

## Performance Tables

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## Introduction

1 As part of the government's policy of raising standards and improving the information available to parents and students about the performance of their local secondary schools and colleges, the Secretary of State requires colleges to provide information on the achievements of their students each year for publication in performance tables. The Department for Education and Skills set out proposals for the 2001 performance tables in a consultation document issued in March. The arrangements for the collection and publication of the information to be published this year are set out in this circular.

## Information to be Published

2 In order to reflect the *Qualifying for Success* reforms introduced in September 2000, and in response to consultation, the Secretary of State has decided to change the way in which the main advanced level qualifications are reported in the performance tables. This year the tables will no longer report an annual 'snapshot' of the results achieved, but report instead the sum achievements of all 17 and 18 year old students who are at the end of their second year of full-time advanced level study. A/AS achievement will be presented as a single performance indicator and the A/AS improvement measure will be dropped until a new time series of results are available.

- 3 The 2001 tables will include the:
- number of students aged 17 and 18 on roll\*
  - average point score of 17 and 18 year olds at the end of two years of study towards A/AS
  - average point score of 17 and 18 year olds at the end of two years of study for an advanced GNVQ
  - combined average point score of 17 and 18 year olds entered for A/AS and/or advanced GNVQ
  - combined average point score per A/AS/aGNVQ entry.

\* aged 17 or 18 on 31 August 2000

There will be no change to the way in which other advanced and intermediate vocational qualifications, or the International Baccalaureate Diploma, are reported.

4 The information that colleges are required to provide this year was set out in a letter from Martyn Loft at the DfES of 18 July 2001 entitled *2001 School and College Performance Tables* (ref: FE/PT2001). Copies of the letter can be obtained from:

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5 The Secretary of State also requires colleges to provide careers services with information about the achievements and career routes of students aged 16 to 18 in accordance with the regulations made under section 50 of the *Further and Higher Education Act 1992*. Details of the arrangements for this year will be set out in a separate communication from the Department for Education and Skills.

## Timetable

6 Schools and colleges are required to provide information to the Department's contractor about the qualifications achieved by their students aged 16-18. The information is subsequently published in November in the performance tables.

7 The Secretary of State has appointed the same contractor as last year to prepare the performance tables for publication. At the request of the secretary of state and in accordance with sections 54(1)(c) of the *Further and Higher Education Act 1992* and section 12(2) of the *Learning and Skills Act 2000*, the Council requests that, on being sent data on the qualification achievements of their students, each college should check the data and return information direct to the contractor. The timetable for this exercise will be as follows:

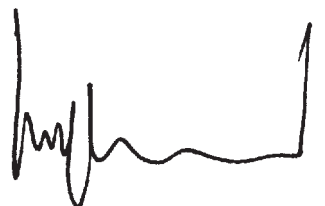
- early August 2001: colleges sent their contextual information
- late September/early October 2001: colleges to be sent data on A/AS results, Advanced GNVQ results, and International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma results
- within two weeks of receiving these, colleges are to check and return the data on examination results and

provide the requested information on other specified vocational qualifications

- November 2001: publication of performance tables.

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