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Introduction

This is the list of qualifications that have been approved by the Department for Education (DfE) for teaching to 16 to 19 year olds from September 2016. These qualifications will be reported in the tech level category of the 2018 16-19 performance tables (to be published in early 2018). They will be reported alongside qualifications such as A Levels and other vocational qualifications.

Tech levels are rigorous advanced (level 3) technical qualifications on a par with A Levels and recognised by employers. They are for students aged 16 plus that want to specialise in a specific industry or prepare for a particular job. They cover jobs and careers where employers recruit people at this level or where a level 3 qualification is needed before students can progress to a related higher education course. Tech levels give students an opportunity to develop specialist knowledge and skills to help them get an apprenticeship or job, for example in engineering, IT, accounting or professional cookery, or progress to a higher level qualification. In some cases, a tech level qualification is a 'licence to practise' or can exempt someone holding the qualification from a professional exam. Tech levels are recognised by trade or professional bodies or at least five employers. Alternatively, the qualification may be accepted by a national licensed professional registration scheme.

The list contains the qualification number and title and links to information about its purpose and value for further study, jobs or careers it could lead to and letters of support from employers and/or employer bodies. 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 point. This is because the information is held on the website of the awarding organisation offering 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

Qualifications that will be reported in performance tables for the first time in 2018 have an asterisk (*) after the title.

Please note: Schools and colleges may offer qualifications that are not included in the performance tables, if approved for teaching to 16-19 year olds where this is the best interests of each of their individual students.

Headline performance measures for 16-19 year olds

In 2013, DfE announced significant reforms to school and college performance tables. These affect the reporting of exam results from the summer of 2016 onwards. The new headline measures for school and college performance will be:

- progress;
- attainment;
- progress in English and maths (for students without a GCSE pass at A*-C in these subjects);
- retention; and
- destination.

From 2016, the attainment and progress measures in 16-18 performance tables will report the following categories of qualification at level 3: academic qualifications (such as A levels); tech levels and applied general qualifications. From 2017, the measures will also report technical certificates at level 2. This can help students and parents decide which courses to take and then select a school or college in their area which offers this course.

Further information can be found at the following link: [16 to 19 accountability headline measures: technical guide](#)

Tech levels count towards the TechBacc (technical baccalaureate) performance measure. This recognises the highest level of technical training achieved by students aged 16-19. To achieve the TechBacc¹, students will need to attain:

- an approved level 3 tech level qualification;
- an approved level 3 mathematics qualification;
- an extended project qualification.

From 2016/17, a funding uplift will be provided for students that successfully complete a large TechBacc programme, where the tech level, level 3 maths and extended project qualification are the size of 4 A levels or larger.

More information about the TechBacc funding uplift is available on page 7 of the [TechBacc performance measure policy document](#).

¹ [Technical baccalaureate measure](#)

Qualifications that will be included in the tech level category in the 2018 16-19 performance tables

Tech levels in agriculture, horticulture and animal care

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Agriculture				
601/7463/8	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land-based Engineering (1080)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
601/7557/6	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife Management*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7558/8	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7565/5	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (720)*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7564/3	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (1080)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
601/7448/1	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Agriculture*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7452/3	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7451/1	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture (720)*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7459/6	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture (1080)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Animal management				
601/7518/7	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7520/5	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7550/3	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720)*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7549/7	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Horse management				
601/7184/4	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Equine Management*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7185/6	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7186/8	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (720)*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7187/X	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Floristry				
601/7444/4	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Floristry (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
Forestry and arboriculture				
601/7507/2	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7517/5	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture (1080)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Horticulture				
601/7453/5	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Horticulture*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7456/0	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horticulture (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7455/9	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture (720)*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7454/7	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture (1080)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Tech levels in arts, media and publishing

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Art and design				
601/7140/6	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Entertainment Technology: Video Games Art and Animation*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7139/X	AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical Level Entertainment Technology: Video Games Art and Mechanics*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7141/8	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Entertainment Technology: Video Games Art and Design*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7142/X	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Entertainment Technology: Video Games Art and Design Production*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Media				
601/7260/5	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Digital Media (VRQ)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7261/7	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Digital Media (VRQ)*	720	Purpose	Recognition
Music technology				
601/7308/7	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Music Technology (Music Producer) (720)*	720	Purpose	Recognition
Sound engineering				
601/7317/8	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Music Technology (Sound Engineer)*	360	Purpose	Recognition

Tech levels in business, administration and law

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Business				
601/7147/9	AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical Level Business: Marketing Communications*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7148/0	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Business: Marketing*	720	Purpose	Recognition
Legal services				
601/7401/8	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate for Legal Secretaries*	360	Purpose	Recognition
Medical services				
601/7400/6	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Medical Administration (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition

Tech levels in child development and well-being

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Early years educator				
601/7440/7	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator) (1080)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
601/7571/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7572/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Tech levels in construction, planning and the built environment

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Bricklaying				
601/7236/8	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Bricklaying (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
Electrical installation				
601/7307/5	City & Guilds Advanced Technical Diploma in Electrical Installation (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
Painting and decorating				
601/7420/1	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Painting and Decorating (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
Plastering				
601/7417/1	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Plastering (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
Plumbing				
601/7201/0	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Plumbing (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
601/4567/5	EAL Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Plumbing	363	Purpose	Recognition
Site carpentry				
601/7418/3	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Site Carpentry (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
Architectural Joinery				
601/7419/5	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Architectural Joinery (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition

Tech levels in engineering and manufacturing

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Engineering				
601/4535/3	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate In Engineering	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/4507/9	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Engineering (540)	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/4506/7	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Engineering (720)	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7079/7	AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical Level Engineering*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7080/3	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Engineering: Mechatronic Engineering*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7081/5	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Engineering: Design Engineering*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7082/7	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Engineering: Power Network Engineering*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/4600/X	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Engineering (VRQ)	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/4599/7	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Engineering (VRQ)	720	Purpose	Recognition
Electrical engineering				
601/4563/8	EAL Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Electrical Installation	459	Purpose	Recognition
Engineering and manufacturing technology				
601/4564/X	EAL Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Engineering Technology	375	Purpose	Recognition
Vehicle technology				
601/7382/8	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in the Automotive Industry*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7383/X	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in the Automotive Industry (720)*	720	Purpose	Recognition

Tech levels in health and social care

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Health and social care				
601/7355/5	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Complementary Therapies (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7207/1	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Health and Care (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7200/9	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Care (1080)*	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Tech levels in information and communication technology

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
IT				
601/7124/8	AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical Level IT: Cyber Security*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7127/3	AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: Cyber Security and Security Administration*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7126/1	AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical Level IT: Technical Support*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7128/5	AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: Networking*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7130/3	AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: User Support*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7125/X	AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical Level IT: Scripting and App Programming*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7129/7	AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: Programming*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7099/2	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in IT (VRQ)*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7100/5	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in IT (VRQ)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7101/7	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in IT (VRQ)*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/4513/4	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Digital Technologies	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/4511/0	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Digital Technologies (720)	720	Purpose	Recognition

Tech levels in sport

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Sport and active leisure				
601/6042/1	Active IQ Level 3 Diploma In Physical Activity, Fitness and Exercise Science (QCF)*	900	Purpose	Recognition

Tech levels in retail, hospitality and commercial enterprise

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Beauty				
601/7352/X	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Beauty and Spa Therapy (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7492/4	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Nail Technology (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
601/7348/8	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Hairdressing (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7346/4	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Barbering (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
601/7514/X	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects and Media Make-up Artistry (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7501/1	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Media Make-up Artistry (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
Cookery				
601/7497/3	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Professional Cookery (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
601/7462/6	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma for Professional Chefs (540)*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7499/7	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma for Professional Chefs (Kitchen and Larder) (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
601/7498/5	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma for Professional Chefs (Patisserie and Confectionary) (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition
Food and beverage service supervision				
601/7370/1	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Supervision in Food and Beverage Services (450)*	450	Purpose	Recognition



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