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Key findings

This bulletin covers all National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ), Vocationally Related qualifications (VRQ), Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) qualifications, and Occupational qualifications (OQ), at all levels. For the purposes of this bulletin these four types are considered to be 'vocational qualifications'. The qualification type is that recorded in the Register of Regulated Qualifications; please see the glossary¹ for further details. There is some overlap between the figures in this bulletin and those in the Higher qualifications Quarterly, which covers all qualifications at level 4 and above.

There were 2,083,450 regulated vocational qualification achievements recorded in July to September 2011, an increase of 17% on the same quarter of 2010. There were 13,378 available regulated qualifications, an increase of 30% on the previous year. These achievements covered 6,338 different qualifications, offered by 125 different awarding organisations.

National Vocational qualifications

In July to September 2011, 124,250 NVQ achievements were recorded, a decrease of 64% on the same quarter of the previous year. These achievements covered 911 different qualifications, offered by 39 different awarding organisations. The decline in achievements reflects in part the restructuring of some qualifications, which have then been recoded as QCF type. Please note that these figures refer to qualifications coded as NVQ type, and do not include NVQs on the QCF.

There has been a downward trend in NVQ achievements since April to June 2010 (figure 2), and for the first time this quarter there is no seasonal spike in achievements as seen in previous years.

The NVQ with the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care, which recorded 6,150 achievements. The awarding organisation that recorded the most NVQ achievements was City & Guilds, with 56,100 achievements (45% of all NVQ achievements).

Vocationally Related qualifications

From July to September 2011, 561,950 VRQ achievements were recorded, a decrease of 48% on the same quarter of the previous year. These achievements covered 1,206 different qualifications, offered by 76 different awarding organisations.

¹ Glossary can be found at www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/165/411

The decline in achievements reflects in part the restructuring of some qualifications, which have then been recoded as QCF type. Please note that these figures refer to qualifications coded as VRQ type and do not include any qualifications on the QCF.

The VRQ with the greatest number of achievements was the OCR Level 2 National First Award in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), which recorded 65,100 achievements, a 21% increase on the same quarter in 2010. The awarding organisation that recorded the most VRQ achievements was Pearson Education Ltd (Edexcel), with 249,050 achievements (44% of all VRQ achievements).

Qualifications and Credit Framework qualifications

From July to September 2011, 1,393,650 QCF achievements were recorded, which is a fourfold increase on the figure for the same quarter of the previous year (348,500). These achievements covered 4,161 different qualifications offered by 98 different awarding organisations. Please note that these figures refer to full qualifications, not units. The increase in achievement numbers reflects the restructuring of many qualifications, which have been put onto the QCF. This is a credit-based framework which enables learners to accumulate and transfer credit towards a regulated qualification.

The QCF qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) Level 2 award in Food Safety in Catering, with 40,000 achievements. The awarding organisation that recorded the most QCF achievements was Pearson Education Ltd. (Edexcel), with 289,450 achievements (21% of all QCF achievements).

Occupational qualifications

From July to September 2011, 3,600 OQ achievements were recorded, which represents a decrease of 44% on the same quarter of the previous year. These achievements covered 60 different qualifications, offered by 18 different awarding organisations. Please note that these figures refer to qualifications coded as OQ type, and do not include any qualifications on the QCF.

The OQ with the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods, which recorded 850 achievements. The awarding organisation that recorded the most OQ achievements was City & Guilds, with 1,250 achievements (35% of all OQ 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. In this bulletin we present data on achievements for regulated vocational qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the July to September 2011 quarter.

This bulletin is one of a suite of three publications presenting quarterly data on achievements for regulated qualifications, excluding GCSEs, GCEs² and the Diploma. The other two bulletins are:

- Higher Qualifications Quarterly (covers all qualifications at level 4 and above **[edit ok? Info taken from supplemental quarterly]**)
- 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 qualifications).

All awarding organisations submit data to us each quarter on the number of achievements for regulated qualifications (excluding GCSE and GCE) during the quarter. Achievements are recorded in the quarter during which the final certificate is issued. This bulletin presents this data, giving information on the number of achievements recorded by awarding organisations, along with the sector subject area (SSA), qualification type and level of achievements. All regulated qualifications are included, regardless of age of learner, centre type and funding status of the qualification.

Geographical coverage

The bulletin covers the regulated qualifications of all recognised awarding organisations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Only one figure for the total number of achievements for each qualification is available, so it is not currently possible to present the data at country level. We have now started collecting more comprehensive data and eventually expect to be able to present data at country level.

² 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

Qualification type

At the point of accreditation, regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 18 qualification types, which are used to classify qualifications in this bulletin. It is recognised that the current classification system is not ideal, as very similar qualifications can be classified under more than one type, for example NVQ and QCF. We are investigating how this situation might be improved in the future.

Revisions

Once published, data on the number of certifications 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 2, 2011 bulletin. These revisions were due to historical updates from two awarding organisations.

Completeness of the data

Data is sent to us every quarter by each awarding organisation. Any awarding organisation that does not return a complete set of data within the collection period is contacted to ensure the data is as complete as possible. For this quarter, data was received from all awarding organisations.

Figures in the commentary and tables for the numbers of achievements recorded are rounded to the nearest 50. This reflects the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale data collection.

Due to seasonal variation in the number of achievements over the year, comparisons in this bulletin are only made to 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

Definitions

A glossary is available as a separate document in the statistical section of our website: www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/165/411 with further details on SSA classifications, qualification types and levels.

In the charts in this bulletin quarter numbers refer 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.

Any suggestions or comments regarding this bulletin would be welcome. Our contact details are at the back of this document.

Achievements this quarter

To provide an overall perspective on achievements during the latest quarter, this section presents figures for all qualification types, except GCE, GCSE and Diploma types. Further details for 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 July to September 2011 is shown in the table below (with July to September 2010 shown for comparison).

Qualification	July to September 2010	July to September 2011	
Basic Skills	197,200	138,900	↓
ESOL	119,650	115,100	↓
Entry level	172,850	125,600	↓
Free-standing Mathematics Qualification	22,900	23,900	↑
Functional Skills	188,300	334,500	↑
Higher level	23,600	12,000	↓
Key Skills	467,900	243,550	↓
NVQ	349,550	124,250	↓
OQ	6,450	3,600	↓
Other general qualification	535,000	480,650	↓
QCF	348,500	1,393,650	↑
VRQ	1,078,700	561,950	↓
Total number of achievements	3,510,550	3,598,500	↑

From the table above we can see the impact of qualifications being restructured onto the QCF, with a fourfold increase in the number of achievements. We also see nearly

a twofold increase in Functional Skills achievements, a qualification type which replaces Key Skills and Basic Skills. Key Skills and Basic Skills have a corresponding decline of 223,350 (48%) and 58,300 (30%) on the achievements given in July to September 2010. There is also a slight increase (by 1,000 achievements) in the number of Free-standing Mathematics Qualifications awarded. 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 (63%), higher level (49%), VRQ (45%) and OQ (43%).

Those with a rather smaller decline were Entry level (27%), other general (10%) and ESOL (4%).

The 20 qualifications with the highest number of achievements across all qualification types, for the period July to September 2011, are shown in the table below.

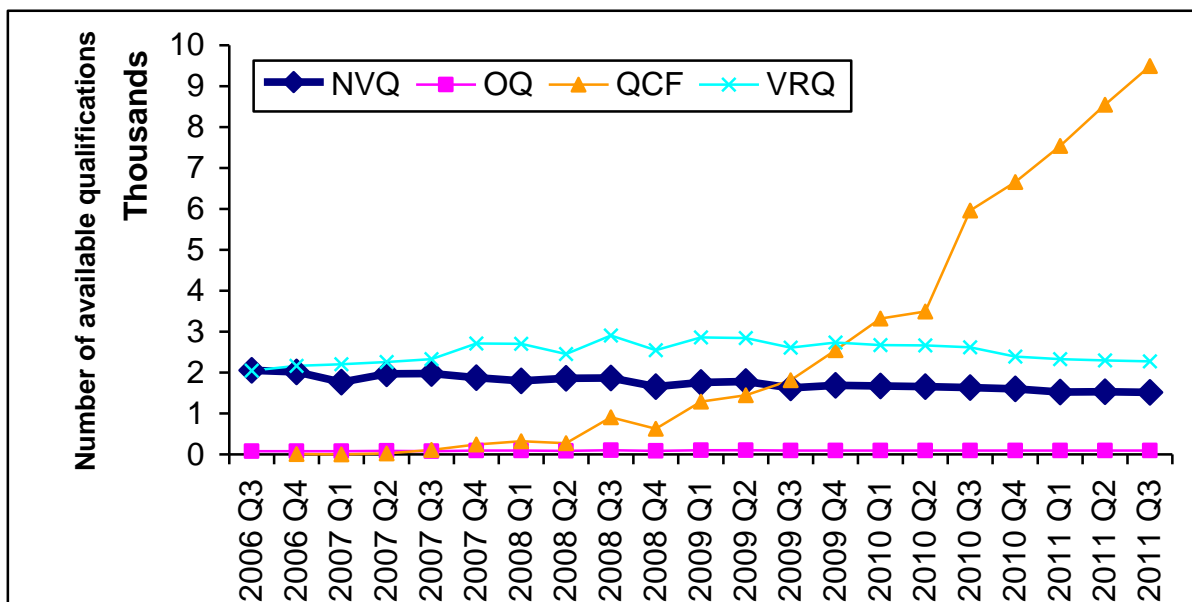
Qualification	Qualification type	Number of achievements
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	VRQ	65,100
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance	OG	59,700
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	QCF	40,000
EDEXCEL Level 2 Award in Digital Applications for IT Users	OG	36,850
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	VRQ	35,950
AQA Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life	OG	26,350
AQA Level 1 Certificate in French (FCSE)	OG	26,350
AQA Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	FS	25,200
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	QCF	23,550
EDEXCEL Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users	OG	21,950
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science	VRQ	21,500

AQA Level 1 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life	OG	21,100
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Sport	VRQ	20,500
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Music Performance	OG	19,150
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	FS	18,600
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in mathematics at Entry 3	FS	17,700
BIIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	QCF	17,000
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 3	FS	16,750
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	FS	16,600
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	QCF	16,000

Regulated vocational qualifications

There are currently 13,378 available regulated vocational qualifications, that is to say those qualifications that have not yet passed their certification end date and so are available to be awarded. This is an increase of 30% on the previous year. These qualifications comprise 9,496 QCF (71% of available vocational qualifications), 2,270 VRQs (17%), 1,518 NVQs (11%) and 94 OQs (less than 1%) (see figure 1 and table 1).

Figure 1: Number of available regulated vocational qualifications per quarter, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011



We can see from figure 1 that the QCF has been growing at a consistent pace since quarter 3, 2009. The NVQs and VRQs decrease in number very slightly, and OQs stay relatively stable, as although QCFs are replacing NVQs and VRQs there will be a duplication of qualifications available until the old qualifications finish certifying. Over time we expect the availability of each of these qualification types to decline.

During the last quarter, 843 new vocational qualifications were added to the list of available regulated qualifications. These included 840 QCF qualifications and three VRQs.

During the last quarter there were no re-categorisations of qualifications in terms of awarding organisation, type, level and SSA.

National Vocational qualifications

(See figures 2–7 and tables 1–6.)

Please note that these figures refer to qualifications coded as NVQ type and do not include NVQs on the QCF.

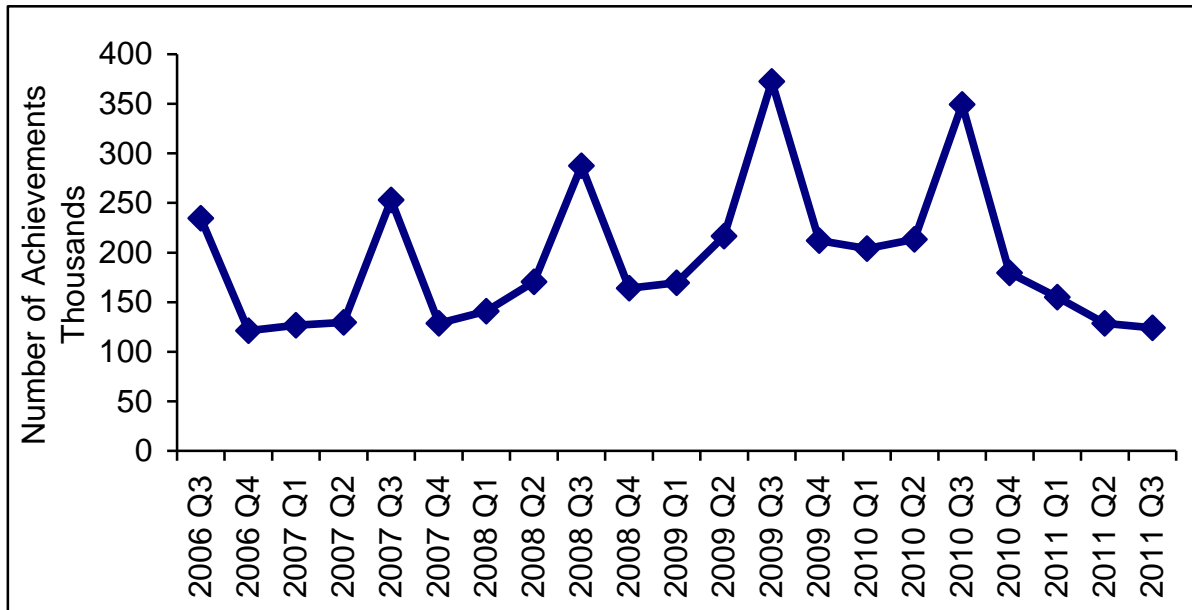
NVQs are work-related, competence-based qualifications which cover a broad range of occupations and are delivered in a workplace setting. NVQs are made up of units taken from the National Occupational Standards (NOS), which define the knowledge, understanding and competence required to perform a particular job. The standards for NVQs are designed and set by the appropriate sector skills council or sector body.

Achievements

In July to September 2011, 124,250 NVQ achievements were recorded at all levels, a decrease of 64% on the same quarter of 2010 (see figure 2 and table 2). There is a downward trend in NVQ achievements since April to June 2010 (figure 2). This decrease partly reflects the restructuring of some qualifications, which have then been recoded as QCF type. The decrease is particularly dramatic when we consider that there is usually a seasonal spike of achievements reported in quarter 3 of each year, which is in line with the academic year. This year the spike does not seem to have occurred relative to achievements seen in previous quarters.

These achievements covered 911 different qualifications (a slight decrease on 954 in the previous quarter) offered by 39 different awarding organisations. In July to September 2011 NVQs represented 11% of available vocational qualifications and 6% of achievements.

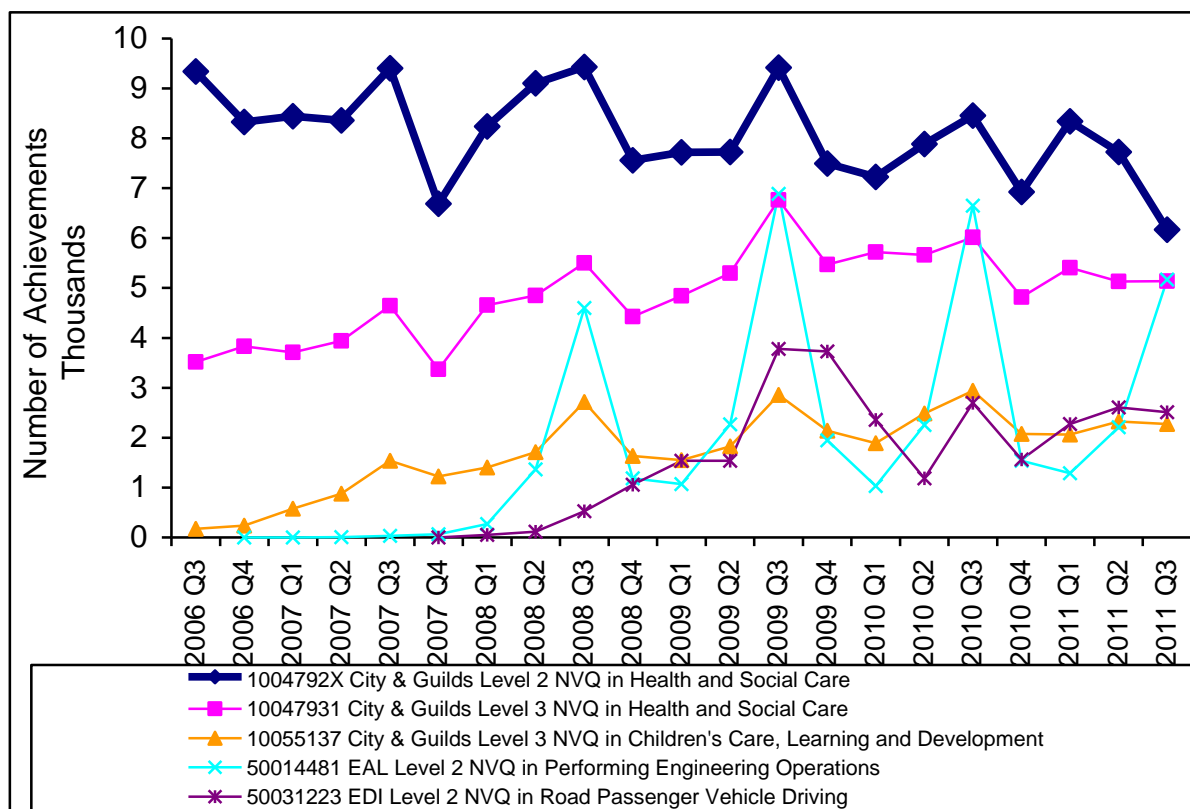
Figure 2: Total number of NVQ achievements per quarter, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011



Qualifications

The NVQ with the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care, with 6,150 achievements. The 40 NVQs 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 July to September 2011.

Figure 3: The five NVQs with the highest number of achievements for July to September 2011, showing trend from July to September 2006



Awarding organisations

The awarding organisation that recorded the highest number of achievements for NVQs was City & Guilds, with 56,100 achievements (45% 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, and figure 5 shows the five-year trend for the five awarding organisations that recorded the greatest number of achievements in July to September 2011. These five represent 81% of all NVQ achievements in July to September 2011. In figure 5 the downward trend since July to September 2010 can be seen for City & Guilds, Edexcel and EDI.

Figure 4: NVQ achievements – by awarding organisation – July to September 2011

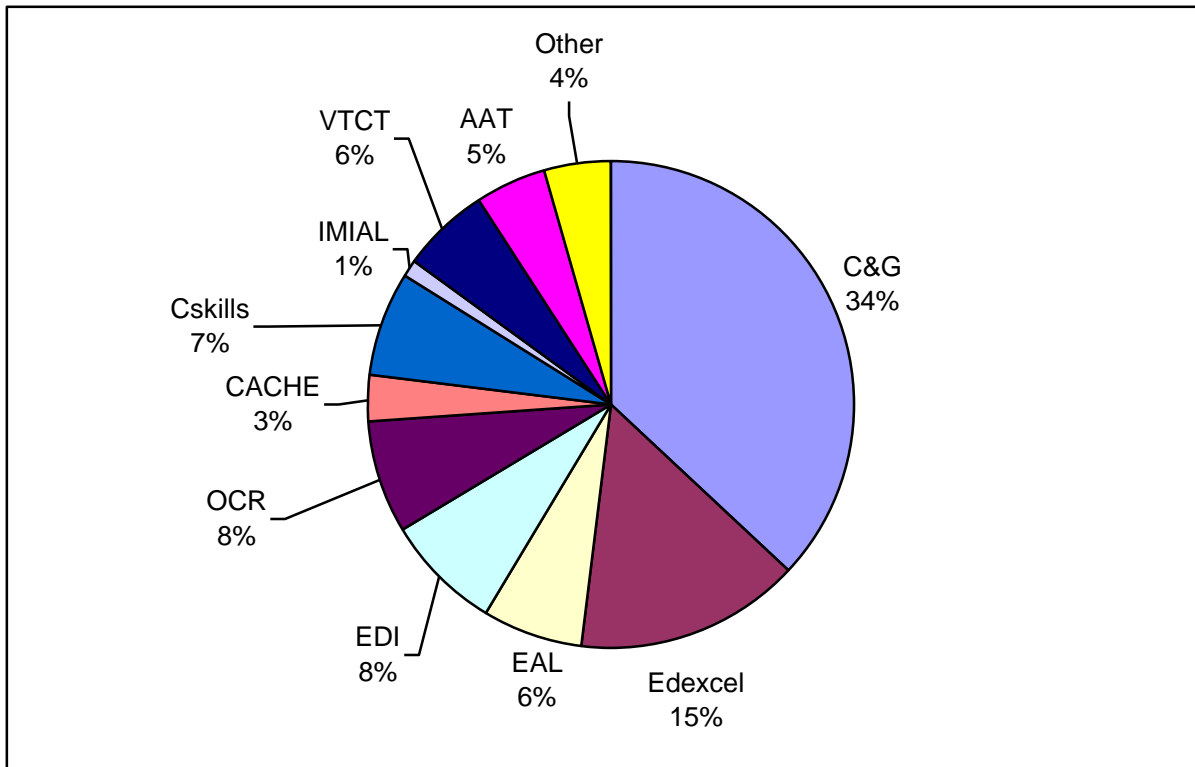
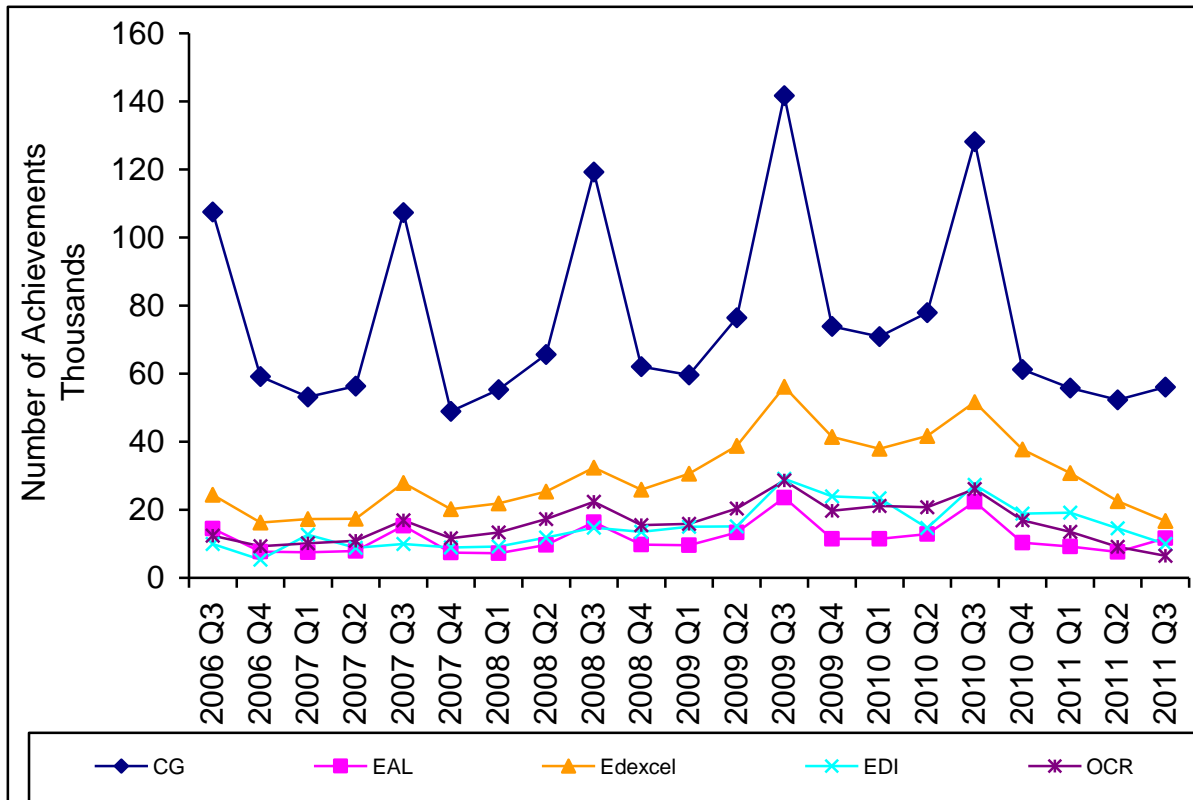


Figure 5: The five awarding organisations that recorded the greatest number of achievements for NVQs in July to September 2011, showing trend since July to September 2006



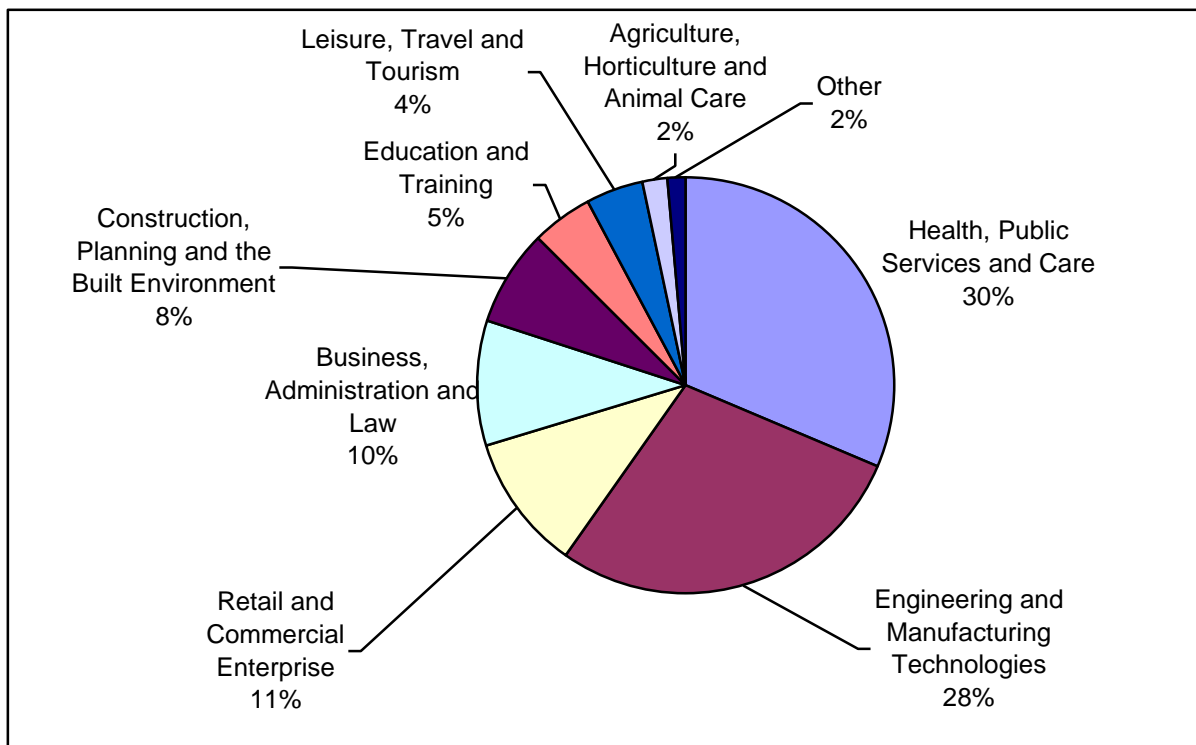
Sector subject area

Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 15 sector subject area codes; (see the glossary for further details). The SSA which recorded the highest number of achievements for NVQs was health, public services and care, with 38,850 achievements, representing 31% of NVQs in July to September 2011. The second largest area was engineering and manufacturing technologies with 35,250 achievements, representing 28% of NVQ achievements (see figure 6 and table 5). All SSAs have declined in achievements since quarter 3 of the previous year.

Although health, public services and care is the largest sector, when we examine the decline of NVQs since the same quarter in the previous year, we see that this sector has only declined by 31%. This compares with the two largest sectors in quarter 3 of 2010 (retail and commercial enterprise, and business, administration and law) where we see declines of 85% and 84% respectively. This would suggest that qualifications

in health, public services and care do not appear to be moving as quickly onto the QCF.

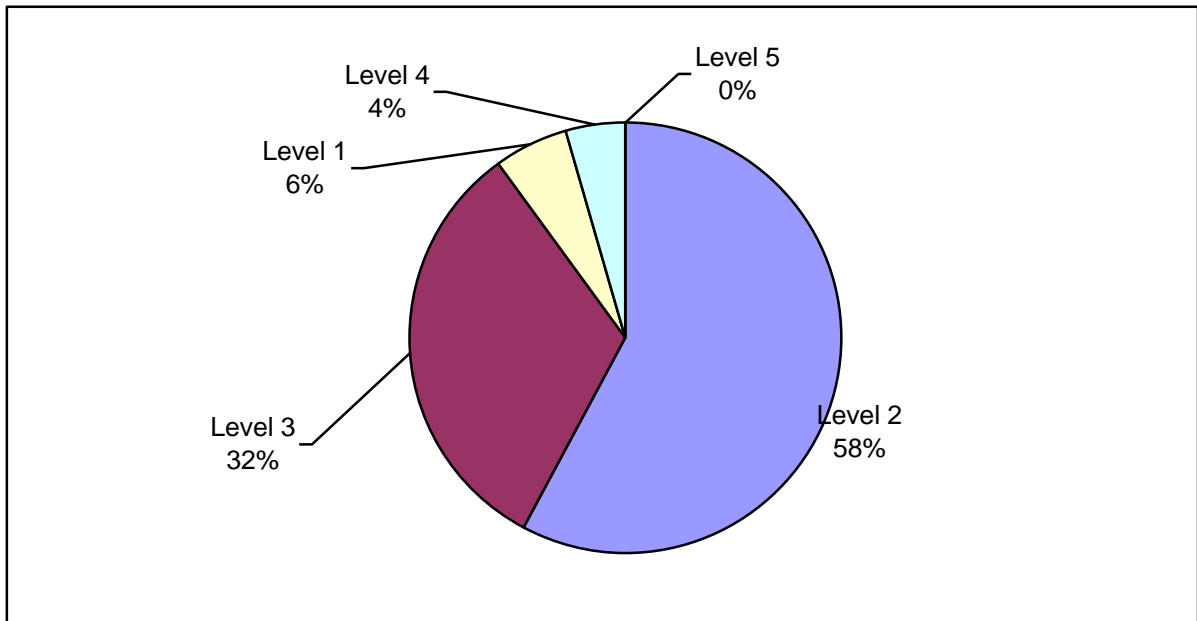
Figure 6: NVQ achievements by SSA, July to September 2011



Level of qualification

The majority of NVQ achievements were at level 2, with 71,650 achievements, representing 58% of NVQ achievements in July to September 2011 (see figure 7 and table 6).

Figure 7: NVQ achievements by level, July to September 2011



Vocationally Related qualifications

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

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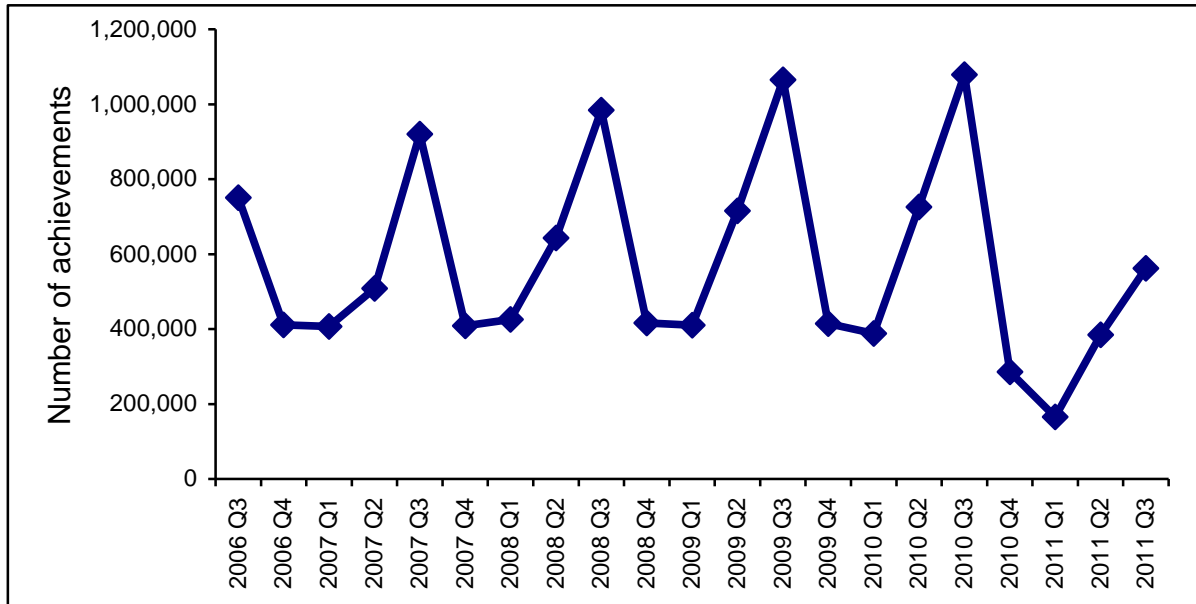
VRQs are work-related, competence-based qualifications designed to provide learners with the skills and knowledge needed to do a job. They are related to employment but, unlike NVQs, do not necessarily require a work placement and are not purely based on the NOS.

Achievements

In July to September 2011, 561,950 VRQ achievements were recorded at all levels, a decrease of 48% on the same quarter of 2010 (see figure 8 and table 2). There is a downward trend that is seen from quarter 4, 2010 (October to December), and this is also the first July to September quarter that has seen a year-on-year decline since quarter 4 of 2005. This decrease partly reflects the restructuring of some qualifications, which have then been recoded as QCF type.

The VRQ achievements covered 1,206 different qualifications offered by 76 different awarding organisations. In July to September 2011 VRQs represented 17% of available vocational qualifications and 27% of achievements.

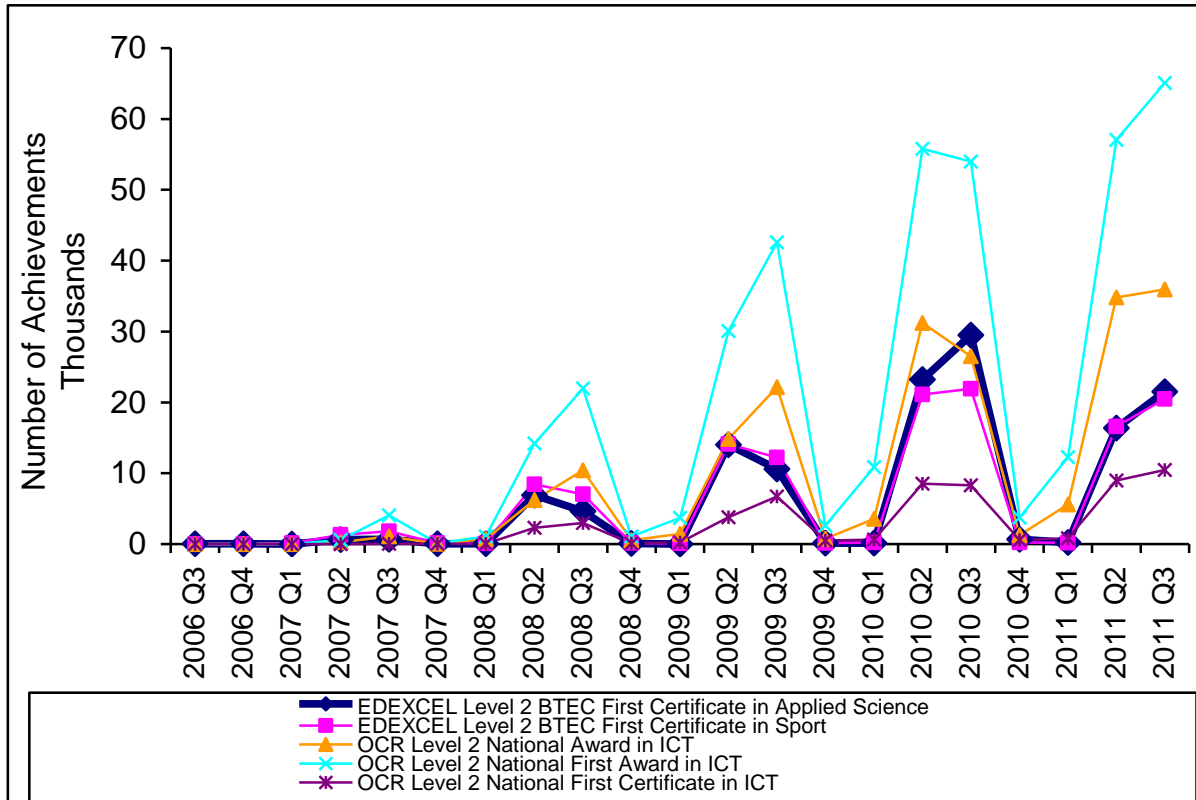
Figure 8: Total number of VRQ achievements per quarter, October–December 2005 to July–September 2011



Qualifications

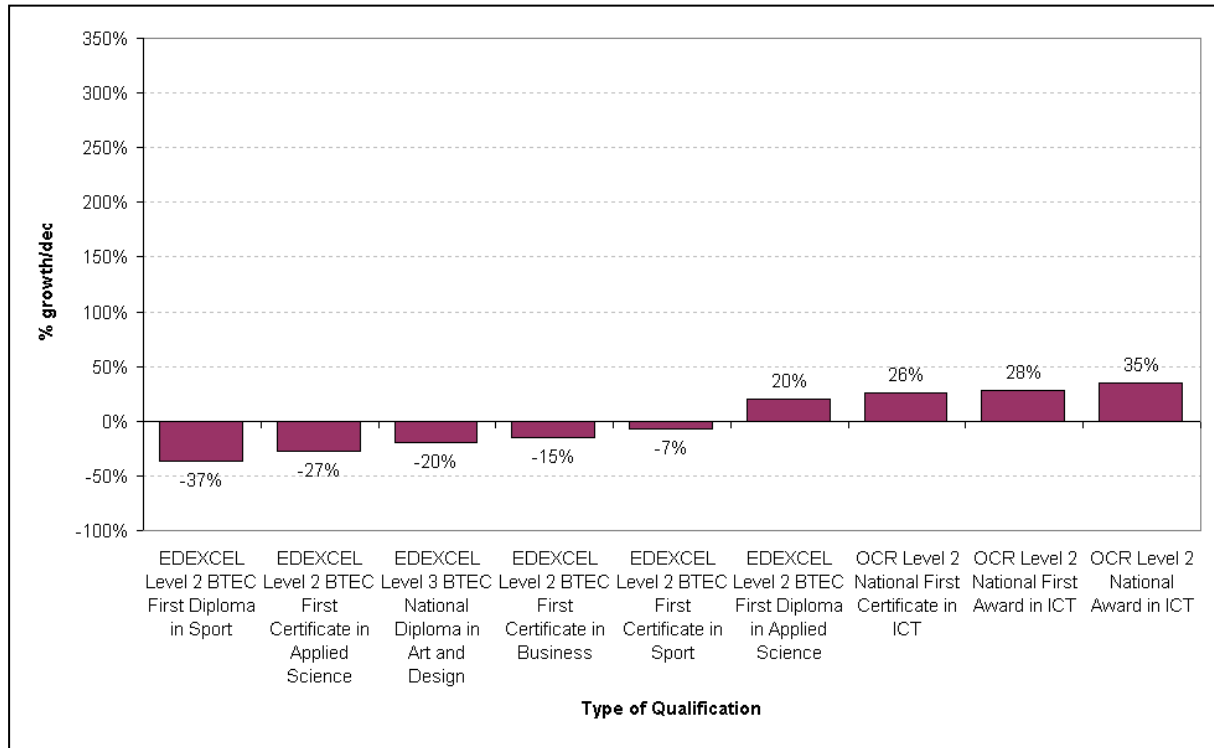
The VRQ with the greatest number of achievements was the OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT, with 65,100 achievements. The 40 VRQs with the greatest numbers of achievements are shown in table 7, and figure 9 shows the five-year trend for the five VRQs with the highest number of achievements in July to September 2011.

Figure 9: The five VRQs with the highest number of achievements for July to September 2011, showing trend since July to September 2006



Although VRQs are in decline, if we examine the top ten qualifications, we see a varied picture of growth and decline (see figure 10). Four of the top ten 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 July–September 2010 and July–September 2011 by top ten qualifications



Awarding organisations

The awarding organisation that recorded the highest number of achievements for VRQs was Pearson Education (Edexcel), with 249,050 achievements (44% of all VRQ achievements). Figures for the 40 awarding organisations with the greatest numbers 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 numbers of achievements are shown in figure 11, and figure 12 shows the five-year trend for the five awarding organisations that recorded the highest number of achievements in July to September 2011.

If we examine the top ten awarding organisations, we see that nine out of ten have decreased achievement, reflecting partially the movement to QCF. Only OCR is showing growth (6%).

Figure 11: VRQ achievements by awarding organisation, July to September 2011

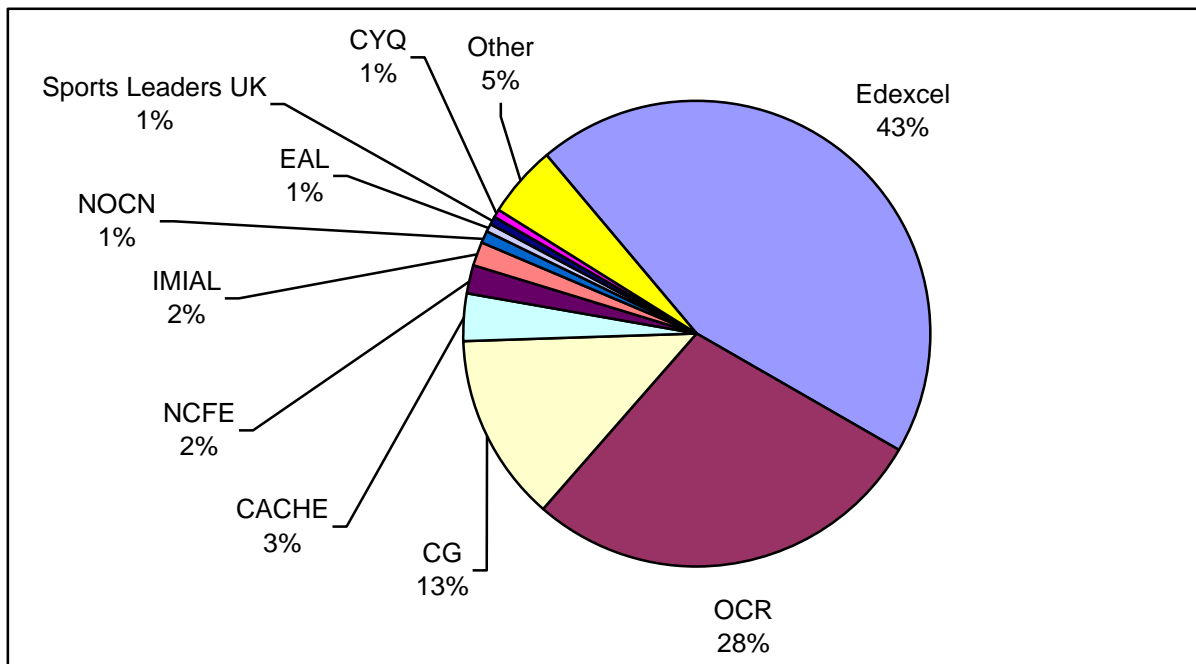
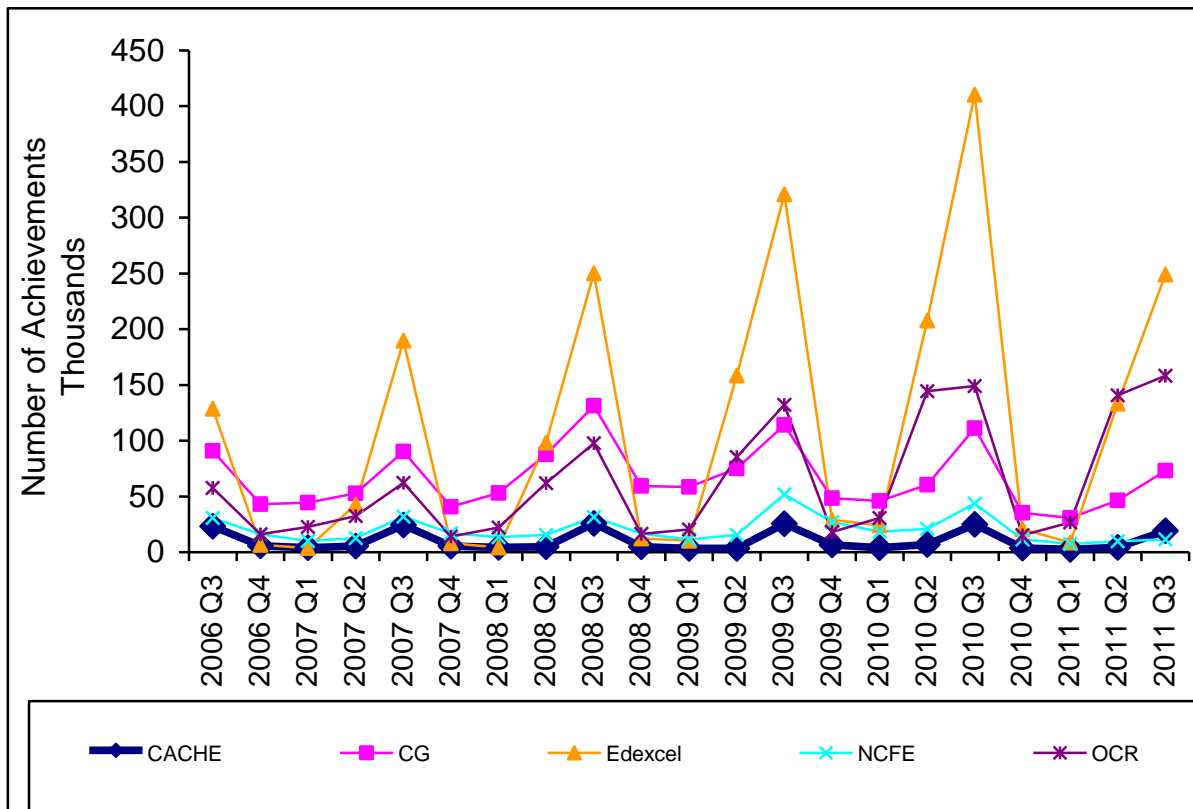


Figure 12: The five awarding organisations that recorded the greatest number of achievements for VRQs in July to September 2011, showing trend since July to September 2006

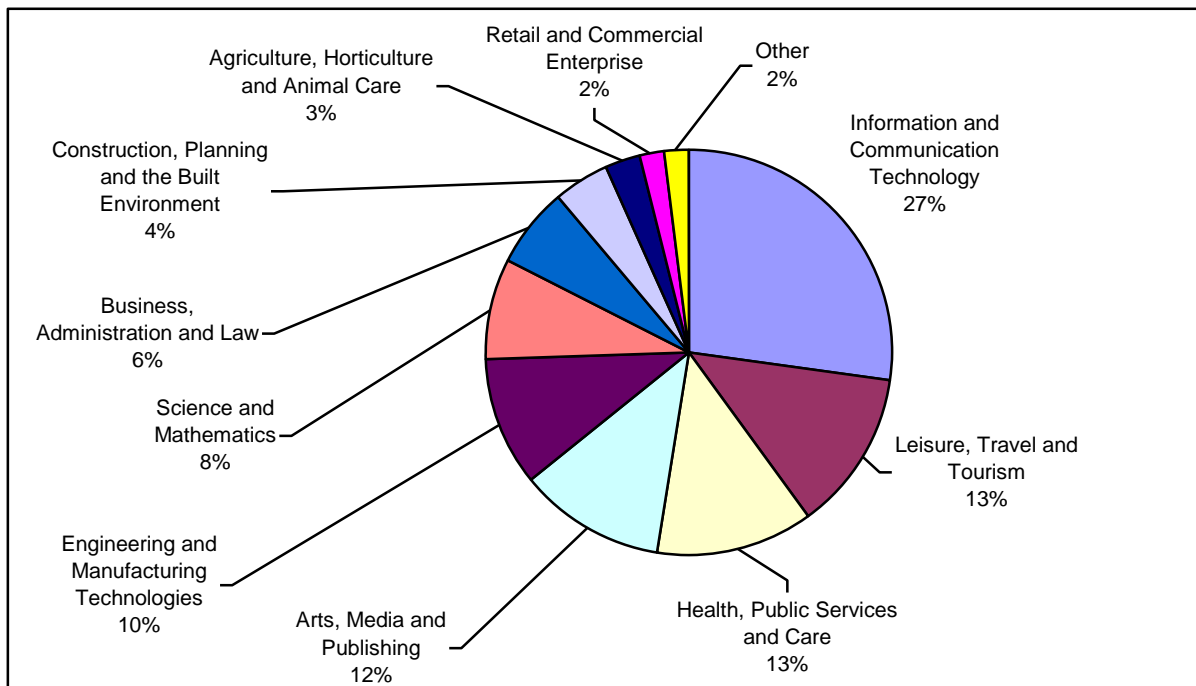


Sector subject area

The SSA which recorded the highest number of achievements for VRQs was ICT, with 153,350 achievements, representing 27% of VRQs in July to September 2011 (see figure 13 and table 9).

The ICT sector has shown little decline with a decrease of only 6% when compared with the same quarter in the previous year. In 2010 Health, Public Services and care was the largest sector with 255,650 achievements in the third quarter. It would appear that many of the qualifications have moved onto QCF as the corresponding figure in 2011 has declined to 70,400, a decrease of 72%.

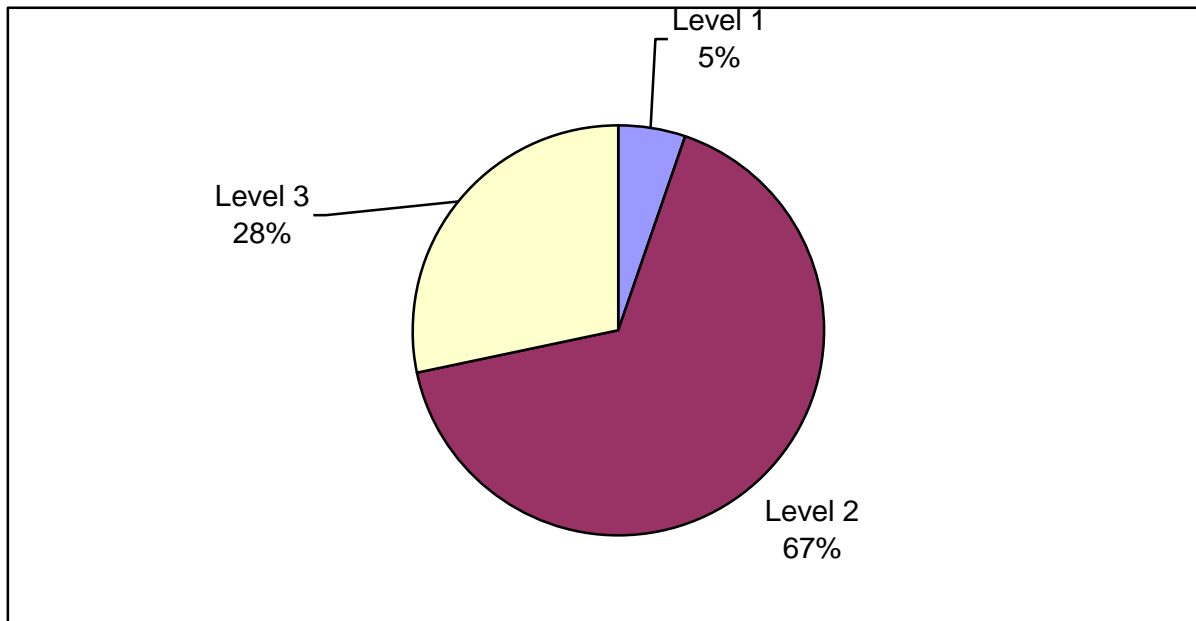
Figure 13: VRQ achievements by SSA, July to September 2011



Level of qualifications

The majority of VRQ achievements were at level 2, with 373,200 achievements, representing 66% of VRQ achievements in July to September 2011 (see figure 14 and table 10).

Figure 14: VRQ achievements by level, July to September 2011



Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF)

(See figures 15–18 and tables 1–2 and 11–15.)

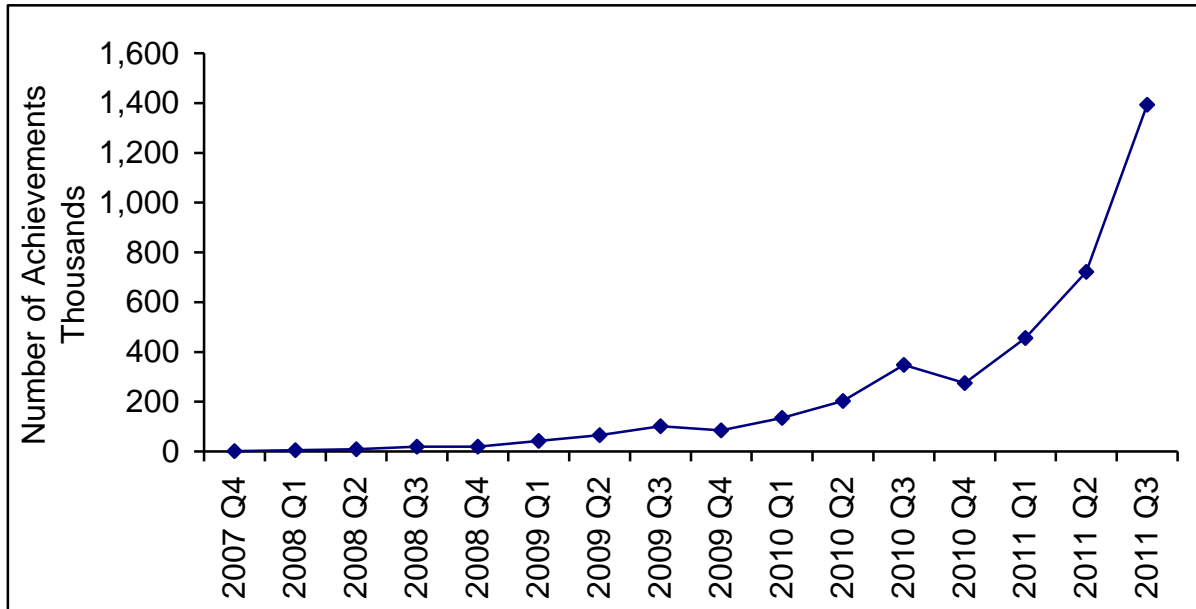
Please note that these figures refer to full qualifications, not units.

The QCF is a credit-based framework which 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 ten hours of learning. There are three sizes of QCF qualification: award, certificate or Diploma. Awards consist of 1–12 credits, certificates 13–36 credits, and diplomas 37 credits or more.

Achievements

In July to September 2011, 1,393,650 QCF achievements were recorded, an increase of 300% on the same quarter of the previous year (see table 2 and figure 15). In July to September 2010, QCF achievement represented 20% of all vocational achievements. In July to September 2011, this increased to 67%. The increase reflects the restructuring of many qualifications, which have then been put onto the QCF. These achievements covered 4,161 different qualifications offered by 98 different awarding organisations. In July to September 2011 QCF qualifications represented 71% of available vocational qualifications.

Figure 15: Total number of QCF achievements per quarter, October–December 2007 to July– September 2011

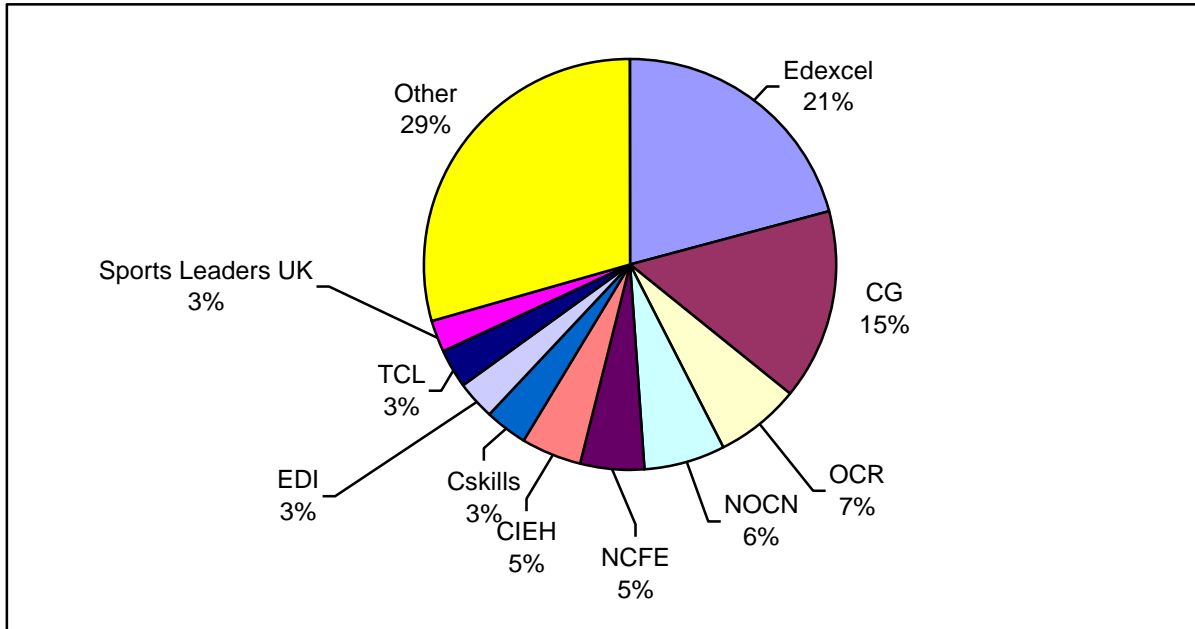


Qualifications

The QCF qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, with 40,000 achievements. This qualification was a VRQ in the same quarter of the previous year and has now restructured onto QCF. The 40 QCF qualifications with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 11.

This quarter Pearson Education Ltd. (Edexcel) recorded the highest number of QCF achievements, with 289,450 awards (which equates to 21% 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 16.

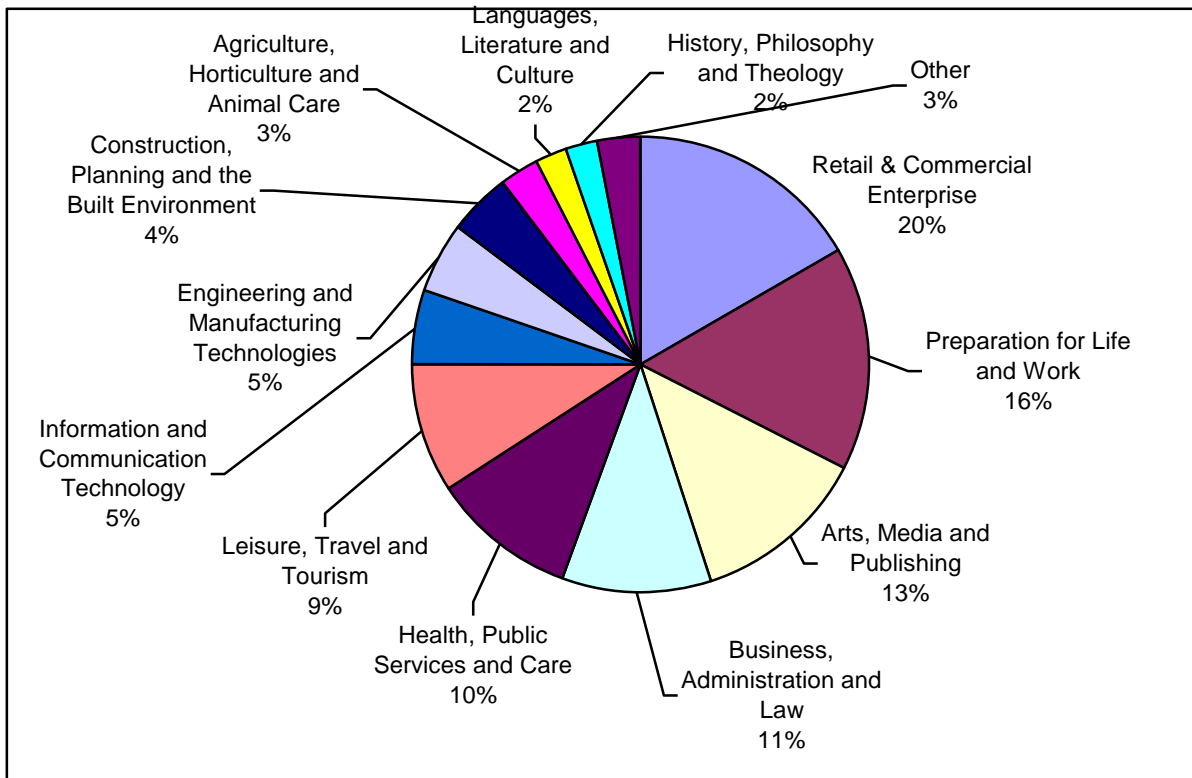
Figure 16: QCF achievements by awarding organisation, July to September 2011



Sector subject area

The SSA which recorded the greatest number of achievements for QCF qualifications was Retail and Commercial Enterprise, with 231,900 achievements, representing 17% of QCF qualifications in July to September 2011 (see figure 17 and table 13).

Figure 17: QCF achievements by SSA, July to September 2011



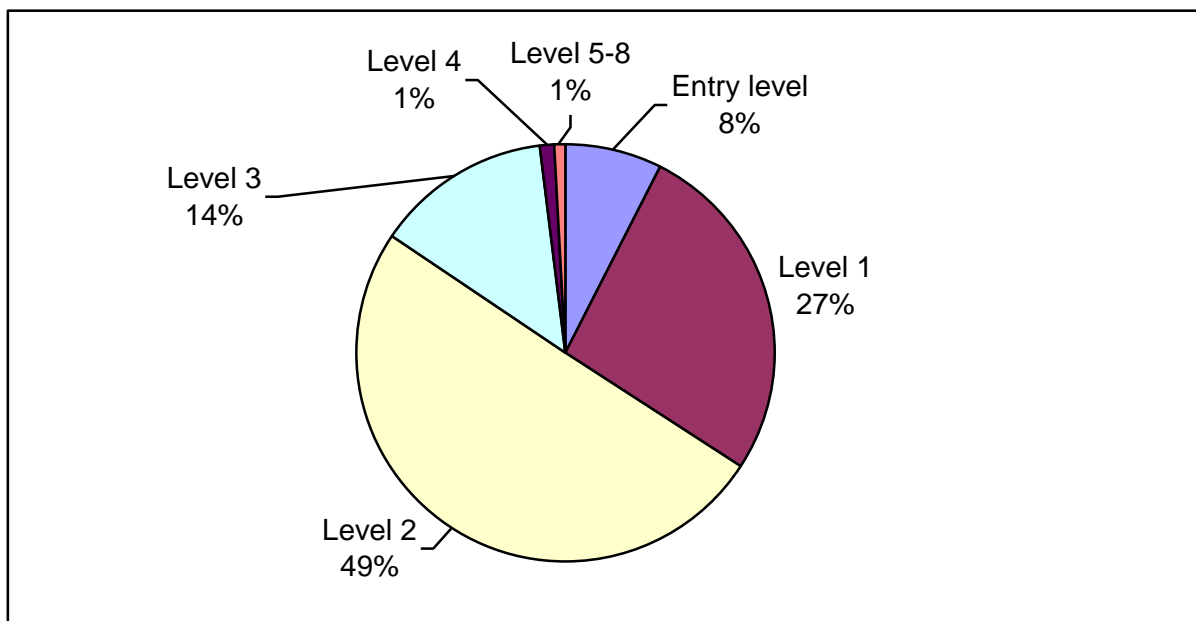
The table below shows the areas of growth and decline since quarter 3 of 2010 by SSA. The SSA which had the largest growth since July to September 2010 was Science and Mathematics, with 20,350 achievements. These qualifications consisted of seven BTEC qualifications from Edexcel, each with more than 100 achievements. The largest growth area in terms of number of achievements was Retail and Commercial Enterprise, which has seen 183,000 more achievements since 2010.

	Number of achievements		% Growth/ Decline
	July to September 2010	July to September 2011	
02 - Science and Mathematics	100	20,350	20250%
08 - Leisure, Travel and Tourism	4,900	127,300	2498%
01 - Health, Public Services and Care	22,450	141,300	531%
09 - Arts, Media and Publishing	32,850	175,900	435%
07 - Retail and Commercial Enterprise	48,900	231,900	374%
15 - Business, Administration and Law	44,050	147,200	234%
04 - Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	20,350	67,800	233%
14 - Preparation for Life and Work	73,350	219,950	200%
12 - Languages, Literature and Culture	11,800	31,850	170%
03 - Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	14,750	37,300	153%
06 - Information and Communication Technology	30,850	76,450	148%
05 - Construction, Planning and the Built Environmer	31,400	62,350	99%
13 - Education and Training	12,650	23,450	86%
11 - Social Sciences	150	100	-33%

Level of qualifications

The most common level for QCF achievements was level 2, with 699,150 achievements, representing 49% of QCF achievements in July to September 2011 (see figure 18 and table 14).

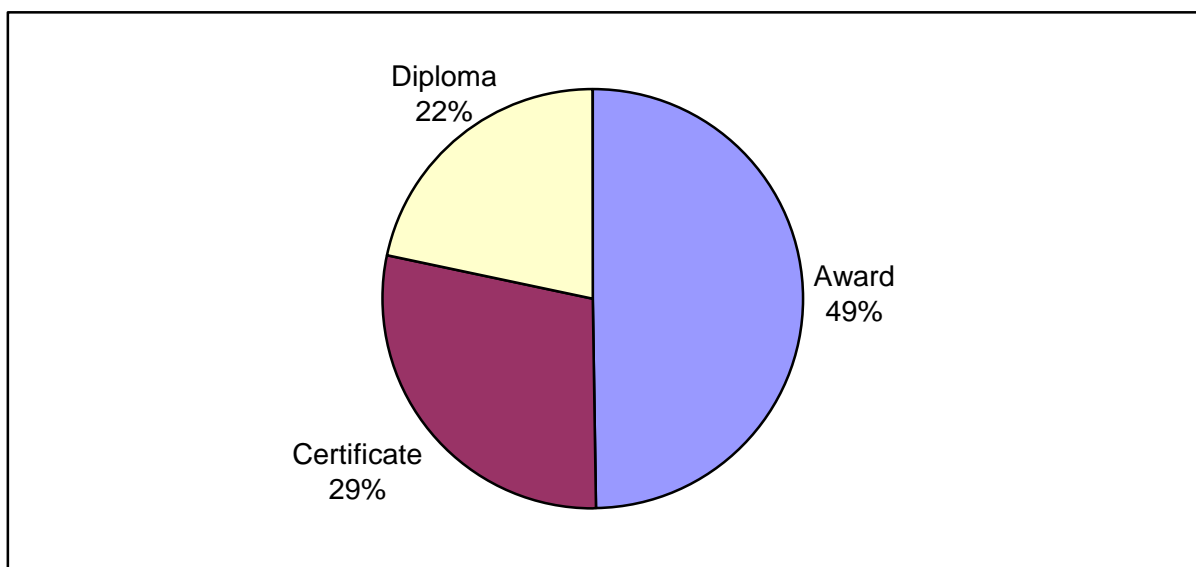
Figure 18: QCF achievements by level, July to September 2011



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 691,600 achievements, representing 50% of QCF achievements in July to September 2011. These qualifications increased threefold from July to September 2010. The least common size was Diploma with 301,000 achievements, and these qualifications saw almost a fivefold increase on the achievements in the same quarter of the previous year (see figure 19 and table 15).

Figure 19: QCF achievements by size, July to September 2011



Occupational qualifications

(See figures 20–22 and tables 1–2 and 16–19.)

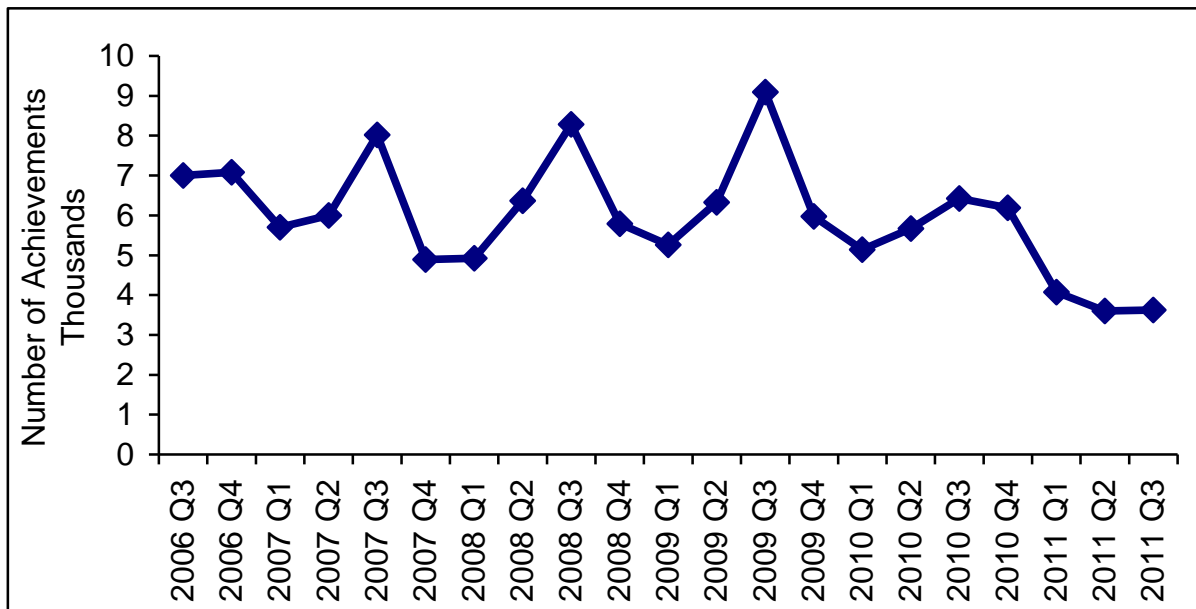
Please note that these figures refer to qualifications coded as OQ type and do not include any qualifications on the QCF.

OQs develop the skills and capabilities needed for a particular occupation or job. Skills are developed to an industry standard and to a level of competence needed in a workplace. OQs are directly based on the NOS and are assessed in a workplace environment but are not NVQs.

Achievements

In July to September 2011, 3,600 OQ achievements were recorded at all levels, a decrease of 44% on the same quarter of the previous year (see table 2 and figure 20). These achievements covered 60 different qualifications (no change from the last quarter) offered by 18 different awarding organisations. In July to September 2011 OQs represented 0.7% of available vocational qualifications and 0.2% of achievements.

Figure 20: Total number of OQ achievements per quarter, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011



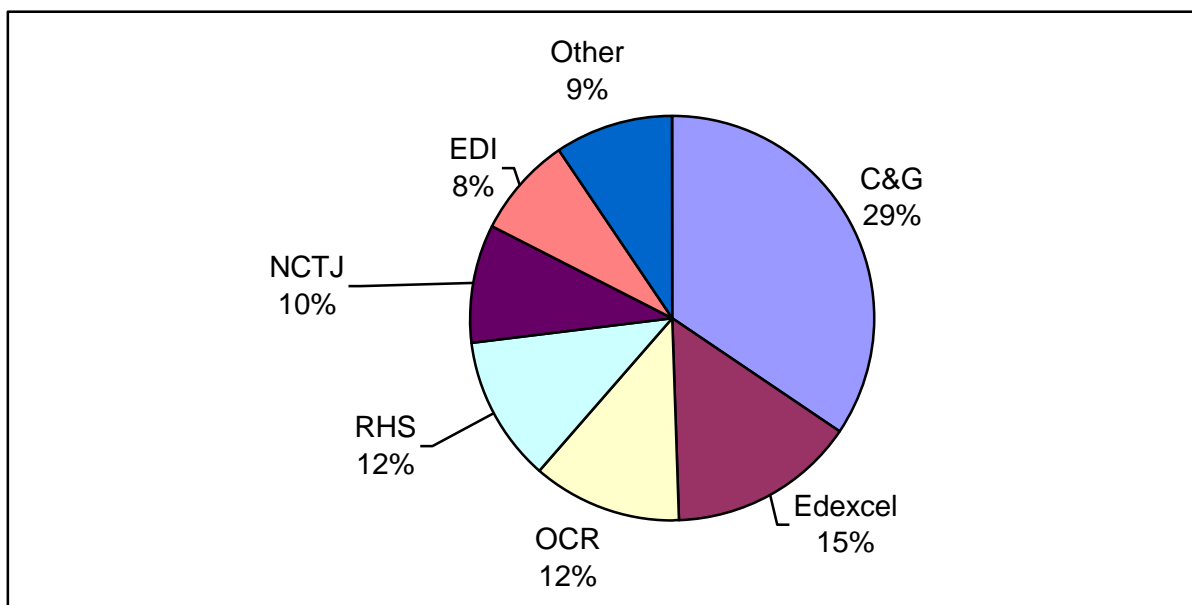
Qualifications

The OQ with the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods, with 850 achievements. The 20 OQs with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 16.

Awarding organisations

The awarding organisation that recorded the highest number of achievements for OQs was City & Guilds, with 1,250 achievements (35% of all OQ achievements). Figures for all awarding organisations are shown in table 17, 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 21.

Figure 21: OQ achievements – by awarding organisation – July to September 2011



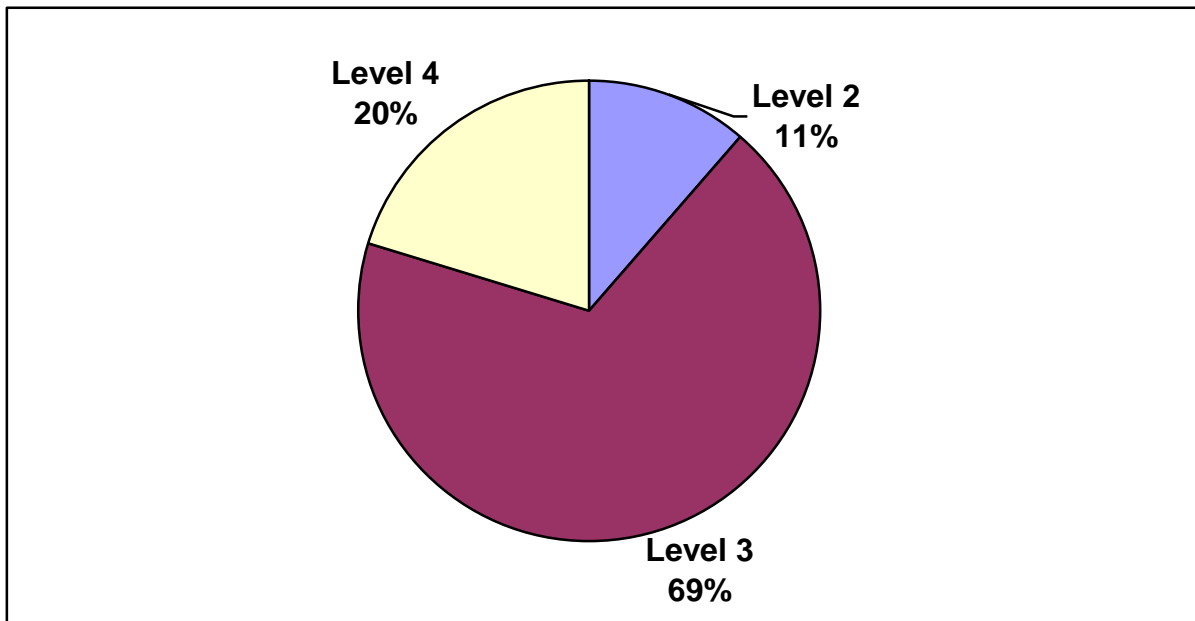
Sector subject area

There were five SSAs with achievements for OQs this quarter. The SSA with the highest number of achievements recorded was Education and Training, with 2,800 achievements, representing 78% of OQs in July to September 2011 (table 18). Both Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care, and Arts, Media and Publishing had 400 achievements. Health, Public Services and Care, Preparation for Life and Work, and Business, Administration and Law had less than five achievements each.

Level of qualifications

The majority of OQ achievements were at level 3, with 2,500 achievements, representing 69% of OQ achievements in July to September 2011 (see figure 22 and table 19).

Figure 22: OQ achievements by level, July to September 2011



Tables

Table 1: Regulated available vocational qualifications, by qualification type, 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	NVQ Vocational	OQ Qualification	QCF QCF	VRQ Related	Total
05-06	2,434	85		2,172	4,691
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
Oct-Dec 2005	2,087	76		1,839	4,002
Jan-Mar 2006	1,914	78		1,887	3,879
Apr-Jun 2006	1,860	74		1,878	3,812
Jul-Sep 2006	2,058	80		2,044	4,182
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

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. The qualification type is that listed in the Register.

Table 2: Vocational Qualification achievements, by qualification type, 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	NVQ National Vocational Qualification	OQ Occupational Qualification	QCF QCF	VRQ Vocationally- Related	Total Number of Achievements
05-06	598,600	25,000		2,091,600	2,715,200
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	587,350	17,500	2,845,050	1,397,800	4,847,700
Oct-Dec 2005	126,600	5,750		426,150	558,550
Jan-Mar 2006	116,350	6,100		432,700	555,150
Apr-Jun 2006	121,000	6,150		482,500	609,700
Jul-Sep 2006	234,600	7,000		750,250	991,850
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	124,250	3,600	1,393,650	561,950	2,083,450

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table covers all levels of Vocational Qualifications
2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual Data are for academic years i.e. October to September
4. All figures are rounded to the nearest fifty
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, 2011.3 (2010.3 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	8450	6150
EAL Level 2 NVQ in Performing Engineering Operations	6650	5150
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	6000	5150
EDI Level 2 NVQ in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving	2700	2500
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	2950	2300
CACHE Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	3600	2250
EDEXCEL Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	5250	2100
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Mechanical Engineering Services - Plumbing	2150	1950
EDEXCEL Level 2 NVQ in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving	4550	1900
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	3500	1900
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Performing Engineering Operations	1800	1850
City & Guilds Level 1 NVQ in Performing Engineering Operations	1650	1800
EAL Level 1 NVQ in Performing Engineering Operations	3350	1700
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Hairdressing	7950	1650
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving	900	1600
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	2600	1500
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools	2500	1450
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools	1900	1350
CACHE Level 2 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	2750	1350
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services	1250	1350
CSkills Awards Level 2 NVQ in Wood Occupations	3250	1350
EDI Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	2150	1200
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Food Manufacture	1700	1200
FDQ Level 2 NVQ in Food Manufacture	1550	1200
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Mechanical Engineering Services - Plumbing	1200	1050
AAT Level 4 NVQ in Accounting	4100	1000
IMIAL Level 2 NVQ in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	1350	950
IMIAL Level 3 NVQ in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	1050	950
EDI Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	1400	950
OCR Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	2300	850
VTCT Level 2 NVQ in Hairdressing	3550	850
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Multi-Skilled Hospitality Services	2100	800
EAL Level 3 NVQ in Engineering Maintenance	750	800
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Professional Cookery	4700	800
CACHE Level 2 NVQ in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools	2000	800
OCR Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	1350	800
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	1400	800
CACHE Level 3 NVQ in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools	1500	750
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	800	750
EDI Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	850	700

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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Table 4: National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) achievements, by awarding organisations, 2011.3 (2010.3 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
City and Guilds of London Institute	126,200	56,100
Pearson Education Ltd	51,650	16,750
EMTA Awards Limited	22,350	11,650
EDI	27,300	10,000
OCR	26,150	6,450
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	10,650	5,750
Cskills Awards	23,700	4,250
IMI Awards Ltd	3,500	2,550
VTCT	20,400	1,650
Association of Accounting Technicians	16,750	1,550
FDQ Limited	1,900	1,250
Institute of Leadership & Management	4,000	1,000
NCFE	3,250	650
PAA\QSET	950	650
1st4sport Qualifications	700	450
Chartered Management Institute	1,000	400
WAMITAB	1,000	350
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	0	350
Glass Qualifications Authority	1,150	300
Central YMCA Qualifications	500	250
Engineering Construction Industry Training Board	500	250
ETC Awards Limited	200	250
CABWI Awarding Body	350	250
Mineral Products Qualifications Council	400	200
ABC Awards	100	150
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	200	150
Lantra Awards	650	100
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	200	100
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	400	100
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons	600	100
Scottish Qualifications Authority trading as SQA	50	100
Open University Awarding Body	100	100
Awarding Body for the Built Environment	0	50
Signature	100	0
Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation	50	0
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	50	0
The Pensions Management Institute	0	0
ASET	0	0
PIABC	0	0

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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Table 5: National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) achievements by sector subject area.

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	00 Not Set	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
05-06	0	144,700	350	13,600	93,900	54,950	12,600	136,000	12,550	1,100	0	500	12,600	7,750	107,950	598,600
06-07	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	182,850	150	8,500	115,350	40,300	10,500	79,000	18,400	450	0	650	18,850	0	112,300	587,350
Oct-Dec 2005	0	32,750	100	3,200	21,750	10,550	2,450	26,800	2,700	250	0	200	2,650	2,700	20,500	126,600
Jan-Mar 2006	0	32,400	100	2,500	19,950	10,100	2,500	19,650	2,200	250	0	100	2,050	2,050	22,450	116,350
Apr-Jun 2006	0	33,900	50	2,750	20,700	11,150	3,200	22,100	2,250	200	0	50	2,500	1,800	20,350	121,000
Jul-Sep 2006	0	45,650	100	5,100	31,500	23,150	4,450	67,450	5,450	400	0	150	5,350	1,200	44,650	234,600
Oct-Dec 2006	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	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	0	38,850	50	2,350	35,250	9,500	1,400	13,400	5,350	100	0	300	5,800	0	11,900	124,250

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

- Notes:
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Table 6: National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) achievements by level.

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Total number of Achievements
05-06	61,750	358,400	148,750	28,650	1,050	598,600
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	175,500	24,850	950	587,350
Oct-Dec 2005	11,050	76,700	32,250	6,400	250	126,600
Jan-Mar 2006	8,550	70,600	30,700	6,300	250	116,350
Apr-Jun 2006	11,650	73,850	29,850	5,450	250	121,000
Jul-Sep 2006	30,550	137,250	56,000	10,550	300	234,600
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	71,650	40,250	5,250	150	124,250

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data are for academic years i.e. October to September
4. All figures are included to the nearest fifty
5. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25
6. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total

Table 7: Vocationally-Related Qualifications (VRQ) achievements, 40 qualifications with the most achievements, 2011.3 (2010.3 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	54000	65100
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	26550	35950
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science	29500	21500
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Sport	21950	20500
OCR Level 2 National First Certificate in ICT	8300	10450
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Business	11250	9600
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Applied Science	7900	9500
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Sport	14900	9400
EDEXCEL Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Art and Design	11500	9200
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology	10150	8250
OCR Level 2 National Award in Science	4650	7400
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Performing Arts	8800	7250
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate for ICT Practitioners	7800	7200
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology	7900	7150
EDEXCEL Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Sport	7450	7050
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Basic Plumbing Studies	7350	6900
OCR Level 2 National Certificate in ICT	6650	6850
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Art and Design	6750	6750
CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education	4300	6000
EDEXCEL Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care	5550	5550
EDEXCEL Level 3 BTEC National Diploma for IT Practitioners	6250	5500
EDEXCEL Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Uniformed Public Services	4650	5400
CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Child Care and Education	5700	4800
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in the Requirements for Electrical	6250	4550
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Health and Social Care	10950	4400
EDEXCEL Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts	5350	4400
EDEXCEL Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Media Production	4950	4050
EDEXCEL Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Business	4950	3800
EDEXCEL Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Sport	4200	3800
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Business	10050	3700
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Performing Arts	6400	3650
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Nutrition and Health	4650	3600
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Health and Social Care	4850	3500
OCR Level 2 National Award in Business	2250	3450
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Music	3950	3400
City & Guilds Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Basic Construction Skills	5400	3150
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design	9050	3150
IMIAL Level 2 Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	4050	3100
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Media	4450	2900

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of VRQ
2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations
3. All figures are included to the nearest fifty
4. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25

Table 8: Vocationally-Related Qualifications (VRQ) achievements, by awarding organisations, 2011.3
(2010.3 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
Pearson Education Ltd	410,500	249,050
OCR	148,950	158,300
City and Guilds of London Institute	105,000	73,050
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	25,000	19,150
NCFE	43,550	11,400
IMI Awards Ltd	15,150	9,300
National Open College Network	14,050	3,700
EMTA Awards Limited	4,400	3,700
Sports Leaders UK	38,800	3,600
Central YMCA Qualifications	7,250	3,050
1st4sport Qualifications	17,250	2,950
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	5,050	2,600
EDI	21,950	2,600
ABC Awards	9,400	2,500
Safety Training Awards	2,300	2,450
Cskills Awards	3,000	1,750
International Curriculum and Assessment Agency (Examinations)	1,300	1,750
Chartered Insurance Institute	1,350	1,500
VTCT	29,050	1,200
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	3,500	850
WSET Awards	5,350	800
Institute of Administrative Management	800	600
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	3,350	550
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	3,300	550
ITEC	1,100	500
Association of Business Executives	1,050	450
IFS School of Finance	2,450	350
Chartered Management Institute	1,200	300
Mountain Leader Training England	150	300
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	1,650	250
The Learning Machine	500	250
British Canoe Union AB	150	200
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	1,600	200
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	750	150
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	400	150
Graded Qualifications Alliance	200	150
Associated Sports Qualifications	150	150
Chartered Institute of Marketing	200	150
Institute of Animal Technology	100	100
Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply	100	100

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

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Table 9: Vocationally-Related Qualifications (VRQ) achievements by sector subject area.

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	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
05-06	758,850	2,350	40,800	124,850	83,500	250,600	268,450	227,350	64,450	150	200	18,250	36,600	15,450	199,750	2,091,600
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	253,800	82,150	31,450	130,700	53,300	322,400	63,150	227,700	103,000	0	0	1,800	15,400	13,800	99,100	1,397,800
Oct-Dec 2005	189,700	50	8,800	22,200	14,300	44,850	58,400	38,750	3,100	0	0	550	6,200	2,450	36,850	426,150
Jan-Mar 2006	188,600	0	7,450	19,850	14,600	43,500	62,700	38,250	6,200	0	150	300	6,100	2,150	42,750	432,700
Apr-Jun 2006	180,100	250	2,600	23,950	15,400	62,800	65,000	58,950	12,600	0	0	250	7,050	2,400	51,150	482,500
Jul-Sep 2006	200,450	2,050	21,950	58,850	39,200	99,450	82,350	91,400	42,550	100	50	17,150	17,300	8,400	69,000	750,250
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	70,400	44,950	14,850	58,600	24,750	153,350	11,450	71,750	64,700	0	0	1,000	5,600	4,100	36,500	561,950

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Table 10: Vocationally-Related Qualifications (VRQ) achievements by level.

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total number of Achievements
05-06	856,900	851,300	383,400	2,091,600
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	947,550	316,000	1,397,800
Oct-Dec 2005	191,900	172,400	61,900	426,150
Jan-Mar 2006	192,200	175,100	65,400	432,700
Apr-Jun 2006	219,550	186,900	76,050	482,500
Jul-Sep 2006	253,250	316,900	180,100	750,250
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	373,200	159,200	561,950

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Table 11: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), 40 qualifications with the most achievements, 2011.3 (2010.3 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	0	40000
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	0	23550
BIIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	0	17000
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	6700	16000
BSC Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work (QCF)	0	13850
NOCN Level 1 Award in General Religious Education (QCF)	0	13750
NOCN Level 2 Award in General Religious Education (QCF)	0	13600
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	10700	11550
IQL Level 2 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Supervision and Rescue (QCF)	0	10300
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	0	10000
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	6800	10000
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	0	9650
1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Football (QCF)	0	8700
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity (QCF)	100	8650
BSC Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness (Entry 3) (QCF)	0	8500
TCL Level 1 Award in the Arts (QCF)	6850	8450
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (QCF)	2450	8200
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Sport (QCF)	0	8050
Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership (QCF)	0	7950
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)	4700	7900
OCR Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	1300	7400
NOCN Level 1 Award in Progression (QCF)	6800	7050
Skillsfirst Level 2 Diploma in Retail Skills (QCF)	300	7050
NOCN Entry Level Award in Progression (Entry 3) (QCF)	7600	7000
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	5200	7000
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	0	6900
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1)	0	6400
HABC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	100	6100
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	3850	5900
Skillsfirst Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	200	5750
NOCN Entry Level Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP)	2400	5600
AAT Level 2 Certificate in Accounting (QCF)	0	5400
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	0	5400
Edexcel Level 1 Award in Personal and Social Development (QCF)	150	5400
Cskills Awards Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery (QCF)	5350	5350
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport (QCF)	0	5300
OCR Level 2 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	200	5300
AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting (QCF)	0	5250
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of Medicines	0	5200
VTCT Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy General (QCF)	0	5100

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Table 12: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), 40 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements, 2011.3 (2010.3 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland	Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
Pearson Education Ltd	38,400	289,450
City and Guilds of London Institute	56,100	211,550
OCR	20,800	91,200
National Open College Network	34,900	89,900
NCFE	8,200	70,250
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	2,050	62,900
Cskills Awards	29,250	46,900
EDI	6,600	43,400
Trinity College London	7,700	42,350
Sports Leaders UK	0	37,200
VTCT	3,600	35,350
BIIAB	4,400	27,400
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	10,900	25,450
British Safety Council	0	22,750
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	17,650	19,800
LAMDA Examinations	15,850	17,450
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	0	17,200
1st4sport Qualifications	900	16,350
Ascentis	4,700	15,850
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	9,700	15,750
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	500	15,200
Royal Academy of Dance	0	14,700
Association of Accounting Technicians	300	14,600
ABC Awards	10,700	14,350
IMI Awards Ltd	7,700	11,750
EMTA Awards Limited	600	11,700
Institute of Leadership & Management	9,950	10,750
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	250	10,400
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	0	10,300
Chartered Management Institute	6,650	8,350
Financial Services NTO	8,550	7,700
Central YMCA Qualifications	50	7,000
Rock School Ltd	0	4,950
Lifetime Awarding	1,100	3,800
IFS School of Finance	0	3,650
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	0	3,100
Signature	5,150	3,050
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	50	2,950
Active IQ	900	2,450
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	0	2,400

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Table 13: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) achievements, by sector subject area, 2011.3 to 2010.3

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	05 -															
	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	7,450	0	0	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	51,200	150	27,650	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	339,000	30,550	75,900	162,950	113,000	180,650	556,750	225,300	341,850	32,500	400	43,850	56,400	374,400	311,600	2,845,050
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	3,400	0	0	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	5,400	0	150	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	9,250	0	3,800	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	14,050	50	8,950	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	22,450	100	14,750	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	46,150	50	6,800	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	67,650	0	6,100	42,150	13,700	37,750	125,950	22,400	37,400	0	100	2,000	11,300	35,400	53,500	455,400
Apr-Jun 2011	83,850	10,200	25,700	43,950	28,550	44,700	144,350	64,100	88,750	2,050	100	6,450	13,950	80,400	84,150	721,250
Jul-Sep 2011	141,300	20,350	37,300	67,800	62,350	76,450	231,900	127,300	175,900	30,450	100	31,850	23,450	219,950	147,200	1,393,650

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Table 14: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) achievements by level.

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Entry Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Total number of Achievements
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	199,550	720,950	1,510,650	347,300	36,050	20,150	6,350	3,800	200	2,845,050
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	105,150	371,900	699,150	189,400	14,850	8,050	3,400	1,700	100	1,393,650

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Table 15: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) achievements by size.

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Size			Total Number of Achievements
	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	1,652,950	736,500	455,600	2,845,050
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	691,600	401,050	301,000	1,393,650

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of QCF
2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data are 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 Qualification achievements, 20 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements, 2011.3 (2010.3 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	1800	850
EDEXCEL Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	1000	400
RHS Level 2 Certificate in Horticulture	0	350
NCTJ Level 3 Certificate in Journalism	600	350
City & Guilds Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	500	350
OCR Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	700	300
EDI Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	350	150
EDEXCEL 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	150	100
EAL Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	100	50
EDI Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	100	50
CIPD Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	50	50
RHS Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture	0	50
PAA\QSET Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	0	50
VTCT Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	150	50
City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates' Performance through Observation	100	50
NCFE Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates using a Range of Methods	0	50
RHS Level 3 Advanced Certificate in Horticulture	0	50
CIPD Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	50	50
EDI Level 2 National Award in Music Business (Recording Industry)	0	0

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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Table 17: Occupation Qualification achievements, by awarding organisations, 2011.3 (2010.3 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland	Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
City and Guilds of London Institute	2,450	1,250
Pearson Education Ltd	1,350	550
OCR	850	400
Royal Horticultural Society	0	400
NCTJ Training	600	350
EDI	450	300
EMTA Awards Limited	150	100
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	100	50
VTCT	200	50
PAA\WQSET	0	50
NCFE	0	50
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	50	50
Chartered Management Institute	50	50
IMI Awards Ltd	0	0
ETC Awards Limited	0	0
Open University Awarding Body	0	0
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	0	0
Glass Qualifications Authority	0	0

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

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Table 18: Occupation Qualification achievements by sector subject area.

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	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
05-06	0	300	50	0	0	24,550	50	0	25,000
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
Oct-Dec 2005	0	0	0	0	0	5,750	0	0	5,750
Jan-Mar 2006	0	0	0	0	0	6,050	50	0	6,100
Apr-Jun 2006	0	300	0	0	0	5,800	0	0	6,150
Jul-Sep 2006	0	0	0	0	0	7,000	0	0	7,000
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

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Table 19: Occupational Qualification achievements by level.

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total Number of Achievements
05-06	350	20,450	4,200	25,000
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	12,150	3,250	17,500
Oct-Dec 2005	50	4,800	950	5,750
Jan-Mar 2006	50	5,050	1,000	6,100
Apr-Jun 2006	250	4,900	1,000	6,150
Jul-Sep 2006	-	5,750	1,250	7,000
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	2,500	750	3,600

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