2018 key stage 4 performance tables: qualifications in the technical award category

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Introduction

This is the final list of qualifications that have been approved by the Department for Education (DfE) for teaching to 14-16 year olds from September 2016. These qualifications will be reported in the **technical award** category of the 2018 key stage 4 performance tables (published in early 2019). They will be reported alongside other qualifications such as full course GCSEs[1], some accredited IGCSE-style qualifications, AS levels and other Level 3 qualifications[2].

Qualifications that have been approved for reporting in the performance tables for the first time are indicated with an asterisk (*) after the title.

At level 2, qualifications can only be reported in the technical awards category if they are the same size or larger than a GCSE (120 guided learning hours). Qualifications that are larger than a GCSE will be reported as if they were one GCSE in size.

Technical awards are broad, high quality level 1 and level 2 qualifications that equip students with applied knowledge and associated practical skills not usually acquired through general education. At key stage 4, students are encouraged to take up to three technical awards alongside a minimum of five academic GCSEs from the list of EBacc subjects[3]. Further details about key stage 4 performance measures are available at the following link: Progress 8 performance measure

The list contains the qualification number and title and links to information about its purpose and value for further study. This will help students and parents decide which vocational qualifications best meet their learning needs and aspirations.

These links were correct at the time of publication. DfE cannot be held responsible for any omissions after this date. This is because the information is held on the website of the awarding organisation that offers the qualification. DfE will ensure that any omissions reported to them are corrected wherever possible. Please report any omissions to: vq.reform@education.gsi.gov.uk

Please note: Schools and colleges may offer qualifications that are not included in the performance tables, if approved for teaching to 14-16 year olds, where this is the best interests of each of their individual students.

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[1] Please note that the only Level1/Level 2 English and mathematics qualifications that will count in the 2018 key stage 4 tables will be the new reformed GCSEs.

[2] Graded music qualifications and grade 6 and above and free standing maths qualifications.

[3] For further information see: the School Performance Table user guides folder and the "List of qualifications that count in the EBacc".

Headline performance measures at key stage 4

In October 2013 following a public consultation, the Department for Education announced that Progress 8, a measure showing the progress pupils make from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school across 8 qualifications, will replace 5A*-C including English and maths as a headline performance measure for all secondary schools from 2016. .

This means the headline measures for the 2016 secondary school performance tables will be:

- The percentage of pupils achieving the English Baccalaureate[4] (EBacc)
- The percentage of pupils entering the EBacc (subject to consultation)
- Progress across 8 qualifications (Progress 8)
- Attainment across the same 8 qualifications (Attainment 8)
- The percentage of pupils achieving a good pass in English and maths

Further details about these reforms are available at the following link:
Progress 8 measure in 2016 and 2017

Discount codes

Qualifications which will count in the key stage 4 performance tables for the first time in 2018 have been allocated provisional discount codes. These are held in the document library on RAISEonline under 'Further details of the revised performance tables qualifications, discount rules and early entry guidance from 2014'. Final discount codes will be published in early 2016.

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[4] Only AS levels taken early, GCSEs, established IGCSEs and EBacc level 2 and level 1 or 2 certificate will count in the EBacc

Qualifications that will be included in the technical award category in the 2018 key stage 4 performance tables

Technical awards of a similar size to one GCSE

The qualifications listed below are at least the size of one GCSE (a GCSE being measured as 120 guided learning hours). Up to three vocational qualifications can count towards the new Progress 8 and Attainment 8 indicators.

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Subject area	Purpose Statement
Level 2 and Level 1/2				
601/1239/6	IFS Level 2 Certificate in Financial Education (QCF)	130	Administration, accounting and personal finance	Purpose
601/4530/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Animal Care	120	Animal care	Purpose
600/6907/7	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Graphic Design (VRQ)	120	Art and design	Purpose
601/0043/6	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Craft (VRQ)	120	Art and design	Purpose
600/4781/1	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Art and Design	120	Art and design	Purpose
600/5502/9	WJEC Level 1/2 Award in Creative and Media	120	Art and design	Purpose
600/6905/3	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Art and Design (VRQ)	150	Art and design	Purpose
601/0048/5	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Business and Enterprise (VRQ)	120	Business	Purpose
600/5080/9	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Business and Enterprise	120	Business	Purpose
600/4786/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Business	120	Business	Purpose
601/7537/0	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Child Development*	120	Child development and well-being	Purpose
600/6814/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development	120	Child development and well-being	Purpose
600/6644/1	CACHE Level 2 Award in Child Development and Care (VRQ)	125	Child development and well-being	Purpose
600/6817/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Construction and the Built Environment	120	Construction and the built environment	Purpose
601/0543/4	WJEC Level 1/2 Award In Constructing the Built Environment	120	Construction and the built environment	Purpose

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Subject area	Purpose Statement
601/0426/0	WJEC Level 1/2 Award In Designing the Built Environment	120	Construction and the built environment	Purpose
601/1271/2	WJEC Level 1/2 Award In Planning and Maintaining the Built Environment	120	Construction and the built environment	Purpose
601/1199/9	TLM Level 2 Certificate in Designing, Engineering, and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF)	120	Construction and the built environment	Purpose
601/7246/0	City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Designing and Planning the Built Environment*	120	Construction and the built environment	Purpose
601/1219/0	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Engineering Manufacture	120	Engineering	Purpose
601/1273/6	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Principles in Engineering and Engineering Business	120	Engineering	Purpose
601/1407/1	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Systems Control in Engineering	120	Engineering	Purpose
601/1411/3	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Engineering Design	120	Engineering	Purpose
601/7241/1	City and Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Engineering*	120	Engineering	Purpose
600/4788/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Engineering	120	Engineering	Purpose
601/0924/5	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Engineering Design and Product Investigation	120	Engineering	Purpose
601/0925/7	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Engineering Electronics and Computer Control Technologies	120	Engineering	Purpose
601/4532/8	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Engineering Studies (VRQ)	120	Engineering	Purpose
600/8645/2	WJEC Level 1/2 Award In Engineering	120	Engineering	Purpose
601/4558/4	TLM Level 2 Certificate In Smart Product Design and Manufacture (QCF)	120	Manufacturing	Purpose
601/3319/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Engineering Materials and Manufacturing	120	Engineering	Purpose
601/0532/X	IMIAL Level 2 Certificate in Service and Maintenance Engineering (VRQ)	228	Engineering	Purpose
600/6867/X	EAL Level 2 First Certificate in Engineering Technology	230	Engineering	Purpose
601/0556/2	VTCT Level 2 Certificate in Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy (VRQ)	120	Hair and beauty	Purpose
600/4780/X	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care	120	Health and social care	Purpose

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600/4782/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Health and Social Care	120	Health and social care	Purpose
600/7044/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Hospitality	120	Hospitality and catering	Purpose
601/7244/7	City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Cookery and Service for the Hospitality Industry*	120	Hospitality and catering	Purpose
601/4533/X	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Food and Cookery (VRQ)	120	Hospitality and catering	Purpose
601/4555/9	VTCT Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality and Tourism (VRQ)	120	Hospitality and catering	Purpose
600/6943/0	BCS Level 2 ECDL Certificate in IT Application Skills (QCF)	120	ICT	Purpose
600/6627/1	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications	120	ICT	Purpose
600/4789/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Information and Creative Technology	120	ICT	Purpose
600/6688/X	TLM Level 2 Certificate for IT User Skills in Open Systems and Enterprise (QCF)	120	ICT	Purpose
600/4776/8	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in ICT	120	ICT	Purpose
600/6906/5	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Interactive Media (VRQ)	120	Media and communication	Purpose
600/7043/2	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Creative iMedia	120	Media and communication	Purpose
600/6831/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Creative Digital Media Production	120	Media and communication	Purpose
600/6990/9	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Performance Skills (VRQ)	120	Performing arts	Purpose
601/6774/9	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Music Technology	120	Performing arts	Purpose
600/4785/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Performing Arts	120	Performing arts	Purpose
600/6818/8	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Music	120	Performing arts	Purpose
600/6657/X	RSL Level 2 Certificate in Technology for Music Practitioners (QCF)	150	Performing arts	Purpose
600/6655/6	RSL Level 2 Certificate in Performance for Music Practitioners (QCF)	150	Performing arts	Purpose
600/6656/8	RSL Level 2 Certificate in Composition for Music Practitioners (QCF)	150	Performing arts	Purpose
600/8330/X	WJEC Level 1/2 Award in Retail Business	120	Retail	Purpose
601/4534/1	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Health and Fitness (VRQ)	120	Sport	Purpose

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Subject area	Purpose Statement
600/5121/8	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Science	120	Sport	[Purpose](#)
600/5123/1	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Studies	120	Sport	[Purpose](#)
600/4779/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Sport	120	Sport	[Purpose](#)
601/4554/7	VTCT Level 2 Certificate in Sport and Active Leisure (VRQ)	120	Sport	[Purpose](#)
601/7678/7	1st4sport Level 2 Certificate in Active Leisure, Sport and Physical Activities*	126	Sport	[Purpose](#)
600/6512/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Travel and Tourism	120	Travel and tourism	[Purpose](#)
600/9908/2	WJEC Level 1/2 Award in Tourism	120	Travel and tourism	[Purpose](#)
Level 1				
500/4991/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Business Administration (QCF)	100	Administration, accounting and personal finance	[Purpose](#)
500/8053/2	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Interactive Media (QCF)	90	Media and communication	[Purpose](#)
500/8454/9	NCFE Level 1 Award in Graphic Design (QCF)	90	Art and design	[Purpose](#)
500/6540/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Art and Design (QCF)	100	Art and design	[Purpose](#)
601/0489/2	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Creative Studies: Craft (VRQ)	120	Art and design	[Purpose](#)
601/0677/3	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Art and Design (QCF)	130	Art and design	[Purpose](#)
601/0315/2	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Business and Enterprise (VRQ)	120	Business	[Purpose](#)
500/6139/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children (QCF)	100	Child development and well-being	[Purpose](#)
601/1198/7	TLM Level 1 Certificate in Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF)	120	Construction and the built environment	[Purpose](#)
500/6591/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Construction (CF)	130	Construction and the built environment	[Purpose](#)
601/4557/2	TLM Level 1 Certificate In Smart Product Design and Manufacture (QCF)	120	Manufacturing	[Purpose](#)
501/0305/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Engineering (QCF)	130	Engineering	[Purpose](#)
601/4560/2	EAL Level 1 Foundation Certificate in Engineering Technology	160	Engineering	[Purpose](#)

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601/0531/8	IMIAL Level 1 Certificate in Service and Maintenance Engineering (VRQ)	214	Engineering	Purpose
601/4592/4	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Engineering Studies (VRQ)	120	Engineering	Purpose
500/5458/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Health and Social Care (QCF)	100	Health and social care	Purpose
601/0720/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Exploring the Caring Sectors (QCF)	120	Health and social care	Purpose
601/4661/8	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Food and Cookery*	120	Hospitality and catering	Purpose
500/7521/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry (QCF)	124	Hospitality and catering	Purpose
500/6568/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate for IT Users (ITQ) (QCF)	90	ICT	Purpose
601/4559/6	TLM Level 1 Certificate In Open Systems and Enterprise (QCF)	120	ICT	Purpose
500/8423/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Creative Media Production (QCF)	145	Media and communication	Purpose
500/6606/7	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Performing Arts (QCF)	90	Performing arts	Purpose
500/9177/3	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Performance Skills (QCF)	120	Performing arts	Purpose
600/6651/9	RSL Level 1 Certificate in Performance for Music Practitioners (QCF)	150	Performing arts	Purpose
600/6652/0	RSL Level 1 Certificate in Composition for Music Practitioners (QCF)	150	Performing arts	Purpose
600/6653/2	RSL Level 1 Certificate in Technology for Music Practitioners (QCF)	150	Performing arts	Purpose
500/4989/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Sport and Active Leisure (QCF)	100	Sport	Purpose
601/4662/X	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Health and Fitness (VRQ)	120	Sport	Purpose
600/1238/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to the Travel and Tourism Industry (QCF)	206	Travel and tourism	Purpose

Larger technical awards

The qualifications listed below are at least the size of two GCSEs (minimum 240GLH). These qualifications will be reported in performance table indicators as if they were on GCSE in size.

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Subject area	Purpose Statement
Level 2 and Level 1/2				
601/0542/2	IMIAL Level 2 Diploma in Service and Maintenance Engineering (VRQ)	274	Engineering	Purpose
600/6868/1	EAL Level 2 First Diploma in Engineering Technology	330	Engineering	Purpose
Level 1				
500/6668/7	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Construction (QCF)	370	Construction and the built environment	Purpose
601/0541/0	IMIAL Level 1 Diploma in Service and Maintenance Engineering (VRQ)	274	Engineering	Purpose

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