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GCSE, AS and A level subjects accredited to be taught from 2016

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This page shows the status of specifications submitted to Ofqual to be taught as GCSEs, AS and A levels from September 2016.

Exam boards take these subject content and requirements documents and use them to produce a specification and sample assessment materials for any subject they wish to offer. The specification is submitted to Ofqual for

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consideration. Ofqual convenes a panel of subject and assessment experts to scrutinise the specification and make a decision on whether it meets all the requirements for that subject. If it does, it will be accredited and teachers will be able to use it. If it does not, it will be sent back to the exam board and they will have to change their specification based on the feedback given by Ofqual. When they have made the amendments they will submit the new specification.

We have produced [a diagram of the accreditation process](#) .

1.

Number of qualifications accredited

In 15 of 20 GCSE subjects, all submitted specifications have been accredited. The remaining 5 subjects have at least 2 exam board specifications accredited.

In 7 of 11 AS and A level subjects, all submitted specifications have been accredited. The remaining 4 subjects have at least 2 exam board specifications accredited.

2.

Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2016

To date, 129 of 156 submitted specifications (83%) have been accredited.

73 of 86 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

56 of 70 AS and A level specifications have been accredited.

3.

Key information

Entry	Meaning
	Specification accredited
-	Exam board is not submitting a specification for this subject
'submission due'	The date the exam board is aiming to submit for accreditation
'awaiting submission'	We are awaiting a submission from the exam board but they have not indicated when we will receive it or the date they indicated has passed
'submission received'	We have received a specification from the exam board and it is awaiting an accreditation decision

4.

GCSEs

	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
Art and design				
Biology		Spec A: Spec B:		
Chemistry		Spec A: Spec B:		
Citizenship				-
Classical Greek	-		-	-

Combined science	Spec 'Synergy':	Spec A:		
		Spec B:		
	Spec 'Trilogy':			
Computer science				
Dance		-	-	-
Drama		awaiting 5th submission		
Food preparation and nutrition			-	
French		3rd submission due 23rd May 2016		5th submission received 10 May 2016
Geography		Spec A:	Spec A:	Spec A:
		Spec B:	Spec B:	Spec B:
German		3rd submission due 23rd May 2016		5th submission received 10 May 2016
History		Spec A:		
		Spec B:		
Latin	-		-	
Music				
Physical education				
Physics		Spec A:		
		Spec B:		
Religious studies	Spec A:	Spec:	Spec A: awaiting 4th submission	Spec: awaiting 5th submission

	Spec B:	Spec 'SC':	Spec B: awaiting 4th submission	Spec 'SC': awaiting 5th submission
	Spec 'SC':		Spec 'SC A': awaiting 3rd submission	
			Spec 'SC B': awaiting 3rd submission	
Spanish		3rd submission due 23rd May 2016		5th submission received 10 May 2016

5.

AS and A levels

-	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
Classical Greek: A level	-		-	-
Classical Greek: AS level	-		-	-
Dance: A level		-	-	-
Dance: AS level		-	-	-
Drama and theatre: A level				
Drama and theatre: AS level				
French: A level		3rd submission due 23rd May 2016		awaiting 5th submission
French: AS level		3rd submission due 23rd May 2016		awaiting 5th submission
Geography: A	awaiting 4th			

level	submission		
Geography: AS level	awaiting 4th submission		
German: A level	3rd submission due 23rd May 2016		awaiting 5th submission
German: AS level	3rd submission due 23rd May 2016		awaiting 5th submission
Latin: A level	-	-	-
Latin: AS level	-	-	-
Music: A level			
Music: AS level			
Physical education: A level			
Physical education: AS level			
Religious studies: A level			
Religious studies: AS level			
Spanish: A level	3rd submission due 23rd May 2016		awaiting 5th submission
Spanish: AS level	3rd submission due 23rd May 2016		awaiting 5th submission

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