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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 applied general qualification category of the 2018 16-19 performance tables (to be published in early 2019). They will be reported alongside qualifications such as A Levels and other vocational qualifications.

Applied general qualifications are rigorous advanced (level 3) qualifications that allow 16 to 19 year old students to develop transferable knowledge and skills. They are for students that want to continue their education through applied learning. Applied general qualifications allow entry to a range of higher education courses, either by meeting the entry requirements in their own right or being accepted alongside and adding value to other qualifications at level 3 such as A levels. Higher education institutions, such as universities, have pledged support for all approved applied general qualifications listed.

The list contains the qualification number and title and links to information about its purpose and value for further study and letters of support from higher education institutions. 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](#)

Qualifications that will be included in the applied general category of the 2018 16-19 performance tables

Applied general qualifications in performing arts and media

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Media and communication				
601/7258/7	OCR level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Digital Media*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7259/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Digital Media*	360	Purpose	Recognition
Music				
601/6779/8	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology (VRQ)*	360	Purpose	Recognition
Performing arts				
601/7684/2	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Performing Arts*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7685/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Performing Arts*	360	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in finance and business

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Finance				
600/8537/X	IFS Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
600/8551/4	IFS Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
Business				
601/7698/2	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Business*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7699/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business*	360	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in health and social care

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Health and social care				
601/7059/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Health and Social Care*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7060/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care*	360	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in construction, planning and the built environment

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Building and construction				
601/1563/4	TLM Level 3 Certificate for Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/1562/2	TLM Level 3 Diploma for Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF)	300	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in engineering

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Engineering				
601/4593/6	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Engineering Principles	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/4594/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Engineering	360	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in information and communication technology

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
ICT practitioners				
601/7097/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7098/0	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in IT*	360	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in sport

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evience
Sport				
601/7093/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7094/3	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7690/8	1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Sports Performance and Excellence*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7671/4	1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Physical Activities*	750	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in hospitality

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Hospitality and catering				
601/4552/3	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition	360	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in science & mathematics

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Environmental science				
601/4550/X	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Environmental Science	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/4551/1	WJEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Science	720	Purpose	Recognition
Mathematics and statistics				
601/4546/8	WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Statistical Problem Solving Using Software	150	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in sociology and social policy

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Sociology and social policy				
601/6248/X	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology*	360	Purpose	Recognition



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