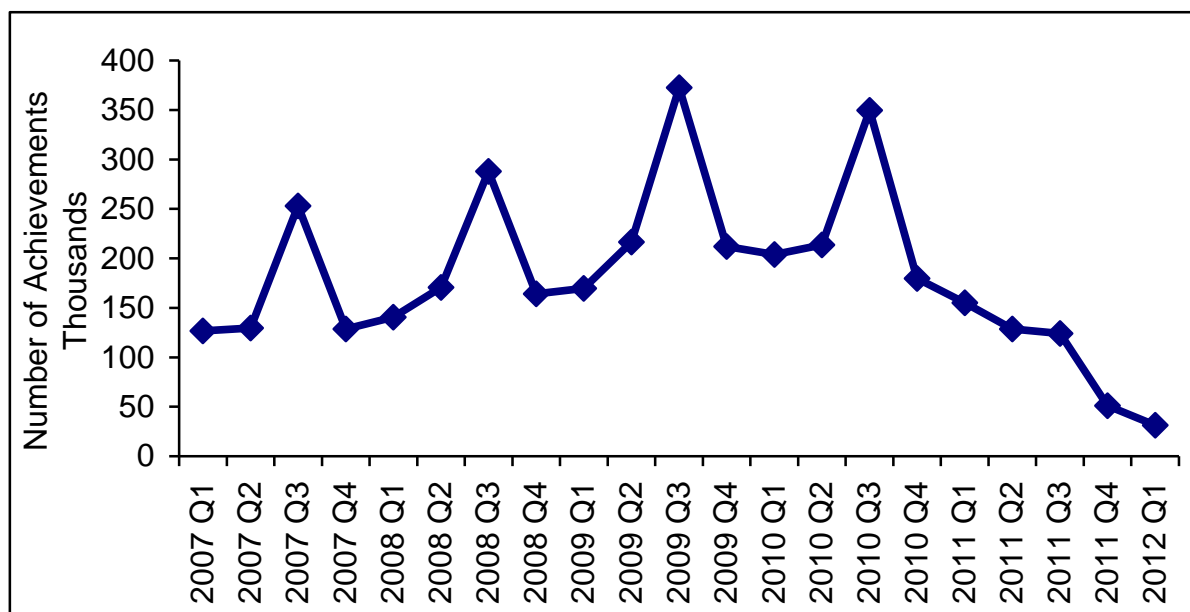
Some NVQs have transferred to the QCF, and others may be in the process of doing so. This section presents figures on NVQs that are on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) only. Those that have transferred to the QCF have been approved as qualifications on the QCF and comply to the conditions required by the QCF, even though they may be branded as NVQs. Figures on these qualifications are shown in the QCF section.

Achievements

In January to March 2012, 31,350 achievements were awarded in NVQs at all levels, a decrease of 80 per cent on the same quarter of 2011 (see figure 2 and table 2). There is a downward trend in achievements in these qualifications since the first quarter of 2011 (January to March). This decrease partly reflects the restructuring of some qualifications, which have transferred to the QCF, and that public funding is now only for those qualifications on the QCF.

These achievements covered 741 individual qualifications offered by 37 individual awarding organisations. In January to March 2012 these qualifications represented 55 per cent of the total available NVQs, 5 per cent of available vocational qualifications and 3 per cent of achievements.

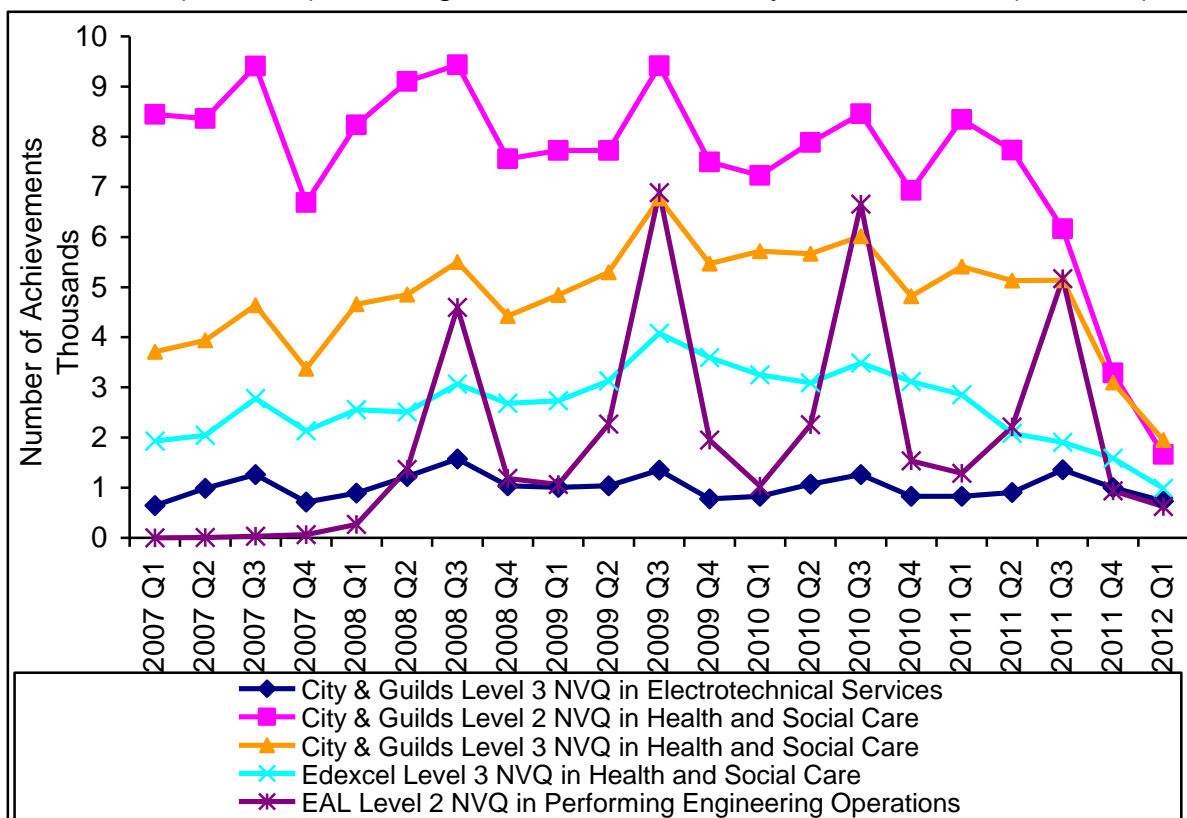
Figure 2: Total number of achievements in NVQs per quarter, January to March 2007 (2007 Q1) to January to March 2012 (2012 Q1)



Qualifications

The NVQ with the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care, with 1,950 achievements. The 40 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 3. And, figure 3 shows the five-year trend for the five NVQs with the highest number of achievements in January to March 2012.

Figure 3: The five NVQs with the highest number of achievements in January to March 2012 (2012 Q1), showing the trend from January to March 2007 (2007 Q1)



For the first time, we see there are more achievements in the City & Guilds Level 3 qualification in Health and Social Care, compared with the Level 2 qualification. Both these qualifications have now been restructured onto the QCF. The greater number of achievements in level 3 would be due to the fact that this qualification continues to certificate whilst learners in level 2 have moved to the QCF qualification.

Awarding organisations

The awarding organisation that awarded the highest number of achievements in NVQs during January to March 2012 was City & Guilds, with 14,150 achievements (45 per cent of all NVQ achievements). Figures for all awarding organisations are shown in table 4, which also shows the corresponding figures for the same quarter of the previous year. The awarding organisations with the most achievements are shown in figure 4.

Figure 4: Achievements in NVQs by awarding organisation, January to March 2012

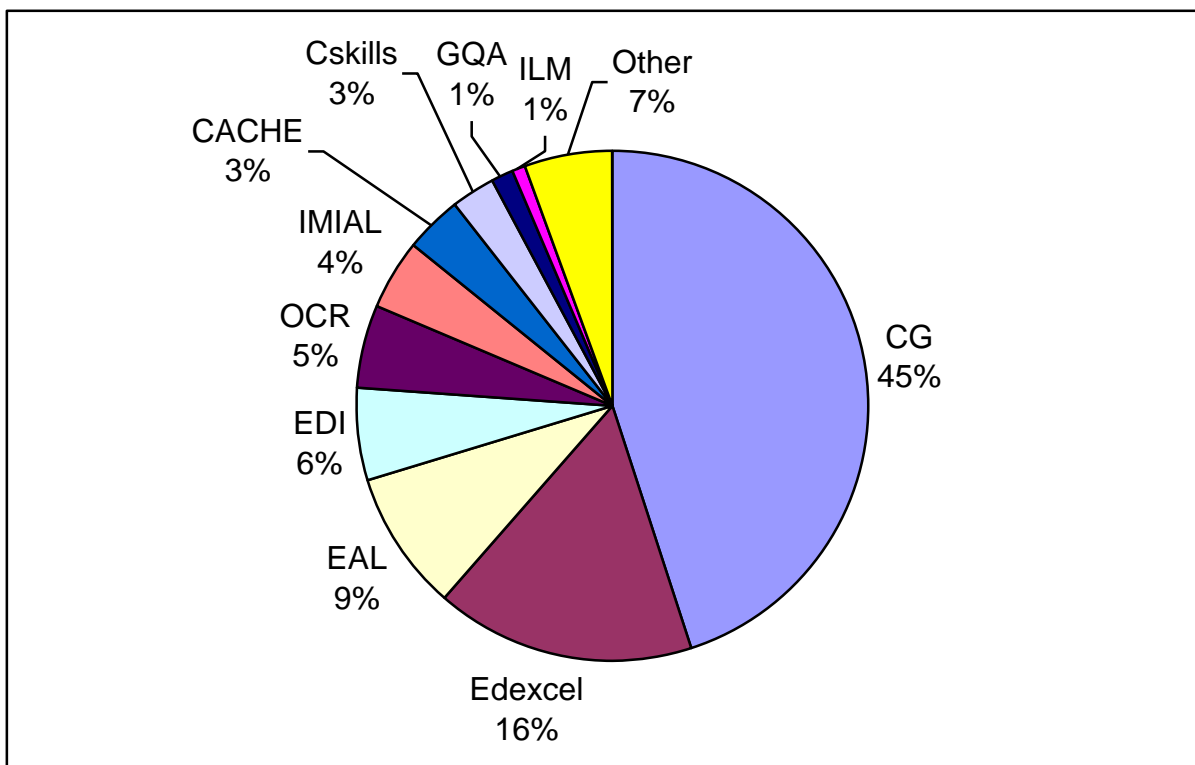
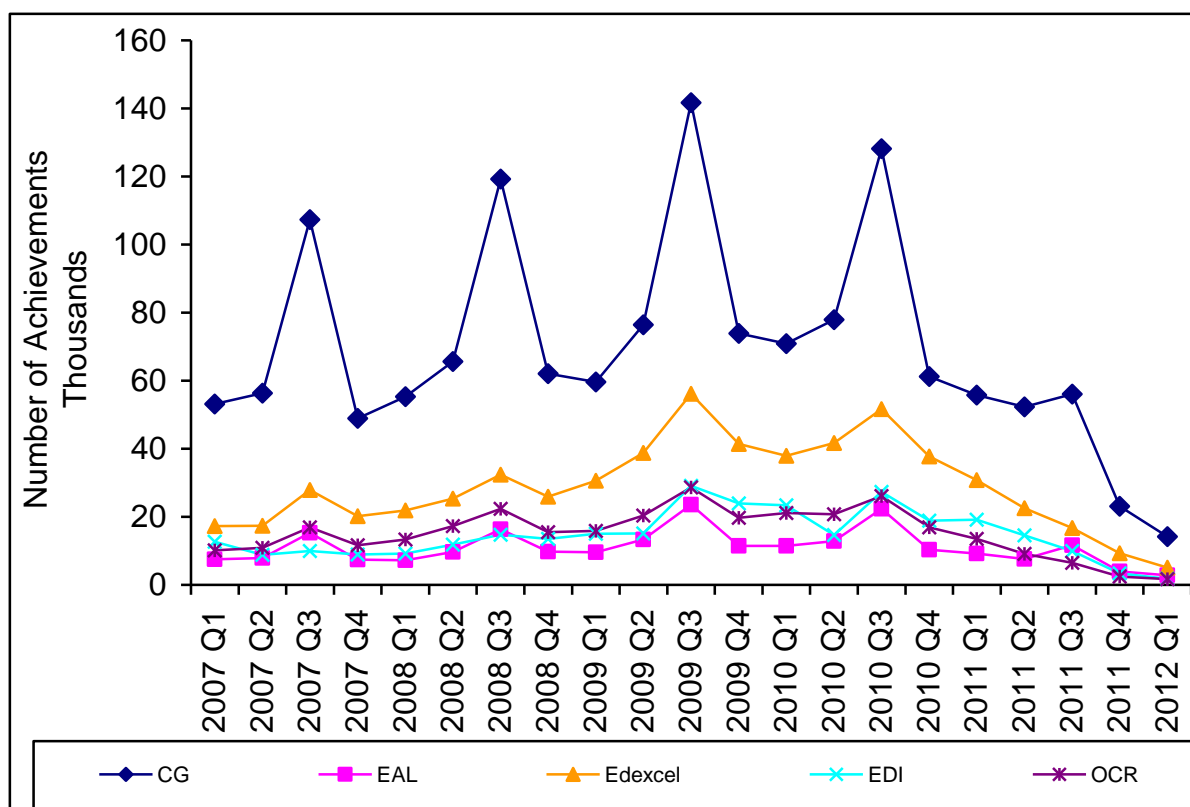


Figure 5 shows the five-year trend for the five awarding organisations that awarded the greatest number of achievements in January to March 2012. All these qualifications are in decline. These five represent 82 per cent of all NVQ achievements in January to March 2012.

Figure 5: The five awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements for NVQs in January to March 2012 (2012 Q1), showing the trend from January to March 2007 (2007 Q1)

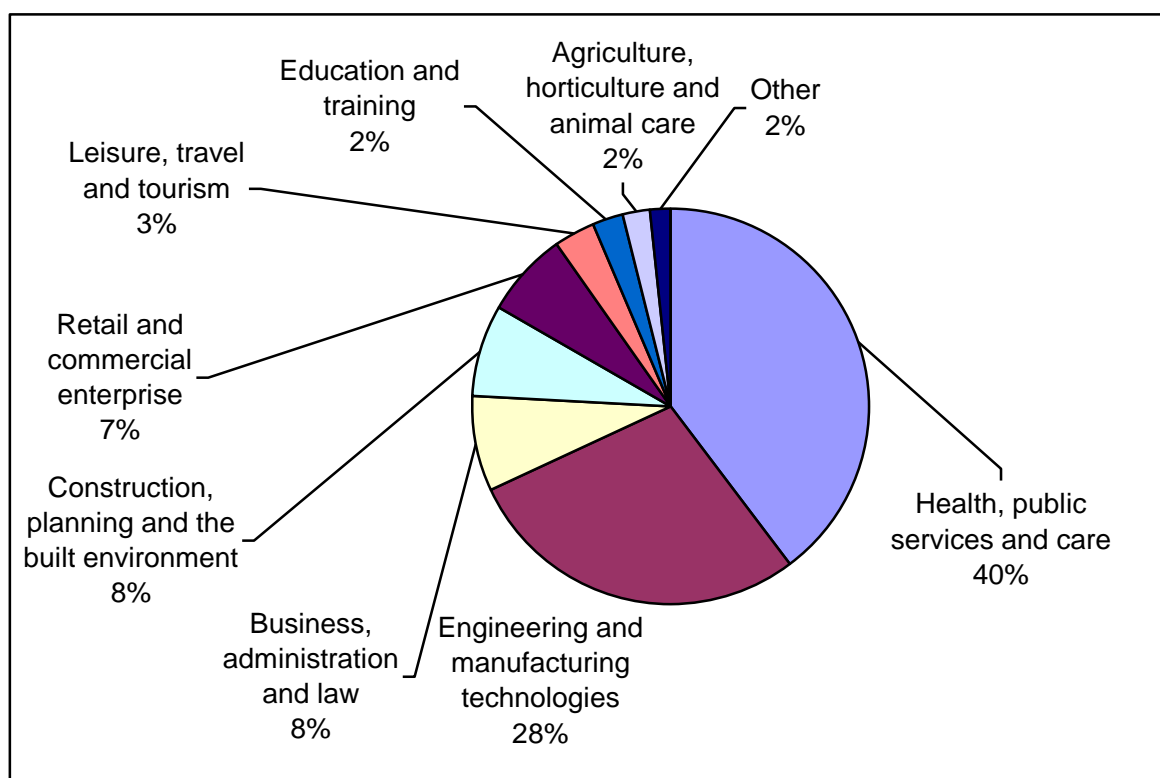


Sector subject area

Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 15 SSA codes (see the glossary for further details). The SSA that awarded the highest number of achievements for NVQs was health, public services and care, with 12,450 achievements, representing 40 per cent of all NVQs in January to March 2012. The second largest area was engineering and manufacturing technologies, with 8,900 achievements, representing 28 per cent of NVQ achievements (see figure 6 and table 5).

All SSAs have declined in achievements since the first quarter of the previous year. The greatest decline has been in business, administration and law (93 per cent decline from 34,350 to just 2,450 achievements) followed by retail and commercial enterprise (90 per cent decline from 22,400 to 2,200 achievements).

Figure 6: Achievements in NVQs by SSA, January to March 2012

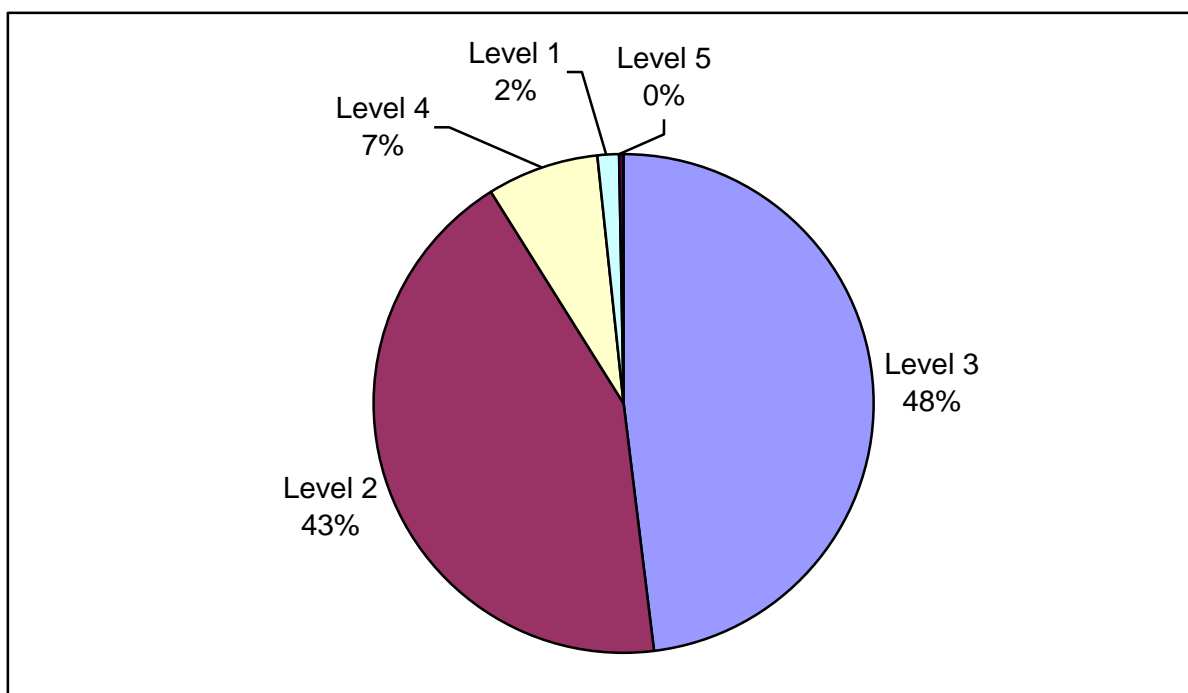


Level of qualification

The majority of achievements in NVQs were at level 3, with 15,050 achievements, representing 48 per cent of NVQ achievements in January to March 2012 (see figure 7 and table 6).

Note: the NQF originally had qualifications going up to level 5. For VRQs (see next section) this was changed to eight levels, with the original level 4 qualifications becoming levels 4, 5 and 6, and the original level 5 qualifications being separated into levels 6, 7 and 8. However, these changes were not applied to NVQs. Therefore, level 4 NVQs are in fact equivalent to levels 4, 5 and 6, when compared with other qualifications. Similarly, level 5 NVQs are equivalent to levels 6, 7 and 8.

Figure 7: Achievements in NVQs by level, January to March 2012



Vocationally-related qualifications

(See figures 8–14 and tables 1–2 and 7–10.)

VRQs were first delivered in April 2000. They are work-related, competence-based qualifications, designed to provide learners with the skills and knowledge needed to do a job. They are related to employment but, unlike NVQs, they are not assessed in the workplace and can be taken at colleges or other educational establishments, nor are they based purely on the NOS.

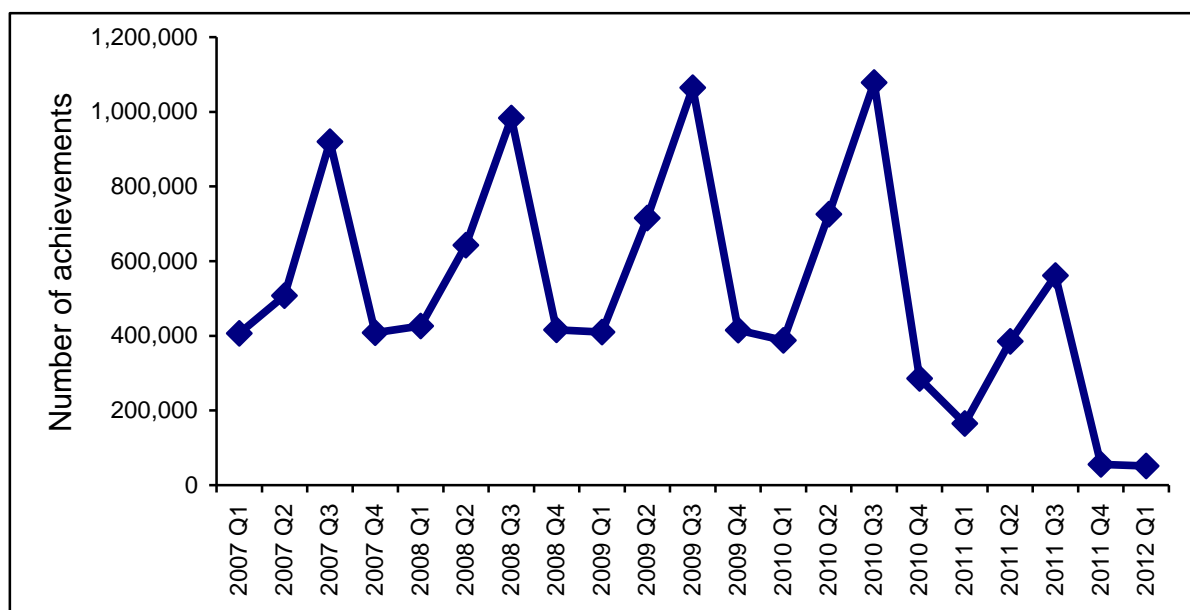
Please note that these figures refer to qualifications coded as VRQs and do not include VRQs on the QCF, as this would be double counting the qualifications.

Achievements

In January to March 2012, 51,100 achievements were awarded in VRQs at all levels, a decrease of 69 per cent on the same quarter of 2011 (see figure 8 and table 2). There is a downward trend over the past year, and this is the second January-to-March quarter that has seen a year-on-year decline since quarter 1 of 2010. This decrease partly reflects the restructuring of some qualifications, which have then been re-coded as on the QCF.

The VRQ achievements covered 647 individual qualifications offered by 54 individual awarding organisations. In January to March 2012 these VRQs represented 32 per cent of the total available VRQ qualifications, 4 per cent of available vocational qualifications and 6 per cent of achievements.

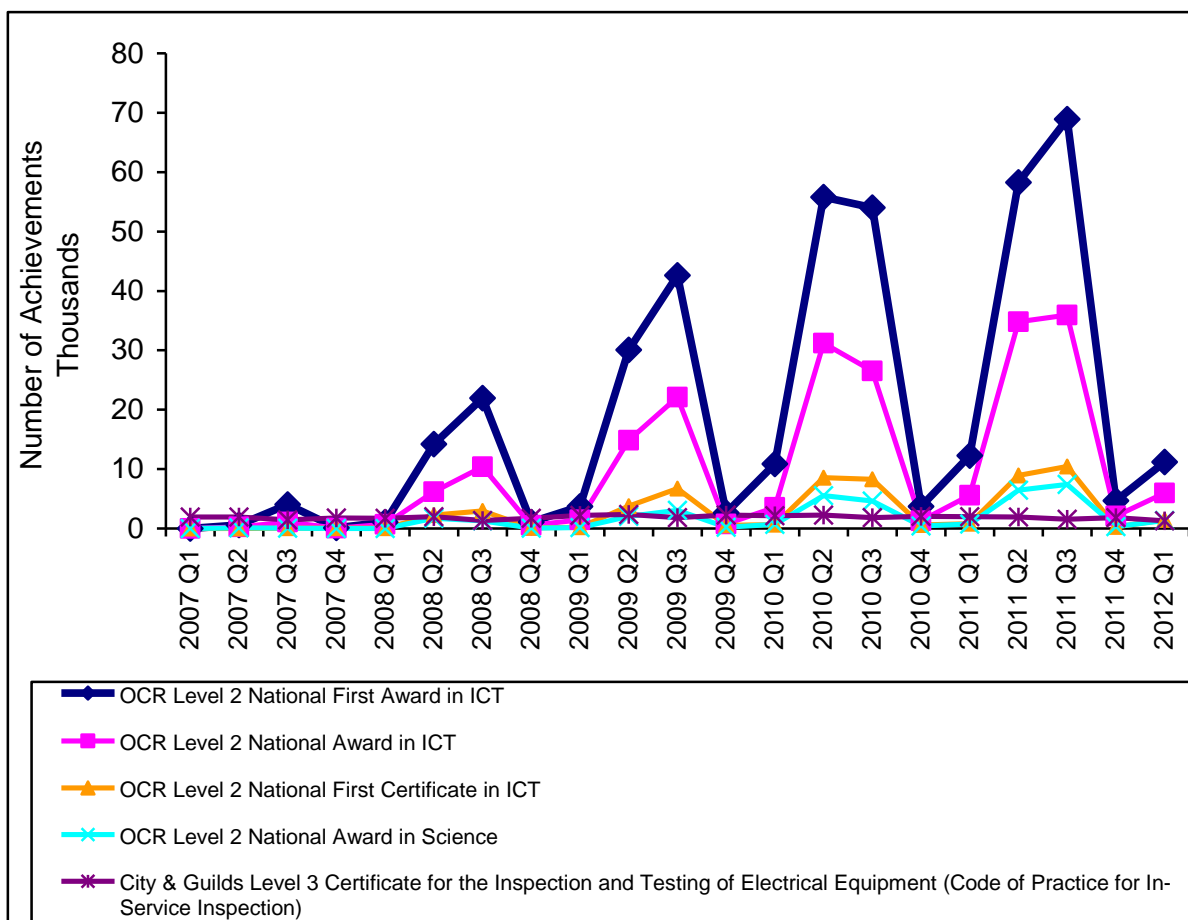
Figure 8: Total number of achievements in VRQs per quarter, January to March 2007 (2007 Q1) to January to March 2012 (2012 Q1)



Qualifications

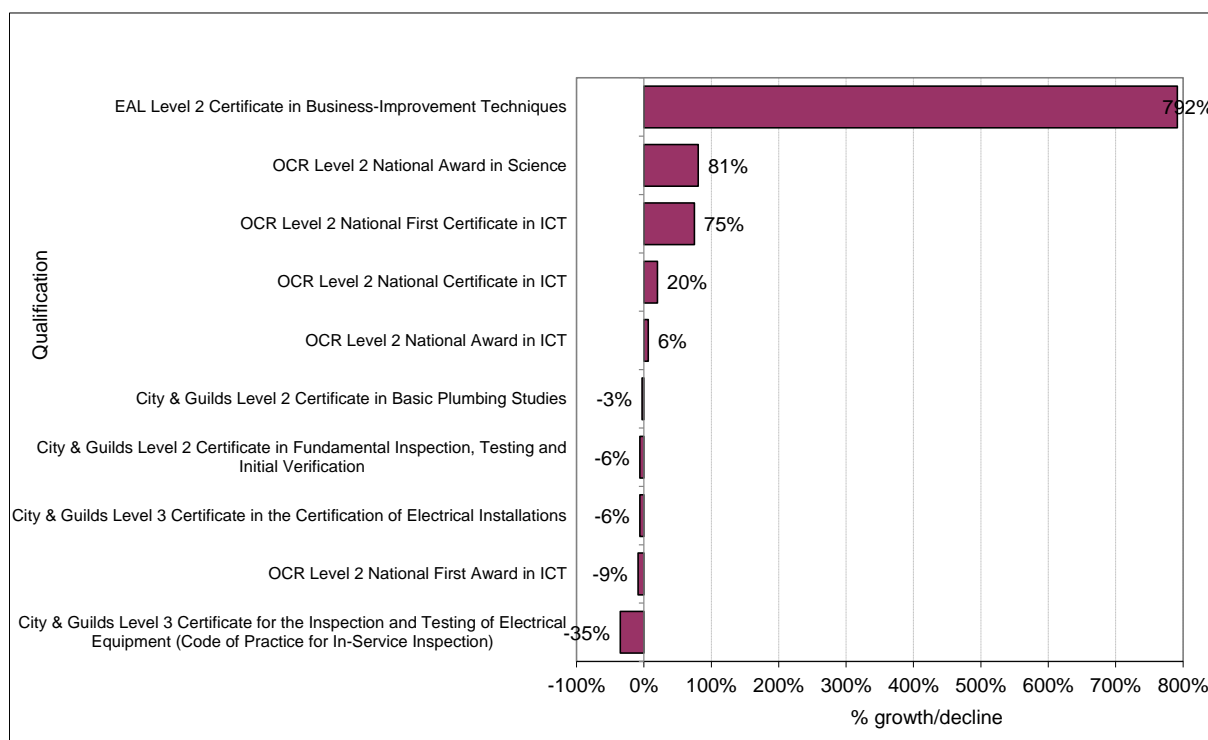
The VRQ with the greatest number of achievements was the OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT, with 11,200 achievements. The 40 VRQs with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 7. Figure 9 shows the five-year trend for the five VRQs with the highest number of achievements in January to March 2012.

Figure 9: The five VRQs with the highest number of achievements for January to March 2012 (2012 Q1), showing the trend from January to March 2007 (2007 Q1)



Although VRQs are in decline, if we examine the top 10 qualifications, we see a varied picture of growth and decline (see figure 10). Five of the top 10 qualifications are growing in the number of achievements since the same quarter of the previous year.

Figure 10: Percentage growth and decline in achievements between January to March 2011 and January to March 2012, by the top 10 qualifications



The Excellence, Achievement & Learning Ltd (EAL) Certificate in Business-Improvement Techniques has increased in number of achievements by almost nine-fold when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. Whilst most VRQs have moved onto the QCF, this qualification continues as a VRQ until the end of this year, which explains why it has the most growth.

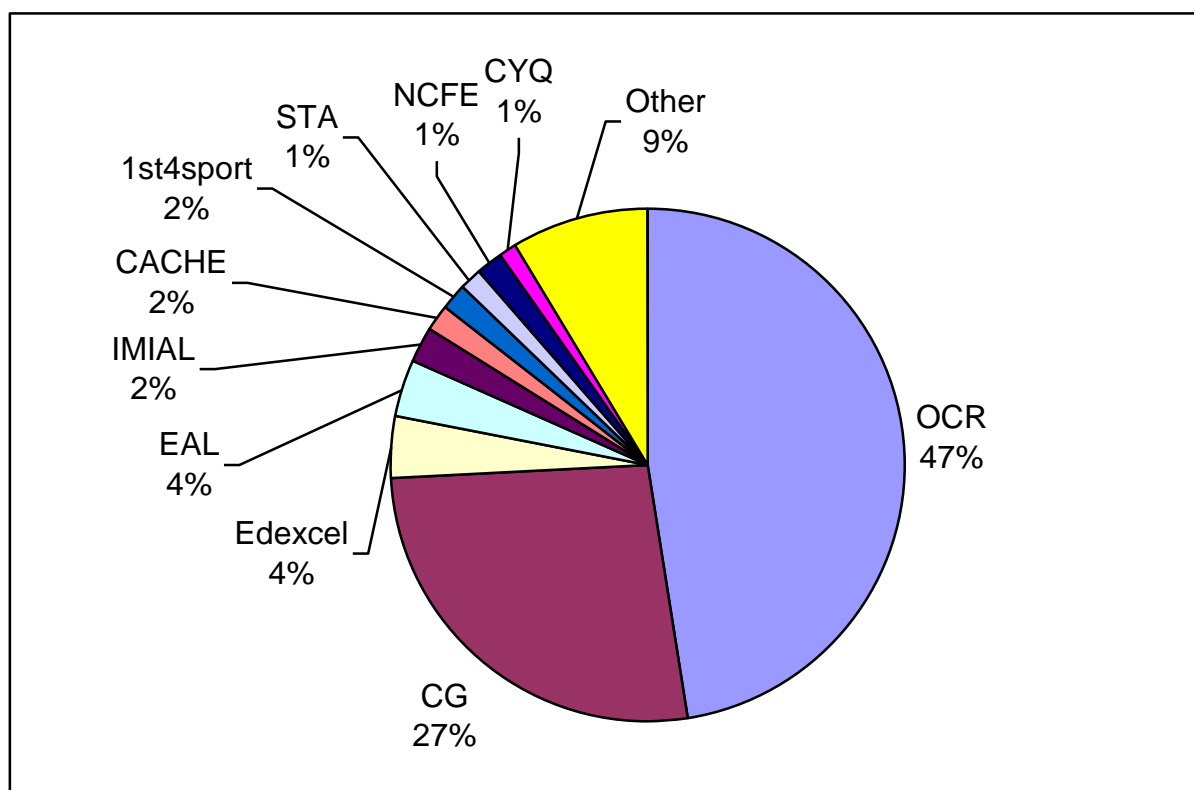
The OCR Level 2 National Award in Science is categorised under the SSA of science and mathematics, which saw a 52 per cent increase this quarter compared with quarter 1 of 2011. The 81 per cent increase in this qualification (of 550 achievements) contributed significantly to the increase in science and mathematics overall (of 650 achievements).

Awarding organisations

The awarding organisation that awarded the highest number of achievements for VRQs was OCR, with 24,300 achievements (48 per cent of all VRQ achievements). Figures for the 40 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 8, which also shows the corresponding figures for the same quarter of the previous year. The awarding organisations with the highest number of achievements are shown in figure 11.

If we examine the top 10 awarding organisations with the largest number of achievements, we see that all but one have decreased achievement, reflecting in part the movement to the QCF. The only awarding organisation to show growth is EAL⁴, with 1,850 achievements in January to March 2012, compared with 1,600 in the same quarter of the previous year, representing 16 per cent growth. This growth is a reflection of EAL broadening its offer of qualifications by expanding into other subject areas to meet market demands.

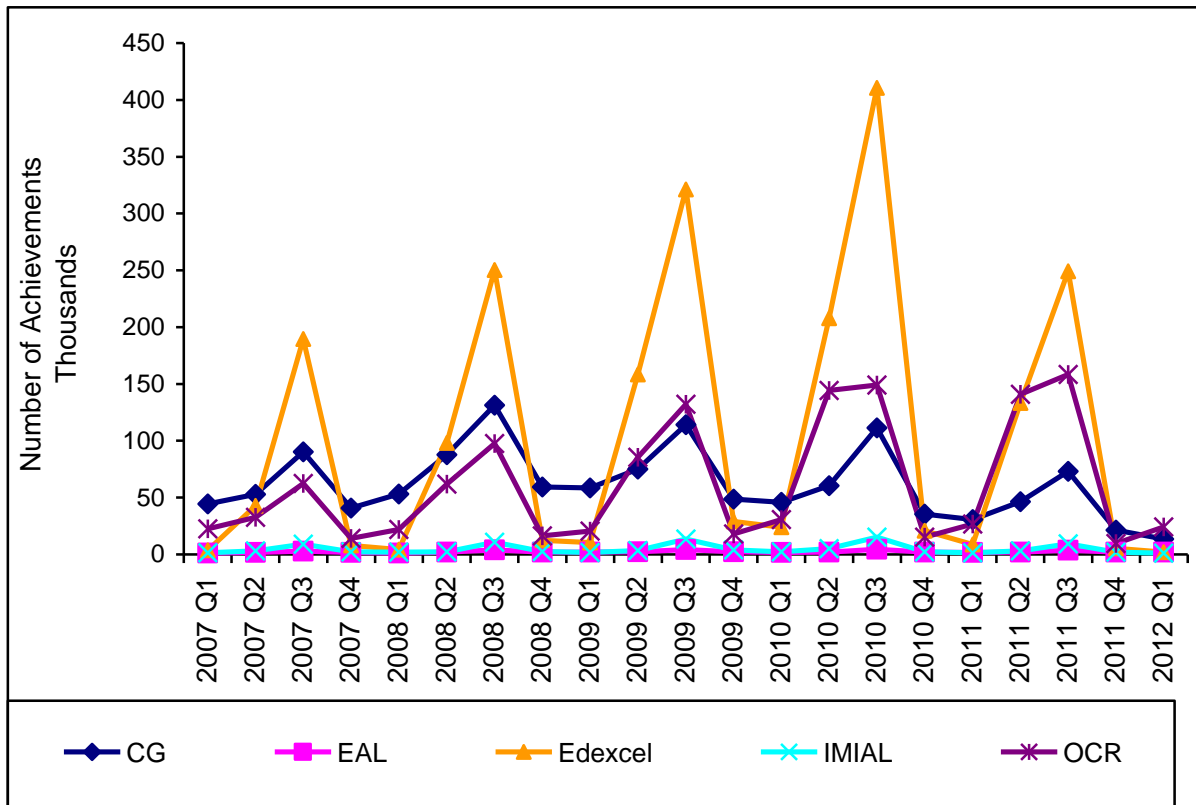
Figure 11: Achievements in VRQs by awarding organisation, January to March 2012



⁴ Previously known as EMTA Awards Ltd.

Figure 12 shows the five-year trend for the five awarding organisations with the highest number of achievements in January to March 2012. These five represent 84 per cent of all VRQ achievements in January to March 2012.

Figure 12: The five awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements for VRQs in January to March 2012 (2012 Q1), showing the trend from January to March 2007 (2007 Q1)

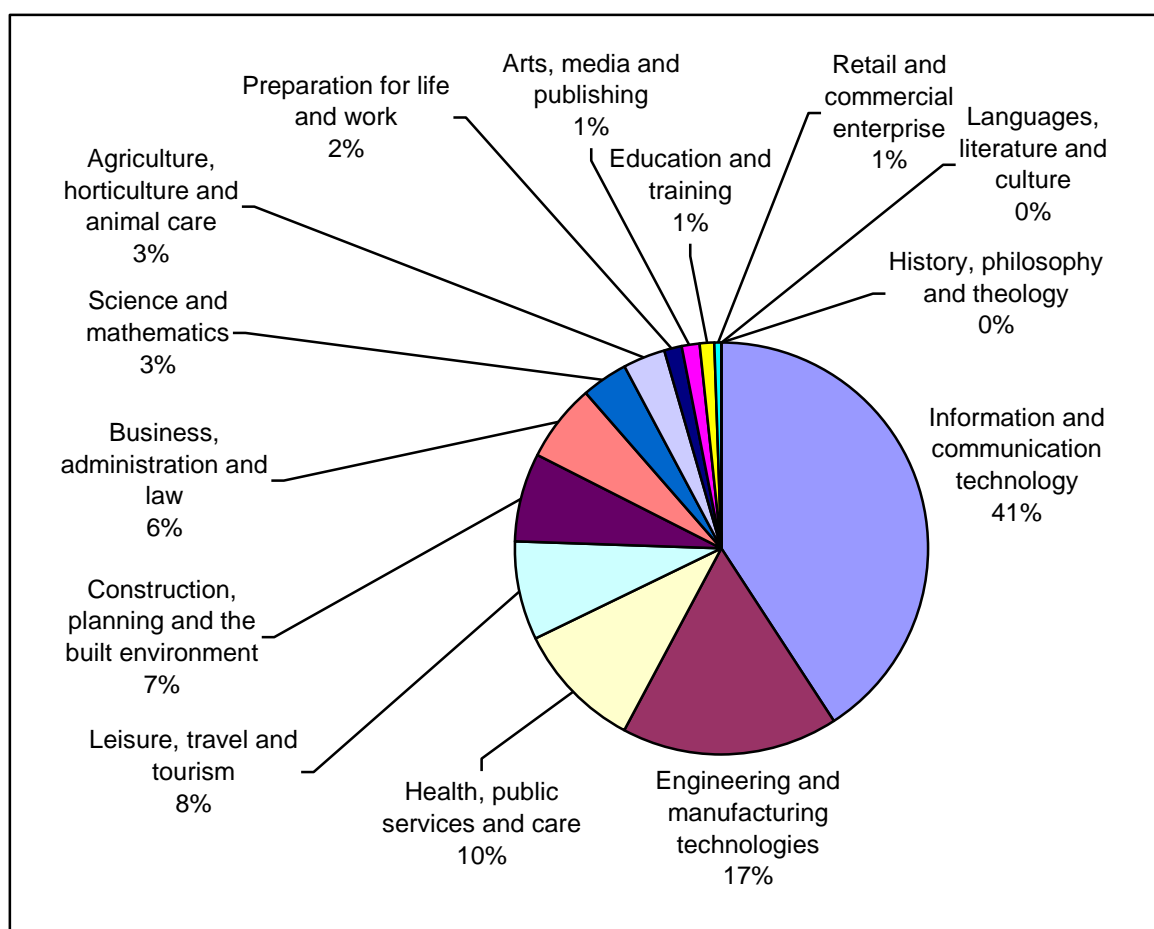


Sector subject area

The SSA that awarded the highest number of achievements for VRQs was information and communication technology, with 20,850 achievements, representing 41 per cent of VRQs in January to March 2012. The second largest area was engineering and manufacturing technologies, with 8,750 achievements, representing 17 per cent of VRQ achievements (see figure 13 and table 9).

We see that in all but two SSAs there has been a decline in achievements, the largest of which has been in retail and commercial enterprise (98 per cent decline from 17,150 achievements to 300). The second largest decline has been in leisure, travel and tourism (91 per cent decrease from 44,550 achievements to 4,000). The two SSAs showing growth were science and mathematics, increasing by 57 per cent from 1,150 achievements to 1,800, and agriculture, horticulture and animal care, increasing by 36 per cent from 1,250 achievements to 1,700.

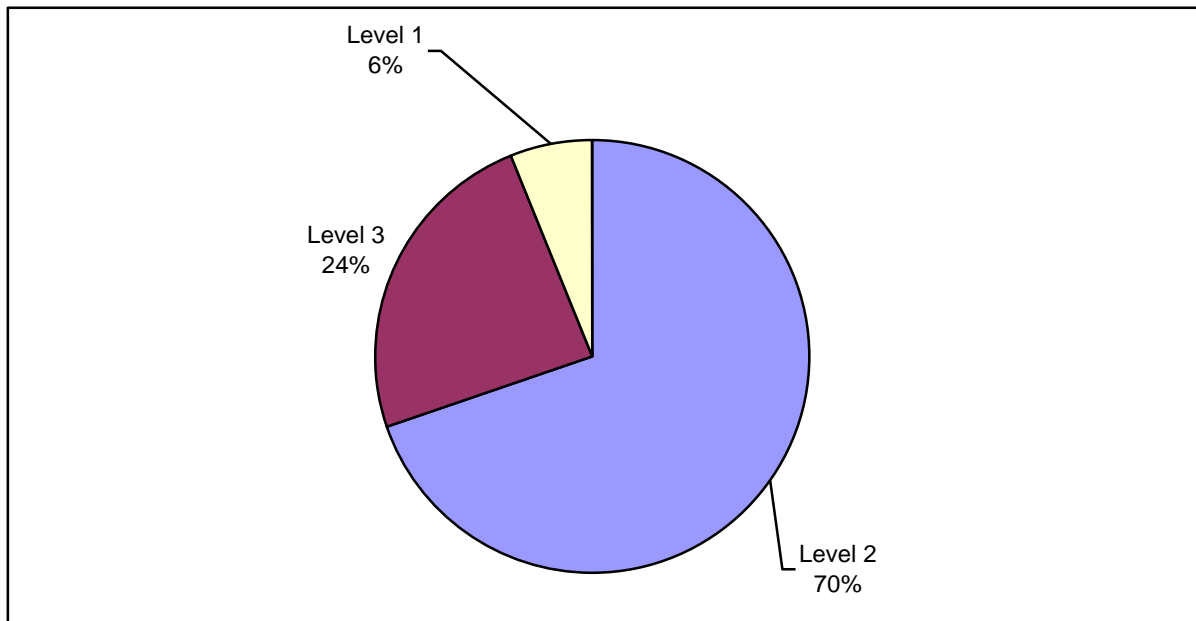
Figure 13: Achievements in VRQs by SSA, January to March 2012



Level of qualification

The majority of achievements in VRQs were at level 2, with 35,600 achievements, representing 70 per cent of VRQ achievements in January to March 2012 (see figure 14 and table 10).

Figure 14: Achievements in VRQs by level, January to March 2012



Qualifications and Credit Framework

(See figures 15–20 and tables 1–2 and 11–15.)

Please note that these figures refer to full qualifications, not units.

The QCF is a credit-based framework that enables learners to accumulate and transfer credit towards a regulated qualification. It is designed to give learners, learning providers and employers an inclusive and flexible regulated qualifications framework, containing units and qualifications that recognise the widest possible range of quality-assured learner achievements. The QCF introduces a standard currency for learner achievement across the qualifications systems through the award of credit. One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of learning. There are three sizes of QCF qualification: award, certificate and diploma. Awards consist of 1 to 12 credits, certificates 13 to 36 credits, and diplomas 37 credits or more.

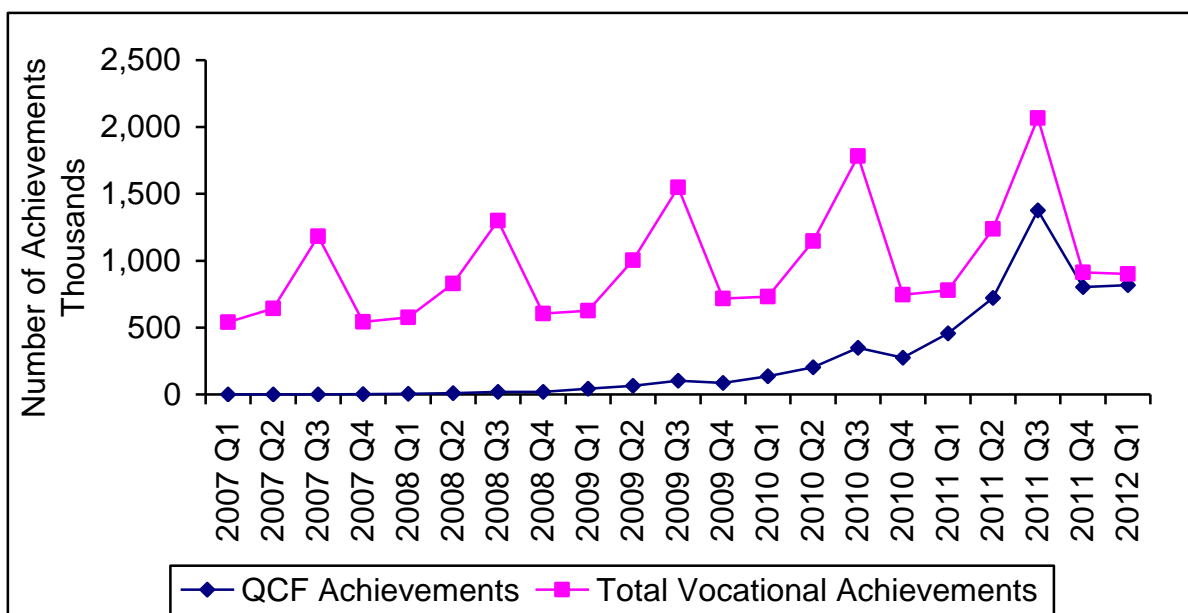
Achievements

In January to March 2012, there were 817,950 achievements in qualifications on the QCF, an increase of 80 per cent on the same quarter of the previous year (see table 2 and figure 15). In January to March 2011 QCF achievements represented 58 per cent of all vocational achievements. In January to March 2012, this figure increased to 91 per cent. The increase reflects the restructuring of many qualifications, which have then been put onto the QCF.

These achievements covered 3,989 individual qualifications offered by 116 individual awarding organisations. In January to March 2012 QCF qualifications represented 76 per cent of available vocational qualifications.

Whilst the number of achievements increased significantly when compared with the same quarter of 2011, we can see from figure 15 that the awarding of QCF qualifications is seemingly becoming more seasonal and in line with the awarding of all vocational qualifications in 2011.

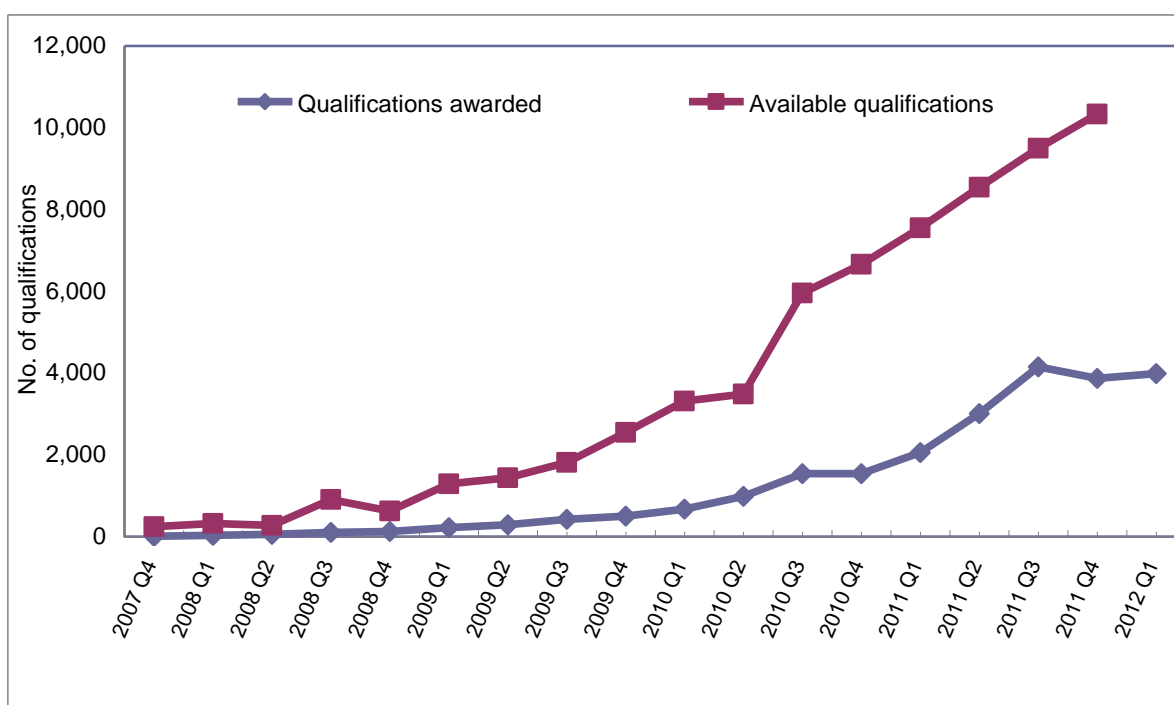
Figure 15: Total number of achievements in qualifications on the QCF and in all vocational qualifications per quarter, January to March 2007 (2007 Q1) to January to March 2012 (2012 Q1)



Qualifications

There were achievements in 3,898 qualifications in January to March 2012. These qualifications represent just 35 per cent of all available QCF qualifications, which in part is due to new qualifications requiring time to run before they award. However, figure 16 shows that over time the gap is widening between those qualifications that are available and those that are awarding.

Figure 16: The number of qualifications available on the QCF and the number of qualifications awarded by quarter, October to December 2007 (2007 Q4) to January to March 2012 (2012 Q1)

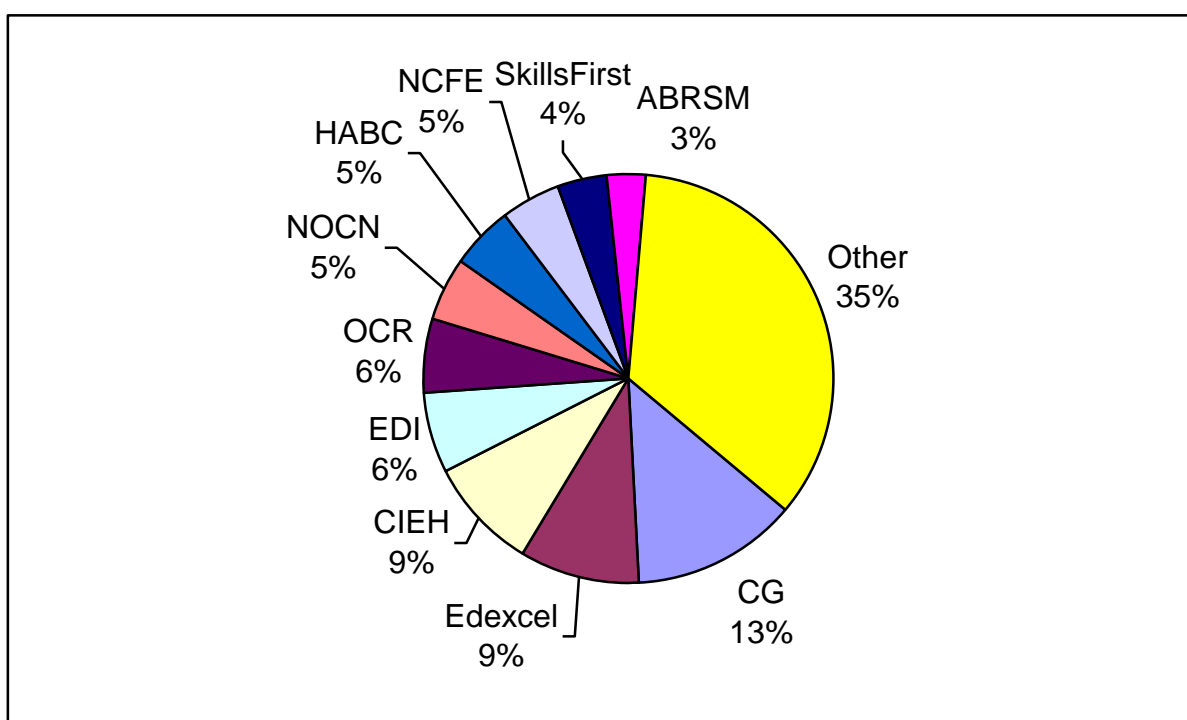


The qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, with 44,400 achievements. This qualification was previously a VRQ and has now been restructured and moved onto the QCF. The 40 QCF qualifications with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 11.

Awarding organisations

This quarter, City & Guilds awarded the highest number of QCF achievements, with 106,650 awards (which equates to 13 per cent of all QCF achievements). Figures for the 40 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 12, which also shows the corresponding figures for the same quarter of the previous year. The awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements are shown in figure 17.

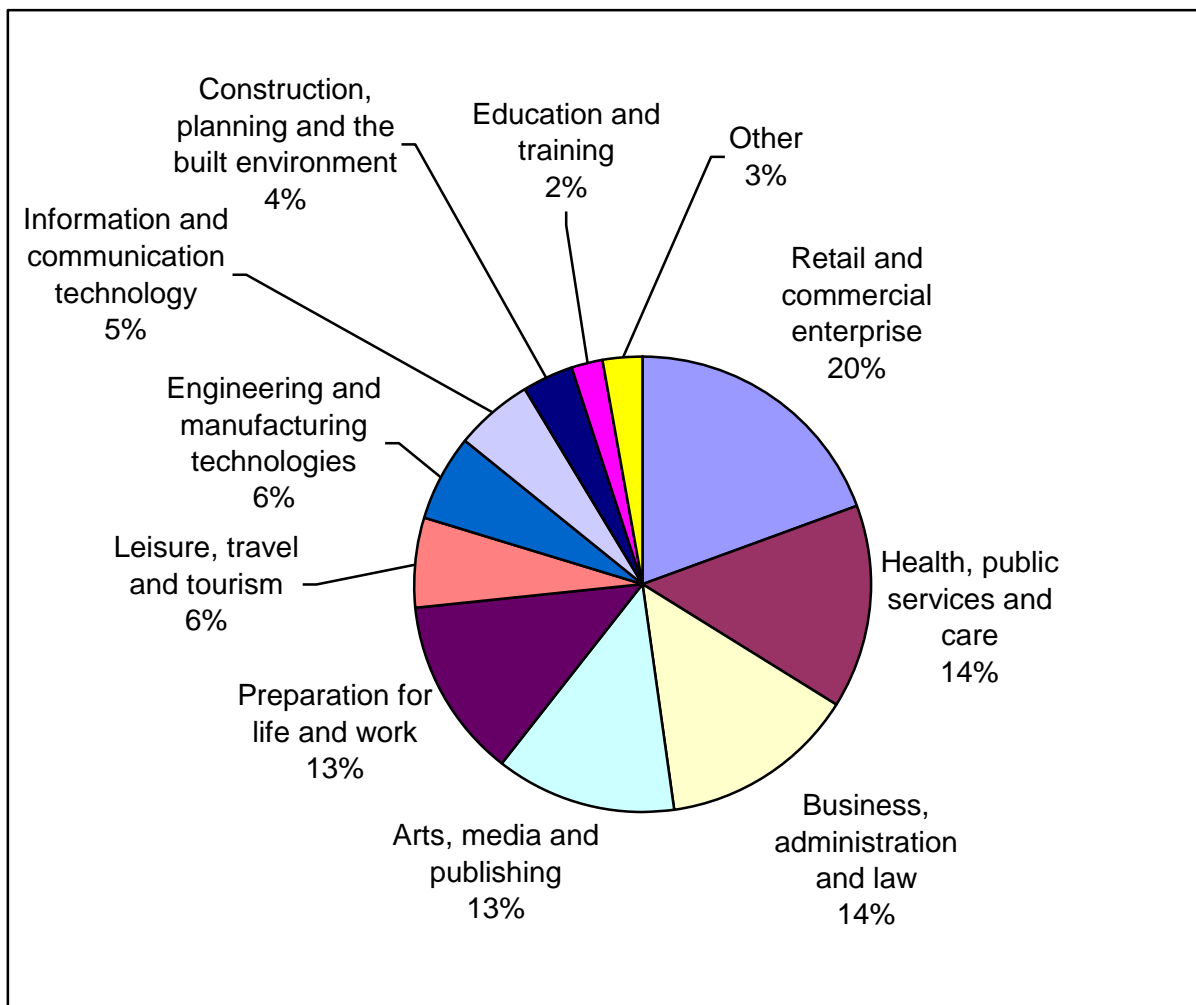
Figure 17: Achievements in qualifications on the QCF by awarding organisation, January to March 2012



Sector subject area

The SSA that awarded the greatest number of achievements for qualifications on the QCF was retail and commercial enterprise, with 159,750 achievements, which represents 20 per cent of QCF qualifications in January to March 2012 (see figure 18 and table 13).

Figure 18: Achievements in qualifications on the QCF by SSA, January to March 2012



The table below shows that all SSAs have shown growth since quarter 1 of 2011. The SSA with the largest growth since January to March 2011 is science and mathematics. There were no awards in this SSA code in quarter 1 of 2011, but in this quarter there were more than 500. The majority of these achievements (88 per cent) came from six Edexcel BTEC qualifications in applied science.

The largest growth area in terms of the number of qualification achievements was arts, media and publishing, with 68,900 more in the most recent quarter than in January to March 2011. This mirrors the large decline in this sector within other qualification types.

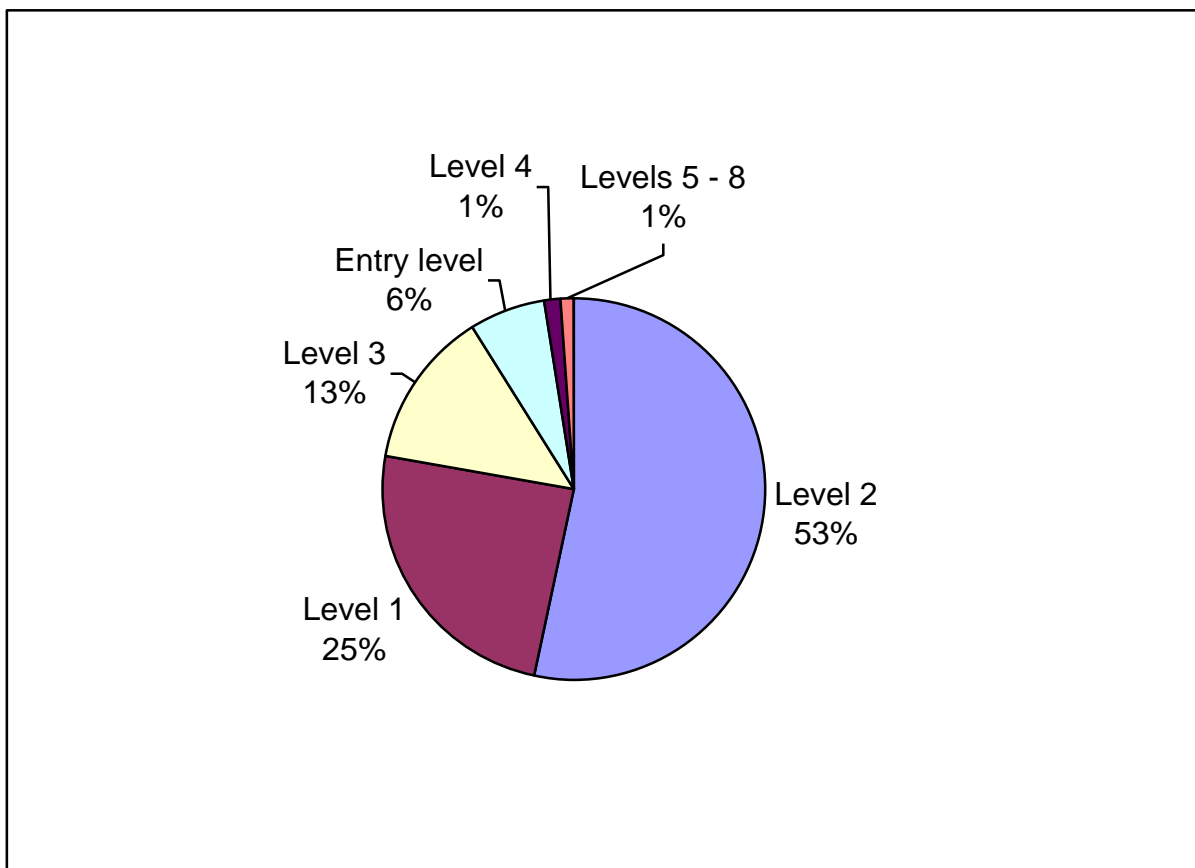
Preparation for life and work saw the largest percentage increase (of 189 per cent since the same quarter of last year). The second largest growth area by percentage was arts, media and publishing. The third largest was agriculture, horticulture and animal care, with an increase of 174 per cent over the past year.

	Number of achievements		% Growth
	January to	January to	
	March 2011	March 2012	
Science and mathematics	0	500	∞
History, philosophy and theology	0	0	∞
Preparation for life and work	35,400	102,400	189%
Arts, media and publishing	37,400	106,300	184%
Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	6,400	17,550	174%
Languages, literature and culture	2,000	5,100	155%
Leisure, travel and tourism	22,250	52,300	135%
Construction, planning and the built environment	13,700	29,500	115%
Business, administration and law	53,600	113,600	112%
Health, public services and care	67,350	116,800	73%
Education and training	11,300	17,900	58%
Social sciences	100	150	50%
Retail and commercial enterprise	125,950	159,750	27%
Engineering and manufacturing technologies	42,150	51,550	22%
Information and communication technology	37,750	44,600	18%

Level of qualification

The most common level for QCF achievements was level 2, with 436,150 achievements, representing 53 per cent of QCF achievements in January to March 2012 (see figure 19 and table 14).

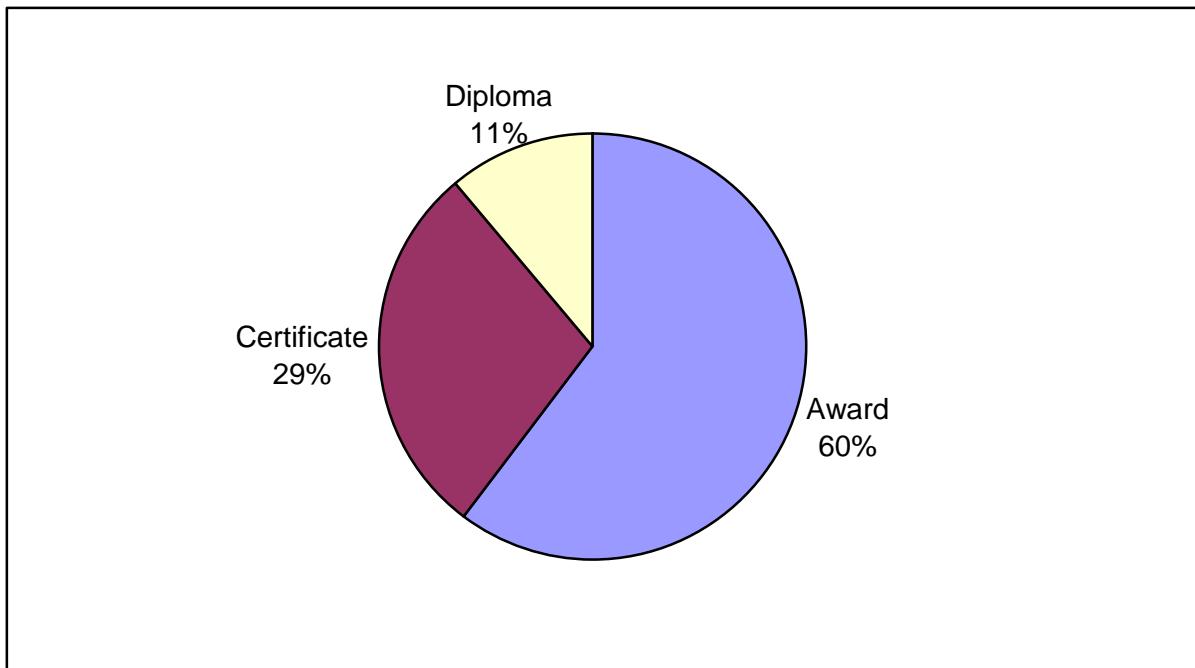
Figure 19: Achievements for qualifications on the QCF by level, January to March 2012



Size of qualifications

The most common size for QCF achievements was award (credit value of 1–12, corresponding to 10–120 hours of learning), with 493,900 achievements, representing 60 per cent of QCF achievements in January to March 2012. The least common size was diploma, with 90,950 achievements (see figure 20 and table 15).

Figure 20: Achievement for qualifications on the QCF by size, January to March 2012



Tables

Table 1: Available regulated vocational qualifications, by qualification type, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	NVQ National Vocational qualification	OQ Occupational qualification	QCF Qualifications and Credit Framework	VRQ Vocationally- related qualification	Total
06-07	2,198	85	112	2,630	5,025
07-08	2,039	98	910	3,025	6,072
08-09	1,937	100	2,336	2,921	7,294
09-10	1,767	95	6,047	2,775	10,684
10-11	1,606	94	9,587	2,405	13,692
11-12	1,444	87	11,121	2,137	14,789
Oct-Dec 2006	2,019	82	4	2,161	4,266
Jan-Mar 2007	1,764	82	1	2,200	4,047
Apr-Jun 2007	1,971	84	22	2,259	4,336
Jul-Sep 2007	1,980	76	109	2,329	4,494
Oct-Dec 2007	1,874	95	240	2,714	4,923
Jan-Mar 2008	1,805	97	317	2,703	4,922
Apr-Jun 2008	1,866	87	273	2,455	4,681
Jul-Sep 2008	1,868	98	906	2,904	5,776
Oct-Dec 2008	1,653	86	628	2,543	4,910
Jan-Mar 2009	1,754	98	1,286	2,859	5,997
Apr-Jun 2009	1,778	100	1,442	2,843	6,163
Jul-Sep 2009	1,622	94	1,812	2,608	6,136
Oct-Dec 2009	1,687	91	2,545	2,731	7,054
Jan-Mar 2010	1,668	90	3,320	2,671	7,749
Apr-Jun 2010	1,657	90	3,490	2,666	7,903
Jul-Sep 2010	1,636	90	5,960	2,620	10,306
Oct-Dec 2010	1,604	94	6,659	2,388	10,745
Jan-Mar 2011	1,525	90	7,542	2,326	11,483
Apr-Jun 2011	1,530	90	8,544	2,296	12,460
Jul-Sep 2011	1,518	94	9,496	2,270	13,378
Oct-Dec 2011	1,432	87	10,337	2,113	13,969
Jan-Mar 2012	1,355	86	11,069	2,010	14,520

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. Available qualifications are those which are eligible to be awarded during that quarter i.e. they have not yet passed their certification end date
2. This table covers all levels of vocational qualifications
3. Data is from the Register of Regulated Qualifications (and its predecessor, NDAQ)
4. The qualification type is that listed in the Register.

Table 2: Vocational qualification achievements, by qualification type, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	NVQ National Vocational qualification	OQ Occupational qualification	QCF Qualifications and Credit Framework	VRQ Vocationally- Related qualification	Total achievements
06-07	630,400	26,800	900	2,246,600	2,904,700
07-08	727,900	24,450	33,700	2,461,400	3,247,450
08-09	922,850	26,450	228,600	2,606,750	3,784,700
09-10	978,950	23,200	771,100	2,607,500	4,380,800
10-11	587,300	17,500	2,828,700	1,397,150	4,830,600
11-12	82,300	2,950	1,622,100	106,700	1,814,050
Oct-Dec 2006	121,300	7,100		411,450	539,800
Jan-Mar 2007	126,600	5,700	50	406,800	539,100
Apr-Jun 2007	129,600	6,000	400	507,900	643,900
Jul-Sep 2007	252,900	8,000	450	920,500	1,181,900
Oct-Dec 2007	128,650	4,900	1,250	408,500	543,350
Jan-Mar 2008	140,700	4,950	4,650	425,950	576,250
Apr-Jun 2008	170,600	6,350	8,650	643,100	828,700
Jul-Sep 2008	287,900	8,300	19,150	983,850	1,299,150
Oct-Dec 2008	164,150	5,800	19,350	416,150	605,450
Jan-Mar 2009	169,650	5,250	42,250	409,900	627,050
Apr-Jun 2009	216,450	6,350	64,950	715,850	1,003,600
Jul-Sep 2009	372,650	9,100	102,050	1,064,850	1,548,600
Oct-Dec 2009	212,050	5,950	84,950	414,750	717,700
Jan-Mar 2010	203,950	5,150	135,000	387,950	732,050
Apr-Jun 2010	213,450	5,650	202,650	726,100	1,147,900
Jul-Sep 2010	349,550	6,450	348,500	1,078,700	1,783,150
Oct-Dec 2010	179,600	6,200	274,750	285,750	746,300
Jan-Mar 2011	154,950	4,050	455,400	165,150	779,550
Apr-Jun 2011	128,550	3,600	721,250	384,950	1,238,350
Jul-Sep 2011	124,200	3,600	1,377,300	561,300	2,066,400
Oct-Dec 2011	50,950	2,000	804,150	55,600	912,650
Jan-Mar 2012	31,350	1,000	817,950	51,100	901,400

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table covers all levels of vocational qualifications
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years i.e. October to September
4. All figures are rounded to the nearest hundred
5. '-' indicates a base value of less than fifty
6. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Table 3: National Vocational qualifications (NVQ) achievements, 40 qualifications with the most achievements, Jan-Mar 2012 (Jan-Mar 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Qualification	Number of achievements	
	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2012
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	5,400	1,950
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	8,350	1,650
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	2,850	1,000
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services	850	750
EAL Level 2 NVQ in Performing Engineering Operations	1,300	600
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	2,050	600
EDEXCEL Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	4,550	550
IMIAL Level 2 NVQ in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	500	500
CACHE Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	1,900	500
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Dental Nursing	500	450
IMIAL Level 3 NVQ in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	650	450
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Mechanical Engineering Services - Plumbing	550	450
EAL Level 3 NVQ in Engineering Maintenance	750	450
EDI Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	1,250	400
EAL Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services	500	400
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Mechanical Engineering Services - Plumbing	350	300
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance	200	300
City & Guilds Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management for Care Services	450	300
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Health	500	300
EDI Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	2,250	300
City & Guilds Level 4 NVQ in Health and Social Care	500	250
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	1,500	250
OCR Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	950	250
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Performing Engineering Operations	250	250
EAL Level 3 NVQ in Mechanical Manufacturing Engineering	250	250
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	250	200
OCR Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	1,450	200
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Warehousing and Storage	1,150	200
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools	650	200
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Driving Goods Vehicles	950	200
EDEXCEL Level 2 NVQ in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving	2,600	200
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	250	200
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	550	200
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Health	350	200
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Engineering Maintenance and Installation	450	200
EAL Level 2 NVQ in Performing Manufacturing Operations	1,200	150
EDI Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	800	150
EDEXCEL Level 2 NVQ in Driving Goods Vehicles	1,350	150
EDEXCEL Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management for Care Services	300	150
GQA Level 2 NVQ in Fenestration Installation	150	150

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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4. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25.

Table 4: National Vocational qualifications (NVQ) achievements, by awarding organisation, Jan-Mar 2012 (Jan-Mar 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Awarding organisation	Number of achievements	
	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2012
City and Guilds of London Institute	55,100	14,150
Pearson Education Ltd	30,850	5,100
EMTA Awards Limited	9,250	2,850
EDI	19,150	1,850
OCR	13,500	1,650
IMI Awards Ltd	1,800	1,400
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	5,050	1,100
Cskills Awards	4,900	900
GQA Qualifications Limited	400	400
Institute of Leadership & Management	3,150	250
ETC Awards Limited	900	200
PAA\QSET	750	200
FDQ Limited	800	150
CABWI Awarding Body	250	150
Engineering Construction Industry Training Board	400	150
Mineral Products Qualifications Council	300	100
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	200	100
NCFE	1,450	100
WAMITAB	0	100
Chartered Management Institute	800	100
ABC Awards	150	50
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	50	50
VTCT	800	50
Association of Accounting Technicians	2,150	50
Central YMCA Qualifications	250	50
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons	300	50
Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation	0	50
1st4sport Qualifications	600	0
Signature	100	0
Active IQ	0	0
The Pensions Management Institute	0	0
Open University Awarding Body	50	0
Awarding Body for the Built Environment	0	0
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	50	0
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	400	0
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	100	0
Scottish Qualifications Authority trading as SQA	0	0

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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Table 5: National Vocational qualifications (NVQ) achievements by sector subject areas, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	01 - Health, public services and care	02 - Science and mathematics	03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	06 - Information and communication technology	07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	09 - Arts, media and publishing	10 - History, philosophy and theology	12 - Languages, literature and culture	13 - Education and training	14 - Preparation for life and work	15 - Business, administration and law	Total number of achievements
06-07	156,600	350	12,500	92,400	73,900	16,600	137,800	15,050	1,000	0	550	13,050	2,050	108,550	630,400
07-08	169,750	200	15,450	93,900	99,150	27,150	157,700	20,600	850	0	2,800	15,800	650	123,900	727,900
08-09	194,750	300	18,000	135,050	116,550	35,350	198,500	29,900	700	0	950	18,650	0	174,100	922,850
09-10	220,250	300	16,250	144,350	93,300	35,450	198,150	31,200	700	0	1,100	25,700	0	212,250	978,950
10-11	182,850	150	8,500	115,350	40,300	10,500	79,000	18,350	450	0	650	18,850	0	112,300	587,300
11-12	33,300	50	1,550	22,350	5,550	1,050	6,350	2,650	150	0	100	2,050	0	7,100	82,300
Oct-Dec 2006	38,500	100	2,900	18,300	13,200	3,050	19,050	2,650	200	0	150	2,850	850	19,500	121,300
Jan-Mar 2007	38,650	50	2,400	19,000	14,100	3,950	18,200	2,800	250	0	50	2,300	600	24,300	126,600
Apr-Jun 2007	34,650	100	2,650	21,950	17,550	3,300	23,750	2,850	250	0	150	2,200	300	19,950	129,600
Jul-Sep 2007	44,750	100	4,600	33,200	29,050	6,300	76,800	6,700	350	0	200	5,750	250	44,800	252,900
Oct-Dec 2007	35,600	50	3,250	17,200	19,050	5,050	20,700	2,850	150	0	150	2,650	300	21,650	128,650
Jan-Mar 2008	39,250	50	3,000	19,450	20,050	5,650	20,100	4,550	200	0	150	2,550	300	25,450	140,700
Apr-Jun 2008	43,000	50	3,500	21,550	24,000	6,200	35,550	5,200	200	0	850	3,350	0	27,100	170,600
Jul-Sep 2008	51,900	50	5,750	35,700	36,000	10,250	81,350	8,000	300	0	1,700	7,250	0	49,650	287,900
Oct-Dec 2008	40,800	50	4,000	24,200	24,600	6,450	25,500	6,350	200	0	150	3,100	0	28,750	164,150
Jan-Mar 2009	43,200	50	2,700	24,750	23,550	7,050	26,300	4,800	100	0	100	2,800	0	34,250	169,650
Apr-Jun 2009	47,550	50	4,500	32,350	29,800	7,600	47,000	6,550	150	0	150	3,800	0	36,900	216,450
Jul-Sep 2009	63,200	100	6,800	53,750	38,600	14,250	99,750	12,200	300	0	550	9,000	0	74,200	372,650
Oct-Dec 2009	51,750	50	4,100	33,300	20,100	8,550	35,850	7,800	150	0	200	4,800	0	45,400	212,050
Jan-Mar 2010	51,800	100	3,650	29,750	18,650	9,100	33,250	5,400	150	0	150	4,450	0	47,500	203,950
Apr-Jun 2010	52,800	50	3,600	30,600	21,200	7,150	38,650	7,200	200	0	250	6,000	0	45,800	213,450
Jul-Sep 2010	63,900	100	4,900	50,650	33,350	10,600	90,450	10,800	200	0	550	10,450	0	73,550	349,550
Oct-Dec 2010	49,000	50	1,650	26,300	16,000	4,250	26,800	5,450	100	0	100	4,200	0	45,700	179,600
Jan-Mar 2011	50,050	50	1,750	27,200	8,100	2,850	22,400	4,100	100	0	100	3,900	0	34,350	154,950
Apr-Jun 2011	45,000	0	2,750	26,600	6,700	1,950	16,450	3,550	100	0	150	4,950	0	20,350	128,550
Jul-Sep 2011	38,800	50	2,350	35,250	9,500	1,400	13,400	5,300	100	0	300	5,800	0	11,900	124,200
Oct-Dec 2011	20,900	50	850	13,500	3,200	600	4,150	1,600	50	0	100	1,300	0	4,650	50,950
Jan-Mar 2012	12,450	0	700	8,900	2,350	400	2,200	1,050	50	0	0	800	0	2,450	31,350

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of NVQ
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years
4. No achievements exist for subject sector area: 11. Social sciences
5. All figures are included to the nearest fifty
6. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25
7. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Table 6: National Vocational qualifications (NVQ) achievements by level, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Total number of achievements
06-07	54,500	392,800	153,200	28,850	1,100	630,400
07-08	55,050	470,100	171,650	30,000	1,050	727,900
08-09	55,350	630,000	205,800	30,650	1,000	922,850
09-10	48,400	652,300	243,800	33,300	1,150	978,950
10-11	15,800	370,200	175,450	24,850	950	587,300
11-12	1,100	38,550	37,100	5,400	150	82,300
Oct-Dec 2006	8,650	76,650	29,700	6,050	250	121,300
Jan-Mar 2007	6,900	80,350	32,000	7,100	250	126,600
Apr-Jun 2007	10,050	82,800	30,950	5,500	300	129,600
Jul-Sep 2007	28,900	153,000	60,500	10,200	300	252,900
Oct-Dec 2007	6,550	85,950	30,750	5,250	200	128,650
Jan-Mar 2008	5,550	92,850	34,800	7,250	250	140,700
Apr-Jun 2008	12,600	112,100	38,850	6,750	300	170,600
Jul-Sep 2008	30,350	179,200	67,300	10,800	250	287,900
Oct-Dec 2008	6,100	115,200	36,400	6,150	300	164,150
Jan-Mar 2009	4,900	118,400	38,700	7,300	250	169,650
Apr-Jun 2009	13,500	150,000	46,850	5,950	150	216,450
Jul-Sep 2009	30,850	246,450	83,800	11,200	300	372,650
Oct-Dec 2009	5,150	147,850	51,800	6,900	350	212,050
Jan-Mar 2010	5,550	137,800	51,950	8,400	300	203,950
Apr-Jun 2010	10,300	142,500	53,500	6,850	300	213,450
Jul-Sep 2010	27,450	224,150	86,600	11,150	250	349,550
Oct-Dec 2010	3,550	121,050	48,200	6,500	300	179,600
Jan-Mar 2011	2,100	99,650	45,650	7,200	300	154,950
Apr-Jun 2011	3,200	77,850	41,400	5,850	250	128,550
Jul-Sep 2011	6,950	71,600	40,200	5,250	150	124,200
Oct-Dec 2011	600	25,000	22,050	3,150	100	50,950
Jan-Mar 2012	500	13,550	15,050	2,250	50	31,350

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years i.e. October to September
4. All figures are included to the nearest fifty
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Table 7: Vocationally-related qualifications (VRQs) achievements, 40 qualifications with the most achievements, Jan-Mar 2012 (Jan-Mar 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Qualification	Number of achievements	
	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar
	2011	2012
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	12,250	11,200
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	5,600	5,950
OCR Level 2 National First Certificate in ICT	850	1,450
OCR Level 2 National Award in Science	750	1,300
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate for the Inspection and Testing of Electrical Equipment (Code of Practice for In-Service Inspection)	2,000	1,300
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in the Certification of Electrical Installations	1,300	1,200
OCR Level 2 National Certificate in ICT	900	1,100
EAL Level 2 Certificate in Business-Improvement Techniques	100	950
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Fundamental Inspection, Testing and Initial Verification	850	800
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Basic Plumbing Studies	700	650
EAL Level 2 Certificate for Domestic Electrical Installers	750	600
STA Level 2 Certificate for the National Rescue Standard	600	600
OCR Level 2 National Short Course Award in ICT	0	600
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology	800	550
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in the Requirements for Electrical Installations (BS 7671 June 2008)	6,150	550
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology	700	550
OCR Level 3 Certificate of Professional Competence in National Road Haulage	400	550
City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Dental Nursing	800	550
BCU AB Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport	250	550
City & Guilds Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Customer Service	950	500
IMIAL Level 2 Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	550	450
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Health and Social Care	1,550	450
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care	750	400
OCR Level 2 National Award in Business	250	400
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Nutrition and Health	1,100	350
City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Forklift Truck Operations	0	350
OCR Level 2 National Certificate in Science	150	300
City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Brushcutting Operations	0	300
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Plumbing Studies	400	300
1st4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching	1,900	300
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Aeronautical Engineering	150	250
City & Guilds Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Basic Construction Skills	800	250
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Employability Skills	0	250
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Public Services	750	250
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Engineering	550	250
IMIAL Level 3 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	350	250
ASDAN Level 2 Certificate in Career Planning	200	250
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development	750	250
SQA Level 1 Award in Internet Safety	0	250

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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Table 8: Vocationally-related qualifications (VRQs) achievements, by awarding organisation, Jan-Mar 2012 (Jan-Mar 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland		
Awarding organisation	Number of achievements	
	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2012
OCR	26,700	24,300
City and Guilds of London Institute	30,400	13,650
Pearson Education Ltd	8,650	1,950
EMTA Awards Limited	1,600	1,850
IMI Awards Ltd	1,400	1,200
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	2,650	850
1st4sport Qualifications	6,900	800
Safety Training Awards	2,500	750
NCFE	7,500	750
Central YMCA Qualifications	2,450	650
British Canoe Union AB	300	650
EDI	9,500	350
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	300	250
Scottish Qualifications Authority trading as SQA	0	250
ABC Awards	1,450	200
Associated Sports Qualifications	150	200
ITEC	350	200
Sports Leaders UK	21,200	200
National Open College Network	1,650	200
IFS School of Finance	300	150
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	2,100	150
Cskills Awards	350	150
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	750	150
Institute of Administrative Management	450	150
Association of Business Executives	700	100
VTCT	900	100
Mountain Leader Training England	200	100
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	50	100
GQA Qualifications Limited	100	100
Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply	50	100
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	150	50
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	300	50
Active IQ	200	50
Chartered Institute of Marketing	50	50
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	750	50
Chartered Institute of Legal Executives	0	50
Awarding Body for the Built Environment	0	50
Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation	50	50
Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK	0	0
Chartered Institute of Housing	200	0

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Table 9: Vocationally-related qualifications (VRQs) achievements by sector subject area, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	01 - Health, public services and care	02 - Science and mathematics	03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	06 - Information and communication technology	07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	09 - Arts, media and publishing	10 - History, philosophy and theology	11 - Social sciences	12 - Languages, literature and culture	13 - Education and training	14 - Preparation for life and work	15 - Business, administration and law	Total number of achievements
06-07	740,550	6,150	46,350	158,400	99,800	269,900	229,650	280,750	98,050	150	50	30,650	40,950	25,200	219,950	2,246,600
07-08	742,250	26,100	105,800	213,850	108,200	295,100	204,350	301,200	130,200	50	50	36,450	30,200	41,850	225,700	2,461,400
08-09	763,850	47,600	69,450	231,100	121,400	352,550	172,700	373,000	164,300	100	0	27,450	30,550	56,450	196,300	2,606,750
09-10	804,850	89,400	58,550	197,150	84,050	368,800	157,100	381,000	191,250	50	0	13,900	29,800	49,200	182,500	2,607,500
10-11	253,550	82,150	31,450	130,700	53,300	322,400	63,150	227,500	103,000	0	0	1,800	15,400	13,600	99,100	1,397,150
11-12	13,550	2,650	3,500	24,400	8,650	29,450	900	11,900	2,600	0	0	50	1,200	1,150	6,600	106,700
Oct-Dec 2006	162,250	100	8,300	24,850	13,800	54,300	46,150	46,350	7,750	0	0	700	6,100	2,600	38,250	411,450
Jan-Mar 2007	145,300	100	9,950	23,450	12,050	54,750	52,150	45,100	5,350	0	0	550	6,300	3,950	47,800	406,800
Apr-Jun 2007	166,500	1,450	11,300	33,550	19,600	64,300	52,050	67,600	18,050	0	0	3,350	8,400	5,350	56,450	507,900
Jul-Sep 2007	266,550	4,500	16,850	76,600	54,350	96,550	79,300	121,750	66,900	150	50	26,050	20,200	13,250	77,500	920,500
Oct-Dec 2007	157,400	100	10,550	30,600	13,850	38,100	43,900	53,650	6,750	0	0	6,100	6,450	6,200	34,850	408,500
Jan-Mar 2008	162,700	150	21,050	28,450	13,200	44,700	43,250	42,350	6,050	0	0	9,850	4,850	7,300	42,150	425,950
Apr-Jun 2008	190,300	13,650	38,400	50,500	20,150	85,100	53,250	81,800	31,250	0	50	2,700	6,450	8,200	61,300	643,100
Jul-Sep 2008	231,850	12,200	35,800	104,350	61,050	127,150	63,900	123,450	86,100	50	0	17,800	12,500	20,150	87,400	983,850
Oct-Dec 2008	152,550	300	11,050	44,950	14,200	34,200	36,650	62,500	8,300	0	0	7,900	7,000	8,500	28,050	416,150
Jan-Mar 2009	164,300	500	13,300	38,100	10,600	42,300	33,550	54,100	8,200	50	0	1,750	4,350	8,250	30,550	409,900
Apr-Jun 2009	195,500	23,950	15,300	50,750	42,500	111,100	45,250	107,250	41,650	50	0	2,650	4,800	12,750	62,300	715,850
Jul-Sep 2009	251,500	22,850	29,800	97,300	54,100	164,900	57,250	149,150	106,150	0	0	15,100	14,400	27,000	75,350	1,064,850
Oct-Dec 2009	177,750	550	11,600	34,850	11,700	26,350	29,750	64,200	10,450	0	0	5,300	6,200	10,350	25,700	414,750
Jan-Mar 2010	180,350	1,200	10,550	28,550	9,850	35,600	29,550	49,100	7,850	0	0	350	3,800	6,700	24,500	387,950
Apr-Jun 2010	191,050	40,250	10,000	43,300	24,850	143,200	36,400	111,600	53,150	0	0	1,250	4,900	12,900	53,250	726,100
Jul-Sep 2010	255,650	47,400	26,400	90,450	37,650	163,700	61,350	156,100	119,800	50	0	7,000	14,850	19,250	79,050	1,078,700
Oct-Dec 2010	111,450	1,350	7,150	25,850	8,150	15,650	25,650	55,150	5,800	0	0	550	4,100	4,350	20,600	285,750
Jan-Mar 2011	31,350	1,150	1,250	18,700	6,150	24,600	17,150	44,550	2,200	0	0	50	3,350	1,100	13,550	165,150
Apr-Jun 2011	40,600	34,650	8,200	27,550	14,300	128,900	8,900	56,300	30,350	0	0	200	2,350	4,250	28,400	384,950
Jul-Sep 2011	70,150	44,950	14,850	58,600	24,750	153,350	11,450	71,500	64,700	0	0	1,000	5,600	3,950	36,500	561,300
Oct-Dec 2011	8,500	850	1,800	15,700	5,100	8,600	600	7,900	1,900	0	0	50	700	400	3,500	55,600
Jan-Mar 2012	5,050	1,800	1,700	8,750	3,550	20,850	300	4,000	700	0	0	0	500	800	3,100	51,100

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Table 10: Vocationally-related qualifications (VRQs) achievements by level, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total number of achievements
06-07	581,100	1,214,050	451,450	2,246,600
07-08	465,650	1,474,600	521,150	2,461,400
08-09	472,050	1,592,350	542,350	2,606,750
09-10	374,150	1,717,600	515,750	2,607,500
10-11	134,250	946,950	316,000	1,397,150
11-12	8,650	63,850	34,200	106,700
Oct-Dec 2006	155,000	193,650	62,800	411,450
Jan-Mar 2007	108,500	233,000	65,300	406,800
Apr-Jun 2007	118,000	306,250	83,650	507,900
Jul-Sep 2007	199,650	481,200	239,650	920,500
Oct-Dec 2007	84,200	254,150	70,150	408,500
Jan-Mar 2008	85,150	270,650	70,150	425,950
Apr-Jun 2008	106,350	416,950	119,800	643,100
Jul-Sep 2008	189,950	532,800	261,050	983,850
Oct-Dec 2008	88,250	244,750	83,150	416,150
Jan-Mar 2009	82,400	251,750	75,700	409,900
Apr-Jun 2009	119,950	476,050	119,850	715,850
Jul-Sep 2009	181,400	619,800	263,650	1,064,850
Oct-Dec 2009	70,550	270,400	73,800	414,750
Jan-Mar 2010	59,600	265,800	62,600	387,950
Apr-Jun 2010	92,050	531,150	102,900	726,100
Jul-Sep 2010	152,000	650,300	276,400	1,078,700
Oct-Dec 2010	48,550	181,900	55,300	285,750
Jan-Mar 2011	31,300	92,900	40,950	165,150
Apr-Jun 2011	24,850	299,550	60,550	384,950
Jul-Sep 2011	29,550	372,600	159,200	561,300
Oct-Dec 2011	5,550	28,300	21,800	55,600
Jan-Mar 2012	3,100	35,600	12,400	51,100

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Table 11: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), 40 qualifications with the most achievements, Jan-Mar 2012 (Jan-Mar 2011 shown for comparison)

Qualification	Number of achievements	
	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar
	2011	2012
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	64,800	44,400
HABC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	5,450	12,150
Skillsfirst Level 2 Diploma in Retail Skills (QCF)	3,750	11,900
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	18,900	10,750
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	9,550	10,250
Skillsfirst Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	850	9,450
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	6,850	9,250
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	6,650	9,000
BIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	0	8,850
BSC Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work (QCF)	12,200	8,450
NOCN Entry Level Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (Entry 3) (QCF)	2,500	7,800
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	3,400	7,500
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	0	6,550
NOCN Entry Level Award in Progression (Entry 3) (QCF)	5,050	6,500
IQL Level 2 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Supervision and Rescue (QCF)	0	6,350
NOCN Level 1 Award in Progression (QCF)	3,100	5,750
NCFE Level 1 Award in Learning to Learn (QCF)	650	5,750
City & Guilds Level 3 Award In Requirements for Electrical Installation BS7671:June 2008 (2011) (QCF)	0	5,150
HABC Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	3,700	5,100
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity (QCF)	250	5,000
1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Football (QCF)	4,950	4,850
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	0	4,700
Skillsfirst Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	900	4,600
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	3,850	4,500
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of Medicines (QCF)	250	4,250
ASCENTIS Level 1 Award in Managing Personal Finance (QCF)	200	4,050
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	0	4,000
OCR Entry Level Award in Employability Skills (Entry 3) (QCF)	500	4,000
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Manufacturing (QCF)	4,150	3,950
OCR Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	2,850	3,950
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	0	3,650
EDI Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	2,300	3,400
ISTD Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Dance: Grade 1 (QCF)	3,250	3,350
EDI Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	0	3,350
NOCN Level 1 Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF)	1,300	3,250
EDI Level 2 Award in Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings	0	3,250
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	1,050	3,050
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	0	2,950
NCFE Level 1 Award in Exploring Enterprise Skills (QCF)	800	2,950
ASCENTIS Level 1 Award in Health and Safety (QCF)	1,600	2,950

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Table 12: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), 40 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements, Jan-Mar 2012 (Jan-Mar 2011 shown for comparison)

Period	Number of achievements	
	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar
	2011	2012
City and Guilds of London Institute	58,800	106,650
Pearson Education Ltd	28,350	77,400
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	102,900	73,450
EDI	18,450	51,550
OCR	18,500	48,000
National Open College Network	23,150	41,500
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	22,500	39,200
NCFE	7,650	38,850
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	7,000	32,150
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	0	25,300
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	18,150	21,850
Trinity College London	50	18,650
Ascentis	7,400	16,900
BIIAB	9,250	14,950
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	14,850	14,200
Cskills Awards	9,700	13,350
LAMDA Examinations	9,700	12,300
British Safety Council	17,350	11,900
Sports Leaders UK	5,700	11,850
Royal Academy of Dance	700	11,650
1st4sport Qualifications	6,900	10,700
Institute of Leadership & Management	9,800	9,050
EMTA Awards Limited	3,100	7,850
Rock School Ltd	6,300	7,550
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	0	6,450
Chartered Management Institute	6,300	6,350
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	300	5,450
VTCT	2,600	5,150
Royal Society for Public Health	6,800	5,100
Association of Accounting Technicians	1,700	5,050
Lifetime Awarding	1,600	4,400
Central YMCA Qualifications	1,850	4,050
University of West London	0	3,950
ABC Awards	2,200	3,600
IMI Awards Ltd	2,200	3,600
Chartered Insurance Institute	800	3,200
Active IQ	3,250	3,100
English Speaking Board (International) Ltd	2,100	2,450
WSET Awards	0	2,400
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	1,800	2,350

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

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Table 13: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) achievements, by sector subject area, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	01 - Health, public services and care	02 - Science and mathematics	03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	06 - Information and communication technology	07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	09 - Arts, media and publishing	10 - History, philosophy and theology	11 - Social sciences	12 - Languages, literature and culture	13 - Education and training	14 - Preparation for life and work	15 - Business, administration and law	Total number of achievements
06-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	50	350	900
07-08	400	0	0	50	0	500	50	0	2,950	0	0	0	11,950	950	16,800	33,700
08-09	7,300	0	150	8,000	16,150	2,850	31,200	250	14,250	0	0	2,200	20,650	20,800	104,800	228,600
09-10	48,500	150	30,350	43,600	46,950	73,050	138,700	8,050	66,300	0	400	18,950	35,250	134,100	126,850	771,100
10-11	335,700	30,550	77,250	162,850	113,000	180,650	544,700	224,600	340,500	32,500	400	43,850	56,350	373,700	312,100	2,828,700
11-12	226,300	1,450	35,250	100,350	56,400	82,450	320,650	109,400	229,150	550	350	13,100	30,750	197,650	212,100	1,615,850
Oct-Dec 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Mar 2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	50
Apr-Jun 2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	300	400
Jul-Sep 2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	50	450
Oct-Dec 2007	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	550	0	300	1,250
Jan-Mar 2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	50	1,600	4,650
Apr-Jun 2008	100	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,300	250	4,950	8,650
Jul-Sep 2008	300	0	0	0	0	100	50	0	2,950	0	0	0	5,150	650	9,950	19,150
Oct-Dec 2008	950	0	0	100	150	150	150	0	3,050	0	0	0	3,500	350	11,000	19,350
Jan-Mar 2009	1,350	0	0	1,550	900	200	6,400	0	3,200	0	0	50	4,200	2,850	21,600	42,250
Apr-Jun 2009	1,750	0	0	2,250	3,100	250	12,550	50	3,950	0	0	2,100	4,550	3,350	31,050	64,950
Jul-Sep 2009	3,300	0	150	4,100	12,050	2,250	12,100	200	4,050	0	0	50	8,400	14,300	41,150	102,050
Oct-Dec 2009	4,350	0	1,200	4,500	3,350	5,300	20,150	550	3,400	0	0	550	5,050	13,150	23,300	84,950
Jan-Mar 2010	9,200	0	3,850	6,800	3,300	13,600	27,900	600	12,150	0	200	2,750	7,800	19,500	27,350	135,000
Apr-Jun 2010	13,600	50	9,400	11,950	8,900	23,300	41,700	2,050	17,850	0	100	3,900	9,750	28,100	32,100	202,650
Jul-Sep 2010	21,250	100	15,950	20,350	31,400	30,850	48,900	4,900	32,850	0	150	11,800	12,650	73,350	44,050	348,500
Oct-Dec 2010	45,950	50	7,000	9,050	8,400	21,750	54,500	11,550	39,850	0	100	3,550	7,650	38,650	26,750	274,750
Jan-Mar 2011	67,350	0	6,400	42,150	13,700	37,750	125,950	22,250	37,400	0	100	2,000	11,300	35,400	53,600	455,400
Apr-Jun 2011	83,450	10,200	26,100	43,950	28,550	44,700	144,350	64,000	88,700	2,050	100	6,450	13,950	80,400	84,250	721,250
Jul-Sep 2011	139,000	20,350	37,700	67,700	62,350	76,450	219,850	126,800	174,550	30,450	100	31,850	23,450	219,250	147,450	1,377,300
Oct-Dec 2011	109,700	950	17,700	49,950	27,150	37,850	165,350	57,200	122,850	550	250	8,000	12,900	95,300	98,450	804,150
Jan-Mar 2012	116,800	500	17,550	51,550	29,500	44,600	159,750	52,300	106,300	0	150	5,100	17,900	102,400	113,600	817,950

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Table 14: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) achievements by level, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Entry Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Total
06-07	-	-	-	500	350	-	-	-	-	900
07-08	400	1,750	8,250	15,250	7,100	850	50	50	-	33,700
08-09	16,400	41,300	91,150	46,950	22,000	9,100	100	1,600	50	228,600
09-10	76,500	193,850	354,800	113,000	15,900	12,300	2,400	2,250	150	771,100
10-11	199,500	718,900	1,496,750	347,000	36,000	20,150	6,350	3,800	200	2,828,700
11-12	101,300	410,200	870,650	199,850	21,550	10,850	3,400	4,100	150	1,622,100
Oct-Dec 2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-Mar 2007	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	50
Apr-Jun 2007	-	-	-	100	300	-	-	-	-	400
Jul-Sep 2007	-	-	-	400	50	-	-	-	-	450
Oct-Dec 2007	-	50	350	500	350	-	-	-	-	1,250
Jan-Mar 2008	50	1,150	350	1,700	1,250	100	50	-	-	4,650
Apr-Jun 2008	150	100	2,150	5,200	900	150	-	-	-	8,650
Jul-Sep 2008	250	450	5,400	7,800	4,600	600	-	50	-	19,150
Oct-Dec 2008	200	1,150	6,050	6,550	4,600	750	-	100	-	19,350
Jan-Mar 2009	3,600	5,350	16,750	9,400	4,400	2,300	-	400	-	42,250
Apr-Jun 2009	4,950	10,700	29,300	12,450	5,200	2,000	-	350	-	64,950
Jul-Sep 2009	7,650	24,100	39,050	18,550	7,850	4,050	100	800	-	102,050
Oct-Dec 2009	5,850	17,800	41,000	14,500	2,450	2,750	200	300	50	84,950
Jan-Mar 2010	14,450	31,850	62,250	20,250	3,450	2,400	-	350	50	135,000
Apr-Jun 2010	17,450	45,000	101,750	30,500	4,200	2,900	200	650	-	202,650
Jul-Sep 2010	38,750	99,250	149,800	47,700	5,800	4,250	1,950	900	50	348,500
Oct-Dec 2010	17,200	80,950	135,600	30,500	5,650	3,250	900	550	100	274,750
Jan-Mar 2011	28,550	94,700	270,600	48,750	7,100	4,150	700	700	50	455,400
Apr-Jun 2011	48,600	173,400	405,300	78,650	8,400	4,700	1,350	850	-	721,250
Jul-Sep 2011	105,100	369,850	685,200	189,050	14,850	8,050	3,400	1,700	100	1,377,300
Oct-Dec 2011	49,250	210,250	434,500	91,400	9,950	5,300	1,100	2,300	50	804,150
Jan-Mar 2012	52,050	199,950	436,150	108,500	11,600	5,550	2,300	1,800	100	817,950

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of QCF
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years i.e. October to September
4. All figures are rounded to the nearest fifty
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Table 15: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) achievements by size, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Size			Total
	Award	Certificate	Diploma	
06-07	550		350	900
07-08	24,850	5,150	3,700	33,700
08-09	154,200	33,950	40,450	228,600
09-10	505,700	177,850	87,550	771,100
10-11	1,637,650	735,500	455,500	2,828,700
11-12	982,600	454,050	185,450	1,622,100
Oct-Dec 2006				
Jan-Mar 2007	50			50
Apr-Jun 2007	100		300	400
Jul-Sep 2007	400		50	450
Oct-Dec 2007	550	400	300	1,250
Jan-Mar 2008	3,500	950	200	4,650
Apr-Jun 2008	7,500	1,100	100	8,650
Jul-Sep 2008	13,300	2,750	3,100	19,150
Oct-Dec 2008	12,500	3,350	3,500	19,350
Jan-Mar 2009	32,000	4,100	6,150	42,250
Apr-Jun 2009	47,550	8,450	9,000	64,950
Jul-Sep 2009	62,200	18,050	21,800	102,050
Oct-Dec 2009	64,000	15,050	5,900	84,950
Jan-Mar 2010	105,550	23,500	5,950	135,000
Apr-Jun 2010	133,300	53,950	15,450	202,650
Jul-Sep 2010	202,850	85,350	60,250	348,500
Oct-Dec 2010	185,200	59,100	30,400	274,750
Jan-Mar 2011	330,150	85,100	40,100	455,400
Apr-Jun 2011	446,000	191,200	84,050	721,250
Jul-Sep 2011	676,300	400,050	300,900	1,377,300
Oct-Dec 2011	488,700	220,950	94,500	804,150
Jan-Mar 2012	493,900	233,100	90,950	817,950

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of QCF
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years i.e. October to September
4. Awards have a credit value between 1 and 12
5. Certificates have a credit value between 13 and 36
6. Diplomas have a credit value of 37 and over
7. All figures are included to the nearest fifty
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Table 16: Occupation qualifications achievements, 33 qualifications with the most number of achievements, Jan-Mar 2012 (Jan-Mar 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Qualification	Number of achievements	
	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2012
City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	1,250	250
EDEXCEL Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	550	150
OCR Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	500	150
City & Guilds Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	300	100
OCR Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	100	50
NCTJ Level 3 Certificate in Journalism	100	50
EDI Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	250	50
EDEXCEL Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	200	50
EAL Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	100	0
EDI Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	100	0
EAL Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	50	0
CACHE Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	50	0
City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates' Performance through Observation	100	0
CMI Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates using a Range of Methods	0	0
VTCT Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	0	0
CIPD Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	50	0
EDI Level 2 National Award in Technical Theatre (Rigging, Lighting and Sound)	0	0
EDI Level 3 National Award in Live Events and Promotion	0	0
PAAVQSET Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	0	0
VTCT Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	0	0
EDI Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates' Performance through Observation	0	0
NCFE Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates using a Range of Methods	50	0
City & Guilds Level 4 Award in Conducting External Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	0	0
EDEXCEL Level 4 Award in Conducting External Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	0	0
ETCAL Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	0	0
OCR Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates' Performance through Observation	0	0
CACHE Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	0	0
EDEXCEL Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates' Performance through Observation	0	0
EDI Level 2 National Award in Cultural and Heritage Venue Operations	0	0
EDI Level 3 National Award in Music Business (Recording Industry)	0	0
ETCAL Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	0	0
IMIAL Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	0	0
IMIAL Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	0	0

Notes:

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Table 17: Occupation qualifications achievements, by awarding organisation, Jan-Mar 2012 (Jan-Mar 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland		
Awarding organisation	Number of achievements	
	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2012
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,700	350
Pearson Education Ltd	800	200
OCR	600	200
EDI	450	100
EMTA Awards Limited	150	50
NCTJ Training	100	50
VTCT	50	0
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	50	0
Chartered Management Institute	0	0
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	50	0
PAAVQSET	0	0
NCFE	50	0
ETC Awards Limited	0	0
IMI Awards Ltd	50	0
Open University Awarding Body	0	0
GQA Qualifications Limited	0	0

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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Table 18: Occupation qualifications achievements by sector subject area, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	01 - Health, public services and care	03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	09 - Arts, media and publishing	12 - Languages, literature and culture	13 - Education and training	14 - Preparation for life and work	15 - Business, administration and law	Total number of achievements
06-07	0	3,550	50	0	0	23,050	100	50	26,800
07-08	0	1,700	0	900	0	21,800	50	0	24,450
08-09	0	1,950	0	1,500	0	22,750	50	200	26,450
09-10	100	450	0	1,350	0	21,250	0	50	23,200
10-11	0	2,300	0	1,250	0	13,900	0	0	17,500
11-12	0	50	0	350	0	2,550	0	0	2,950
Oct-Dec 2006	0	1,450	0	0	0	5,600	0	0	7,100
Jan-Mar 2007	0	0	0	0	0	5,650	0	0	5,700
Apr-Jun 2007	0	450	0	0	0	5,500	0	0	6,000
Jul-Sep 2007	0	1,650	0	0	0	6,300	50	0	8,000
Oct-Dec 2007	0	0	0	0	0	4,850	0	0	4,900
Jan-Mar 2008	0	0	0	0	0	4,900	0	0	4,950
Apr-Jun 2008	0	450	0	300	0	5,600	0	0	6,350
Jul-Sep 2008	0	1,200	0	600	0	6,450	50	0	8,300
Oct-Dec 2008	0	250	0	300	0	5,250	0	0	5,800
Jan-Mar 2009	0	0	0	100	0	5,150	0	0	5,250
Apr-Jun 2009	0	400	0	300	0	5,450	50	200	6,350
Jul-Sep 2009	0	1,300	0	800	0	6,950	0	50	9,100
Oct-Dec 2009	0	100	0	200	0	5,600	0	0	5,950
Jan-Mar 2010	0	0	0	50	0	5,050	0	50	5,150
Apr-Jun 2010	0	350	0	400	0	4,900	0	0	5,650
Jul-Sep 2010	50	0	0	650	0	5,700	0	0	6,450
Oct-Dec 2010	0	1,500	0	550	0	4,150	0	0	6,200
Jan-Mar 2011	0	0	0	150	0	3,850	0	0	4,050
Apr-Jun 2011	0	350	0	150	0	3,100	0	0	3,600
Jul-Sep 2011	0	400	0	400	0	2,800	0	0	3,600
Oct-Dec 2011	0	50	0	300	0	1,650	0	0	2,000
Jan-Mar 2012	0	0	0	50	0	900	0	0	1,000

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years i.e. October to September
4. Figures not included for subject sector areas: science and mathematics; engineering and manufacturing technologies; construction, planning and the built environment; information and communication technology; leisure, travel and tourism; history, philosophy and theology; social sciences
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Table 19: Occupational qualifications achievements by level, 06-07 to Jan-Mar 2012

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total number of achievements
06-07	3,200	19,500	4,100	26,800
07-08	1,700	18,650	4,150	24,450
08-09	1,600	20,550	4,300	26,450
09-10	400	18,550	4,250	23,200
10-11	2,100	12,100	3,250	17,500
11-12	100	2,250	650	2,950
Oct-Dec 2006	1,250	4,850	1,000	7,100
Jan-Mar 2007	50	4,700	950	5,700
Apr-Jun 2007	450	4,500	1,050	6,000
Jul-Sep 2007	1,450	5,400	1,150	8,000
Oct-Dec 2007	50	4,000	850	4,900
Jan-Mar 2008	-	4,000	950	4,950
Apr-Jun 2008	400	4,950	1,000	6,350
Jul-Sep 2008	1,250	5,700	1,350	8,300
Oct-Dec 2008	50	4,750	1,000	5,800
Jan-Mar 2009	-	4,200	1,000	5,250
Apr-Jun 2009	350	5,000	1,000	6,350
Jul-Sep 2009	1,200	6,600	1,250	9,100
Oct-Dec 2009	50	4,850	1,050	5,950
Jan-Mar 2010	50	4,100	1,000	5,150
Apr-Jun 2010	300	4,400	950	5,650
Jul-Sep 2010	50	5,150	1,250	6,450
Oct-Dec 2010	1,300	3,950	950	6,200
Jan-Mar 2011	50	3,200	800	4,050
Apr-Jun 2011	350	2,500	750	3,600
Jul-Sep 2011	400	2,450	750	3,600
Oct-Dec 2011	50	1,500	400	2,000
Jan-Mar 2012	-	750	250	1,000

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