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Vocational and Other Qualifications Quarterly October – December 2013

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Key points

This release presents information on the range and number of, and certificates issued for, regulated qualifications during October – December 2013, excluding GCSEs and A levels. The key findings are:

- For the twentieth quarter in a row, the number of available qualifications increased this quarter compared with the previous quarter (from 20,849 to 20,906).
- In this quarter, just fewer than 1.3 million certificates were issued, a decrease of 5.2 per cent on the same quarter of 2012, due in part to a declining trend in the number of certificates issued for basic skills and key skills qualifications.
- The number of certificates awarded in functional skills increased by 72 per cent to 149,750 this quarter. This is due partly to the increase in apprenticeships.
- Certificates in level 1/2 qualifications grew this quarter, with the first awards of six new BTEC qualifications (7,700 this quarter).
- The number of certificates issued for qualifications in first aid at work quadrupled this quarter compared with the same quarter of 2012 – up to 75,700 certificates. This follows the requirements by the Health and Safety Executive for accredited qualifications.

Introduction

We regulate qualifications, exams and assessments in England, and vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland. Under the *Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009*, one of our objectives is to improve public confidence in regulated qualifications and assessments by raising awareness and understanding of the qualifications we regulate.

In this release, we present data on available regulated qualifications and the number of awards of these qualifications. When a qualification is approved for accreditation, it is classified as one of 18 qualification types. Here we present figures on 12¹ of these qualification types. GCSEs, the AS, A levels and the components that make up the Diploma are not included. The data covers England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the figures represent both the quarter October– December 2013 and the 12-month period to the end of December 2013.

To help you interpret the content, a glossary of terms is available towards the end of this release, followed by the data tables in the appendix.

¹ Basic skills, English for speakers of other languages, entry level, free-standing mathematics qualifications, functional skills, higher level, key skills, national vocational qualifications (NVQs), occupational qualifications, other general qualifications, qualifications and credit framework (QCF), and vocationally related qualifications.

Key statistics

During the October – December 2013 quarter, the number of available qualifications rose to 20,906, representing a net increase of less than 1 per cent on the previous quarter (20,849 by the end of July – September 2013). The majority of the growth was in qualifications on the QCF (representing 98 per cent of the new available qualifications).

This quarter, approximately 1.3 million vocational qualifications were awarded. This is the second quarter in a row where we have seen a fall in the number of awards compared with the same quarter of the previous year. This quarter shows a fall – a decline of 5.2 per cent compared with the same quarter of 2012. However, the number of certificates issued in the 12-month period to December 2013, compared with 2012, continues to increase. This is mainly due to an increase of 16 per cent in the number of certificates awarded in the April – June 2013 quarter compared with the same quarter of the previous year.

The number of certificates issued in functional skills increased by 72 per cent this quarter, to 149,750 in all levels: entry level, Level 1 and Level 2. This may be a result of the requirements of the apprenticeship frameworks (see page 8).

The number of certificates awarded in other general qualifications has also increased (16,400 certificates in October – December 2012 to 29,400 this quarter). This is mainly due to increases in certificates in Level 1/2 qualifications, with six new BTEC qualifications first awarding in October – December 2013 (7,700 certificates).

The number of certificates issued for qualifications in first aid at work quadrupled this quarter compared with the same quarter of 2012—up to 75,700 certificates. This large increase is due to the recent requirement by the Health and Safety Executive for individuals to complete an accredited qualification to comply with the *Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981*.

For the seventh quarter in a row, the qualification with the greatest number of certificates awarded was the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF) with 41,200 certificates. However, since the April – June 2013 quarter there has been a fall each quarter in the number of students completing this qualification.

Tables of key statistics

	July- September 2013	October- December 2013	Change on previous qtr
Number of available qualifications	20,849	20,906	0
Number of awarding organisations			
with available qualifications this quarter	166	167	0
with available qualifications this quarter and certificates awarded in the last 12 months	158	160	1
Basic skills	80	32	-60
Entry level	192	191	-1
English for speakers of other languages	296	279	-6
Free-standing mathematics qualification	14	7	-50
Functional skills	232	238	3
Higher level	405	355	-12
Key skills	359	191	-47
NVQ	788	651	-17
Occupational qualification	71	68	-4
Other general qualification	785	774	-1
QCF	16,356	17,086	4
Vocationally related qualification	1,271	1,034	-19
Number of available qualifications by level			
Entry level	2,177	2,376	9
Level 1	2,804	2,853	2
Level 1/2	139	139	0
Level 2	6,278	6,357	1
Level 3	6,804	6,583	-3
Level 4	1,482	1,445	-2
Level 5	709	691	-3
Level 6	252	257	2
Level 7	198	199	1
Level 8	6	6	0
Number of available qualifications by sector subject area			
Health, Public Services and Care	1,981	2,023	2
Science and Mathematics	174	168	-3
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	842	844	0
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	2,206	2,189	-1
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	1,426	1,462	3
Information and Communication Technology	486	481	-1
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	2,392	2,350	-2
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	961	960	0
Arts, Media and Publishing	1,973	1,872	-5
History, Philosophy and Theology	45	48	7
Social Sciences	23	23	0
Languages, Literature and Culture	1,469	1,525	4
Education and Training	1,100	1,141	4
Preparation for Life and Work	3,439	3,514	2
Business, Administration, Finance and Law	2,332	2,306	-1

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	October- December 2012	October- December 2013	Change on previous qtr	January- December r 2012	January- December r 2013	Change on previous 12 months
Overall number of certificates awarded	1,345,250	1,274,950	-5	8,859,450	9,114,350	3
Number of certificates by type of qualification						
Basic skills	33,450	1,850	-94	446,700	70,200	-84
English for speakers of other languages	45,750	41,800	-9	269,400	283,650	5
Entry level	3,100	4,600	48	114,400	104,050	-9
Free-standing mathematics qualification	0	0	-	22,950	23,150	1
Functional skills	87,250	149,750	72	681,400	927,100	36
Higher level	2,000	1,650	-18	14,800	7,250	-51
Key skills	107,900	8,250	-92	658,800	445,950	-32
NVQ	11,750	3,000	-74	89,600	20,000	-78
Occupational qualification	250	50	-80	2,850	400	-86
Other general qualification	16,400	29,400	79	525,050	651,500	24
QCF	1,016,250	1,022,150	1	5,492,350	6,241,700	14
Vocationally related qualification	21,100	12,400	-41	541,100	339,450	-37
Number of certificates by qualification level						
Entry level	122,850	122,850	0	894,800	932,350	4
Level 1	403,050	350,750	-13	2,324,900	2,347,750	1
Level 1/2	0	7,700	-	37,400	155,300	315
Level 2	634,200	604,900	-5	4,338,700	4,299,750	-1
Level 3	158,100	166,200	5	1,133,750	1,257,850	11
Level 4	16,400	11,650	-29	76,250	66,150	-13
Level 5	6,500	7,200	11	34,500	37,150	8
Level 6	2,400	1,950	-19	10,400	10,450	0
Level 7	1,700	1,750	3	8,500	7,200	-15
Level 8	50	100	100	250	450	80
Number of certificates by sector subject area						
Health, public services and care	175,200	221,200	26	830,100	1,069,950	29
Science and mathematics	1,950	4,950	154	227,200	283,250	25
Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	18,000	15,850	-12	115,750	117,300	1
Engineering and manufacturing technologies	80,650	73,500	-9	416,400	431,000	4
Construction, planning and the built environment	42,150	35,700	-15	245,000	236,600	-3
Information and communication technology	58,300	52,150	-11	659,950	625,050	-5
Retail and commercial enterprise	159,650	145,900	-9	774,200	739,900	-4
Leisure, travel and tourism	81,300	71,300	-12	539,400	538,550	0
Arts, media and publishing	131,800	131,450	0	889,250	896,100	1
History, philosophy and theology	250	50	-80	46,300	41,200	-11
Social sciences	100	0	-100	4,100	4,600	12
Languages, literature and culture	29,750	32,700	10	373,600	439,450	18
Education and training	18,850	18,650	-1	98,650	106,350	8
Preparation for life and work	423,800	358,550	-15	2,978,900	2,896,900	-3
Business, administration, finance and law	123,500	112,950	-9	660,650	688,200	4
Number of certificates by country						
England	1,252,500	1,178,050	-6	8,100,050	8,264,600	2
Wales	59,500	68,600	15	565,350	641,450	13
Northern Ireland	33,250	28,300	-15	194,050	208,300	7

Analysis

This section presents figures on the number of qualifications that are available for students to enrol on (even if only for one day during the quarter), as well as those that may have expired but remain active until the final certificate has been issued.

Qualifications available

The number of available regulated qualifications has increased each quarter over the past 5 years. This constant increase has led to the number of available vocational qualifications tripling in 5 years, from just over 6,500 available in 2008 to 20,906 this quarter (see the tables of key findings). (Please note that the number of available qualifications for last quarter has been revised since the last publication.) The increase in the number of available qualifications this quarter was very small (from 20,849 last quarter to 20,906 this quarter). This increase comprised 797 new qualifications that became available and 754 qualifications that expired (the majority of these being NVQs, key skills and vocationally related qualifications, plus older qualifications on the QCF). This quarter, 783 new qualifications were introduced onto the QCF (98 per cent of the new qualifications), while 81 expired (11 per cent of the expired qualifications), resulting in the QCF now occupying 82 per cent of the total number of qualifications available. During this quarter, around 16,800 qualifications were available to enrol on.

The number of available qualifications over the past 5 years, and broken down by type, is presented in table 1 in the appendix at the end of this release.

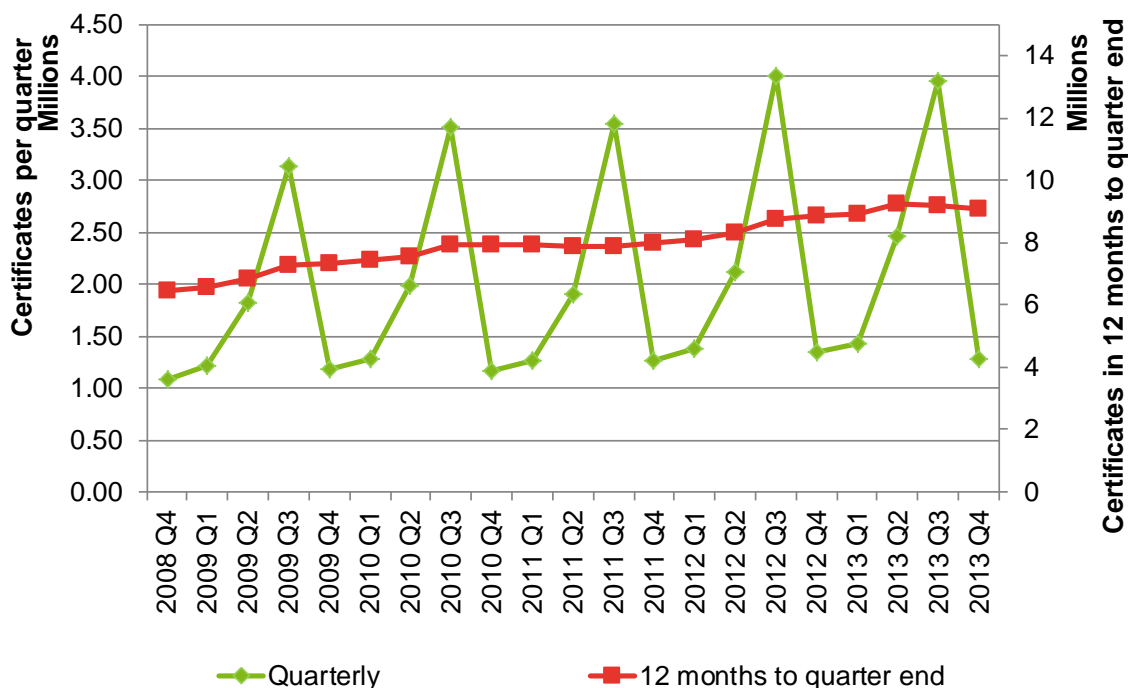
Awarding organisations

This quarter, 167 recognised awarding organisations offered regulated qualifications, one more awarding organisation than in July – September 2013. In October – December 2013, 160 of these awarding organisations issued certificates, one more awarding organisation (Training Qualifications UK Ltd) than last quarter.

Certificates issued

This quarter saw a fall in the number of certificates awarded compared with the same quarter of 2012. There were just under 1.3 million certificates issued, representing a decrease of 5.2 per cent on the same quarter of 2012 (just over 1.3 million certificates issued).

Figure 1: Number of certificates issued, October - December 2008 (2008 Q4) to October - December 2013 (2013 Q4)



The figure above illustrates that, over time, there has been a gradual increase in the number of certificates awarded. During the 5-year period, the overall number of certificates issued rose from 6 million in the 12 months to the end of September 2008 to over 9 million by the end of September 2013, an increase of 45 per cent. However, this quarter showed a dip in the trend due to a 5.2 per cent fall in certificates issued. This is the second quarter in a row where the number of certificates awarded has dropped.

The number of certificates issued in this quarter, and in the 12-month period to each quarter end, is presented in table 2 of the appendix.

Certificates by country

Awarding organisations provide us with a breakdown of the certificates they issue in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and have done so since April 2011.

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Figure 2: Number of certificates issued in the quarter and in the 12 months to December 2013 by geographical area (with % change on previous period)

Country	Proportion of total	October to December 2013	% change on same qtr 2012	12 months to December 2013	% change in 12 months
England	92	1,178,050	-6	8,264,600	2
Wales	5	68,600	15	641,450	13
Northern Ireland	2	28,300	-15	208,300	7
Total number of certificates issued	100	1,274,950	-5	9,114,350	3

This quarter, 92 per cent of all certificates issued were in England, 5 per cent in Wales and 2 per cent in Northern Ireland. This distribution is consistent with previous October–December quarters (see figure 2).

In Wales, there was a 15 per cent increase in certificates issued this quarter and a 13 per cent increase when comparing the 12-month period to the end of December 2013 with the same period in 2012. This is explained in part by a growth in awards of essential skills qualifications.

In Northern Ireland, the trend for this quarter shows a 15 per cent decline in the number of certificates issued. This decline is mainly due to a decline in the number of certificates awarded by the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment and the City and Guilds of London Institute (decreases of 53 per cent and 25 per cent, respectively, compared with the same quarter of 2012). Over the last 12 months, Northern Ireland has seen an increase of 7 per cent in the number of certificates issued.

Certificates by type of qualification

Figure 3, below, presents the number of certificates issued in this quarter and during the 12 months to the end of December 2013. Table 3 in the appendix presents the number of certificates issued in each quarter since 2007/08 by type of qualification.

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Figure 3: Number of certificates issued in this quarter and in the 12 months to December 2013 (with % change on previous period)

Qualification type	October - December 2013	% change on same qtr 2012	12 months to December 2013	% change in 12 months
Basic skills	1,850	-94	70,200	-84
ESOL	41,800	-9	283,650	5
Entry level	4,600	48	104,050	-9
Free-standing mathematics qualification	0	-	23,150	1
Functional skills	149,750	72	927,100	36
Higher level	1,650	-18	7,250	-51
Key skills	8,250	-92	445,950	-32
NVQ	3,000	-74	20,000	-78
Occupational qualification	50	-80	400	-86
Other general qualification	29,400	79	651,500	24
QCF	1,022,150	1	6,241,700	14
Vocationally related qualification	12,400	-41	339,450	-37
Total number of certificates	1,274,950	-5	9,114,350	4

Key: ESOL: English for speakers of other languages; NVQ: National vocational qualification; QCF: Qualifications and credit framework.

The table above shows that the number of certificates issued for QCF qualifications represents the largest proportion of certificates issued this quarter (1 million certificates out of 1.3 million, representing 80 per cent of the total). Since the QCF was introduced in 2010, the number of certificates issued for these qualifications has grown significantly. The previous three quarters saw diminishing increases of 20 per cent (comparing January – March quarters), 41 per cent (comparing April – June quarters) and 3 per cent (comparing July – September quarters). This quarter, the number of certificates awarded for QCF qualifications increased by less than 1 per cent compared with the same quarter of 2012.

There has also been a large increase in certificates awarded for functional skills and other general qualifications this quarter. The increases in functional skills qualifications were at entry level, level 1 and level 2, and this may be a result of the requirements of the apprenticeship frameworks.² The increase in other general qualifications was mainly in Level 1/2 BTEC qualifications delivered by Pearson Education Ltd (zero certificates issued in October – December 2012 compared with 7,700 this quarter). These qualifications are included in school performance tables.

²The *Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for England (SASE)* (2013) sets out the minimum requirements to be included in a recognised apprenticeship framework and is available at: www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/137960/bis-13-686-specification-of-apprenticeship-standards-for-england-sase.pdf (accessed 19th February 2014).

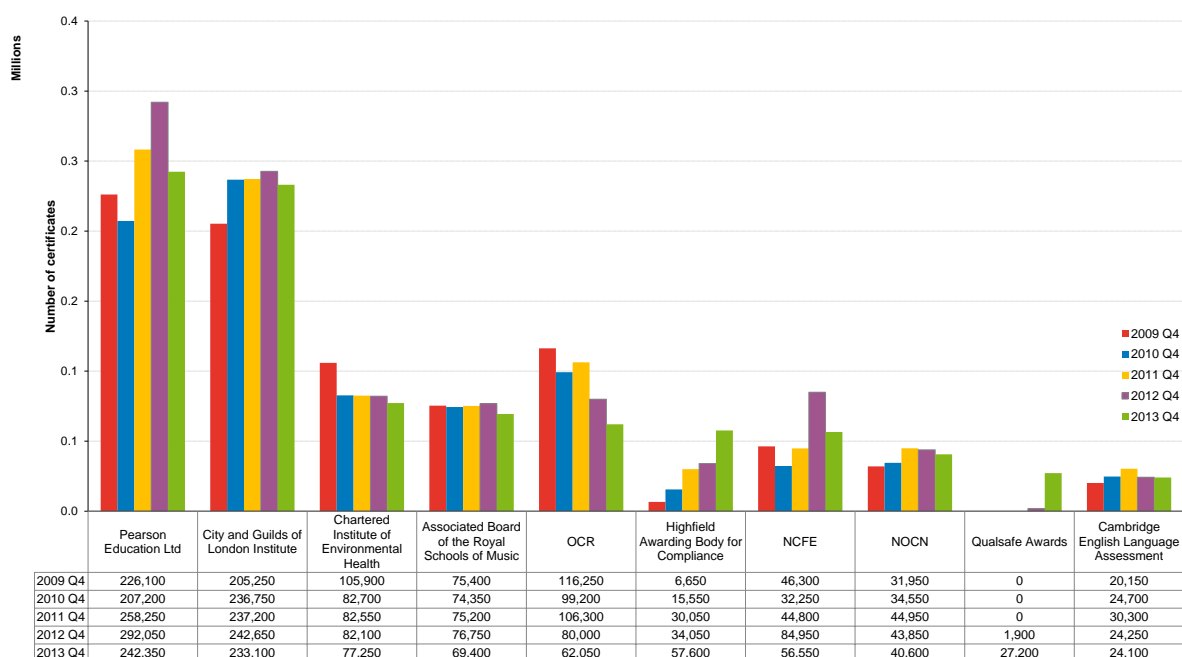
Finally, the number of certificates awarded in entry level qualifications doubled this quarter compared with the same quarter of 2012. This is partly due to the increase in awards of essential skills certificates in England (going from 150 to 1,750 this quarter) and Wales (going from 1,000 to 1,750).

Certificates by awarding organisation

This quarter, 144 awarding organisations issued certificates. This represents 82 per cent of all recognised awarding organisations (there are 176 in total) and 86 per cent of the awarding organisations with available qualifications.

Figure 4, below, shows the ten awarding organisations that issued the most certificates in October–December 2013, with figures for the same quarters from the previous 4 years. The certificates issued by these ten awarding organisations combined represent 70 per cent of all awards during this quarter (just over 1.3 million in total).

Figure 4: The ten awarding organisations that awarded the most certificates in the quarter October - December, 2009-2013



Note: Pearson Education Ltd includes awards from Edexcel and EDI for all years presented

This quarter, 74 awarding organisations issued fewer certificates than they did in the same quarter of 2012, and the figure above shows that eight of the ten awarding organisations issuing the most certificates issued fewer in October–December 2013 than in the same quarter of 2012.

Key statistics from the awarding organisations:

- Pearson Education Ltd (previously awarding qualifications as Edexcel and EDI) maintained the largest share of certificates issued. However, the number of certificates it issued this quarter was 17 per cent less than in the same quarter of 2012. This is partly due to a decrease of 14 per cent in QCF certificates and large drops in the number of certificates awarded for basic skills, key skills, NVQs and vocationally related qualifications.
- Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance (HABC) saw a 69 per cent increase in certificates awarded this quarter, the fifth year where there was an increase in the number of certificates awarded in the October – December quarter. Most of this is due to the increase in certificates issued for two qualifications that were not available 12 months ago: HABC Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF) (12,750 certificates awarded this quarter) and HABC Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work (QCF) (3,600 certificates awarded this quarter).
- Quallsafe Awards and First Aid Awards Ltd saw an increase this quarter. Quallsafe Awards saw a fourteen-fold increase in the number of certificates awarded this quarter compared with the same quarter of 2012, going from 1,900 to 27,200. First Aid Awards Ltd saw the number of certificates it awarded quadruple from 3,950 in quarter 4 of 2012 to 17,900 this quarter. This is mainly due to an increase in the number of certificates awarded in first aid at work qualifications (see more on pages 13).
- OCR continued to see a decline in the number of certificates awarded this quarter, and in the last 12 months, as older NVQs, vocationally related qualifications, and key skills and higher level qualifications expired.
- This quarter, the Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) issued almost half the number of certificates it issued in the same quarter of 2012, going from 11,000 certificates issued to 5,950. In October–December 2012, more than a quarter of the total certificates issued were for other general qualifications and a quarter of the total certificates issued were in key skills qualifications. This quarter, other general qualifications only represented 5 per cent of certificates awarded and key skills qualifications only 8 per cent.

The 50 awarding organisations that awarded the highest number of qualifications this quarter are shown in table 4 in the appendix.

Certificates by qualification

This quarter, 7,610 qualifications had certificates issued, representing 36 per cent of all available qualifications. The 50 qualifications with the most certificates awarded in October– December 2013 are listed in table 5 in the appendix.

The ten qualifications with the largest number of certificates issued in the 12 months to the end of December 2013 are shown in figure 5, below.

Figure 5: The ten qualifications with the highest number of certificates in the 12 months to the end of December 2013 (figures for the 12 months to the end of December 2012 shown for comparison)

Qualification	Number of certificates		% change
	12 months to the end of December 2012	12 months to the end of December 2013	
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	178,800	168,550	-6
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	55,050	138,450	151
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	74,250	91,300	23
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	47,750	64,500	35
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	34,250	59,900	75
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	69,800	59,850	-14
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	29,500	57,550	95
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport (QCF)	52,250	57,000	9
Cambridge English Level 1 Certificate in English (IELTS 5.5-6.5) (ESOL)	45,450	56,200	24
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT *	13,950	51,450	200

* increase is greater than 200%

The qualification with the most certificates issued was the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF), with 168,550 certificates issued during the 12 months to the end of December 2013. Since quarter 4 of 2011, this qualification has consistently awarded the highest number of certificates. However, as from the April – June 2013 quarter, there has been a fall each quarter in the number of students completing this qualification.

Most striking this quarter was the large increase in students completing the OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT and the OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT. These qualifications count in the 2014 Key Stage 4 performance tables.

Three of the ten qualifications with the most certificates issued during the 12 months to the end of December 2013 were Level 1 functional skills qualifications, all of which saw growth, in particular for the City and Guilds of London Institute.

Two Pearson Education Ltd qualifications, both at BTEC Level 2, continued to see large increases in the number of certificates issued. The number of certificates issued increased by 23 per cent to 91,300 for the BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science and by 9 per cent to 57,000 for the BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport. These qualifications are predominantly taken in schools in England and reported on by the Department for Education in its *Statistical First Release: GCSE and Equivalent Results in England 2012/13*.³

Certificates by sector subject area of qualification

Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 15 sector subject area codes (see our *Statistical Publications Glossary*⁴ on our website for further details). This section presents figures on the number of certificates issued this quarter and during the 12 months to the end of December 2013, by the sector subject area of the qualification.

Table 7 in the appendix presents the number of certificates awarded in vocational qualifications by sector subject area, and table 8 gives a breakdown of the number of certificates issued by a more detailed breakdown of sector subject area.

Figure 6 shows the number of certificates issued in each sector subject area in October–December 2013 and during the 12 months to the end of December 2013. The sectors are ordered by size, in terms of the number of certificates issued, with the largest sector subject area first.

The greatest number of certificates was issued in the sector subject area preparation for life and work (358,550 certificates issued, representing 28 per cent of the total certificates issued this quarter and 32 per cent of the certificates awarded in the 12 months to the end of December 2013). This quarter, there was a 15 per cent decrease in the number of certificates awarded. This decrease is mainly due to fewer students completing key skills and basic skills qualifications.

Only three sector subject areas saw an increase in the number of certificates awarded this quarter compared with the same quarter of 2012: language, literature and culture; health, public services and care; and science and mathematics.

³Department for Education (2013) *Statistical First Release: GCSE and Equivalent Results in England 2012/13*. Available at: www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/251184/SFR40_2013_FINALv2.pdf (accessed 18th February 2014).

⁴www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf

The biggest increase was in health, public services and care, with an increase of 46,000 certificates issued. The number of certificates issued in qualifications within this sector declined from 2010 to 2011, but 2013 showed a significant increase. The five qualifications with the most certificates awarded in this sector subject area were in first aid at work. There were 54 available qualifications in first aid at work and the number of certificates awarded quadrupled, going from 17,650 in 2012 to 75,700 in 2013. This large increase is due to the recent requirement by the Health and Safety Executive for individuals to complete an accredited qualification to comply with the *Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981*.

Figure 6: Number of certificates by sector subject area of qualification in the quarter (October - December 2013) and in the 12 months to the end of December 2013

Sector subject area	Number of certificates			
	October - December 2013	% change for quarter	12 months to the end of December 2013	% change for 12 months
Preparation for life and work	358,550	-15	2,896,900	-3
Health, public services and care	221,200	26	1,069,950	29
Retail and commercial enterprise	145,900	-9	739,900	-4
Arts, media and publishing	131,450	0	896,100	1
Business, administration, finance and law	112,950	-9	688,200	4
Engineering and manufacturing technologies	73,500	-9	431,000	4
Leisure, travel and tourism	71,300	-12	538,550	0
Information and communication technology	52,150	-11	625,050	-5
Construction, planning and the built environment	35,700	-15	236,600	-3
Languages, literature and culture	32,700	10	439,450	18
Education and training	18,650	-1	106,350	8
Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	15,850	-12	117,300	1
Science and mathematics	4,950	154	283,250	25
History, philosophy and theology	50	-80	41,200	-11
Social sciences	0	-100	4,600	12
Total number of certificates	1,274,950	-5	9,114,350	3

The increase of 154 per cent for the number of certificates awarded in the science and mathematics sector subject area is the result of students completing the new BTEC Level1/2 First Award in Principles of Applied Science.

In the languages, literature and culture sector subject area, the increase seen this quarter is mainly due to a decrease for the same quarter of 2012. The number of certificates issued in this sector subject area has gone from 43,550 in quarter 4 of 2011 down to 29,750 in quarter 4 of 2012 and up to 32,700 this quarter.

The information and communication technology sector subject area has seen a decrease in the number of certificates awarded in the 12 months to the end of quarter compared with the previous year. Looking at sub-sectors, there was an increase of 9 per cent in the number of certificates awarded in ICT practitioners qualifications and an 8 per cent decrease in ICT for users qualifications.

Similarly, the business, administration, finance and law sector subject area has shown a year-on-year rise in the number of certificates issued since 2011. Over the last 12 months, the number of certificates awarded in business management qualifications has increased by 8 per cent, from 271,250 to 292,850 this quarter.

The trend over time, looking at the number of certificates issued in each of the sector subject areas in the 12-month periods to the end of December between 2009 and 2013, is presented in table 9 of the appendix.

Certificates issued in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Figure 7 shows the number of certificates issued in each of the three countries and across all the countries combined for the 12 months to the end of December 2013. Table 10 in the appendix shows the same details broken down by the sector subject area of the qualification.

We know the number of certificates issued for QCF qualifications represents the largest proportion of the total number of certificates issued in England, Wales and Northern Ireland combined. From figure 7 we can see that QCF qualifications also dominate in England (70 per cent), Wales (45 per cent) and Northern Ireland (68 per cent), and these figures have increased on the same period in 2012.

Similarly, the number of certificates issued for functional skills qualifications also increased in the 12 months to the end of September 2013 compared with the same period in 2012, with the greatest increase happening in Wales.

The number of certificates issued for other general qualifications for the 12 months to the end of September 2013 represents 34 per cent of the total in Wales (217,100), but the proportions in England and Northern Ireland are both smaller, 5 per cent and 22 per cent, respectively, although the figures are rising for this category of

qualification in each country. The majority of these qualifications in Wales and Northern Ireland are in essential skills.

The number of English for speakers of other languages certificates issued increased by 4 per cent in England compared with the same period in 2012, but decreased by 3 per cent in Wales and 4 per cent in Northern Ireland.

Tables 11 to 13 in the appendix present the 50 awarding organisations that awarded the most qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland in January – December 2013.

Figure 7: Number of certificates in the 12 months to the end of December 2013, by country and type of qualification

Qualification type	England			Wales			Northern Ireland		
	Number	% of total	% change	Number	% of total	% change	Number	% of total	% change
Basic skills	69,900	0.8	-84	150	0.0	-89	150	0.1	-97
English for speakers of other languages	277,650	3.4	5	3,950	0.6	-2	2,050	1.0	-1
Entry Level	78,350	0.9	-13	16,800	2.6	-11	8,900	4.3	59
Free-standing mathematics qualification	23,050	0.3	1	50	0.0	28	0	0.0	-100
Functional skills	922,100	11.2	36	4,800	0.7	402	150	0.1	64
Higher level	6,750	0.1	-49	200	0.0	-5	300	0.1	-78
Key skills	348,000	4.2	-37	93,500	14.6	18	4,500	2.2	-85
NVQ	17,500	0.2	-77	1,650	0.3	-81	800	0.4	-74
Occupational qualification	350	0.0	-86	0	0.0	-91	0	0.0	-86
Other general qualification	389,350	4.7	22	217,100	33.8	13	45,000	21.6	236
QCF	5,811,850	70.3	13	287,750	44.9	21	142,100	68.2	12
Vocationally related qualification	319,750	3.9	-38	15,500	2.4	-27	4,250	2.0	-40
Total number of certificates awarded	8,264,600	100.0	4	641,450	100.0	12	208,300	100.0	2

Notes:

All figures are rounded to the nearest 50, values less than 25 will appear as zero. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Background notes

In this release we present data on available regulated qualifications (except GCSEs and A levels) and the number of certificates issued for these qualifications. The data cover England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the figures represent both the quarter October – December 2013 and the 12-month period to the end of December 2013.

Data source

Information on qualifications is taken from our Register of Regulated Qualifications. The Register is used by awarding organisations to submit qualifications for accreditation and maintain details of these qualifications. We use the Register for regulatory activity. Data on qualifications, covering title, type, awarding organisation, sector subject area and level, are regarded as administrative data.

Each quarter, all recognised awarding organisations submit data to us about the number of qualifications they have awarded in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, regardless of the age of the student and the type of school or college. Awards are counted in the quarter when the qualification was awarded. This release shows the number of awards broken down by awarding organisation, sector subject area, type of qualification, level of qualification and country.

Limitations of data

Data are collected at the earliest point available, which is the first day of the next reporting period. This reduces the time between the activity and reporting on the activity.

We cannot guarantee the number of certificates sent to us is correct, although we expect awarding organisations to send us the correct data. We do send summary data to awarding organisations for checking and confirmation. The figures reported in this release are reflective of the certificates issued by awarding organisations at the time of data collection.

We carry out quality assurance procedures to ensure the accuracy of the data and challenge/question it, where necessary. We may also defer publication if the statistics are not considered fit for purpose.

Comparisons in this release are only made with data from the same quarter of the previous year and the 12-month period up to the end of the same quarter of the previous year. This is because of seasonal changes in the number of certificates issued over the year.

At the point of accreditation, regulated qualifications are classified as one of 18 qualification types (including GCSEs and A levels). We recognise that the classification system is not ideal, as very similar qualifications may appear under different qualification types, for example NVQs and the QCF. This release presents figures on 12 of these qualification types.⁵

Geographical coverage

In this release we present data on certificates issued for all regulated qualifications (excluding GCSEs, the AS, A levels and the Diploma⁶) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the quarter October – December 2013.

Statistics for Scotland are on the Scottish Qualifications Authority website.⁷

In 2011, we started to collect data for England, Wales and Northern Ireland individually. This release includes data about certificates awarded by country.

Revisions

Once published, data on the number of certificates issued for any qualification are not usually subject to revision, although subsequent releases may be revised to insert late data or correct an error. Qualifications may also be re-categorised to a different type, level, sector subject area or awarding organisation. In some cases, data may be amended to reflect the new categorisation.

The awarding organisations Edexcel and EDI merged to form Pearson Education Ltd, so qualifications by EDI no longer appear separately.

The number of available qualifications has been revised since the last release of this publication. Table 1 in the appendix has been revised accordingly.

In this release, figures from three awarding organisations have been revised; the City and Guilds of London Institute have been revised since the July – September 2010 release affecting quarter 3 of 2010 onwards; the International Dance Teachers

⁵ Basic skills, English for speakers of other languages, entry level, free-standing mathematics qualifications, functional skills, higher level, key skills, NVQs, occupational qualifications, other general qualifications, QCF and vocationally related qualifications.

⁶ Data for GCSEs, the AS and A levels can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications website, available at: www.jcq.org.uk/examination-results or www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/statistics/raw-data.

⁷ The Scottish Qualifications Authority is the national accreditation and awarding organisation in Scotland. Its website is available at: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/42397.html (accessed 12th February 2014).

Association and the Royal Horticultural Society figures have also been revised affecting the quarter July – September 2013.

In addition, three qualifications from the Association of Accounting Technicians moved sector subject area from health, public services and care to business, administration, finance and law. From this quarter onwards, the certificates issued for these qualifications will be reported on in the latter.

Completeness of the data

Awarding organisations send us data each quarter. We contact any awarding organisation that does not return a complete set of data within the collection period, to make sure the data are as complete as possible. For this quarter, we received data from all the awarding organisations that were in a position to award qualifications.

Confidentiality

To make sure the statistics in this release protect confidentiality, all figures are rounded to the nearest 50 and blank cells represent no achievements. Numbers of qualifications are exact.

Rounding

Figures in the commentary and tables for the number of certificates issued are rounded to the nearest 50. This reflects the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale data collection and makes reading the figures easier. As a result of rounded figures, the percentages shown in pie charts may not necessarily add up to 100 per cent.

Users of these statistics

These statistics are of particular interest to recognised awarding organisations and the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills to include in their statistical first releases. Awarding organisations use these statistics for product development, business development strategies and gaining insight into market share. Other users include the Royal Society of Public Health, which compares certifications with its qualifications, the Institute of the Motor Industry, sector skills councils, teachers, examiners, academics, researchers, members of the public, other government departments in Wales and other interested parties and individuals.

Related statistics and publications

This release is one of a suite of two publications that present quarterly statistics on certificates issued for regulated qualifications. The other release is called *Higher Level Qualifications Quarterly*,⁸ which covers all regulated qualifications at Level 4

⁸www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/150/412

and above. There will be some overlap between the figures in this release and those in the *Higher Level Qualifications Quarterly* release.

A number of other statistical releases and publications relate to this one, including:

- The *Quarterly Statistics Report* published by the Scottish Qualifications Authority – www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/42397.html – covers registration and certifications for qualifications taken in Scotland. This can be compared against certificates issued in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- The Statistical First Release published by the Department for Education, *Statistical First Release: GCSE and Equivalent Results in England 2011/12* – www.gov.uk/government/publications/revise-gcse-and-equivalent-results-in-england-academic-year-2011-to-2012 – covers students' achievements in GCSEs and equivalent regulated qualifications in schools at the end of Key Stage 4. The *Statistical First Release: A Level and Equivalent Results in England, 2011/12* – www.gov.uk/government/publications/revise-a-level-and-equivalent-examination-results-in-england-academic-year-2011-to-2012 – covers achievements for 16- to 18-year-old students at schools and colleges in all Level 3 qualifications. These releases can be used to add context to the trends seen in Level 2 and Level 3 GCE and GCSE equivalent qualifications.
- The quarterly *Statistical First Release* published by the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills – www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/275988/earner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-release.pdf – reports on apprenticeship volumes that cover statistics on adult (19+) government-funded participation, achievement and success rates for further education, and apprenticeships participation and achievements for all ages (16+) in England. It also shows figures on certificates issued for vocational qualifications in the UK, as collected by us and through the National Vocational Qualifications Database.

Useful information

The raw data behind these statistics are available on our website.⁹

A glossary of terms is available in the next section to help you interpret this release.

You can find our publication schedule for the next releases on our website.¹⁰ Our *Statistical Publications Glossary* provides further details on sector subject area classifications and qualification types and levels, and is available on our website.¹¹

⁹www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/statistics/vocational-data

A detailed guidance document and further information on data collection are also available on our website.¹²

The Register gives information on regulated qualifications and recognised awarding organisations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.¹³

This release presents a new design aimed at making it easier for you to use. Please note that we will continue to make changes that reflect your needs, and future releases may have revised titles and content.

¹⁰ www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/statistics

¹¹ www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf

¹² www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/statistics/vocational-data

¹³ www.register.ofqual.gov.uk

Glossary of terms

A levels – also known as General Certificates of Education, are available as advanced level qualifications (A levels) and advanced subsidiary (AS). They are the main qualifications that young people use to gain entry to university.

Accreditation – a process that reviews and confirms certification to specific criteria and standards.

Accredited qualification – one that has met the relevant criteria as set by the regulators of qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Once approved for accreditation, a qualification will be awarded with a Qualification Accreditation Number, and specific dates set for the period for which the qualification will be accredited. The qualification is then said to be regulated.

Active qualification – a qualification where a certificate has been awarded.

Available qualification – a qualification eligible for an award or a qualification that has made an award even if it is no longer eligible (no longer available for students to enrol on). For the purpose of this release, a qualification is available until the certification end date or if an award has been certified during the reporting period.

Awarding organisation – an organisation recognised to develop, deliver and award descriptions of qualifications.

Certificate/certification – a formal acknowledgement of a student's achievement. This will be any award that is not graded as U, absent, or X (fail).

Certification end date – the last date on which a student may be issued with a certificate of achievement for the qualification.

GCSEs – General Certificates of Secondary Education are the main school-leaving qualification in England. They are available in a range of subjects and can be studied alongside other qualifications. They are generally sat by 15 to 18 year olds in schools and colleges but are open to anyone who wants to gain a qualification.

Level – qualifications are assigned a level from entry, then Level 1 through to Level 8. Descriptions of the levels are available in the *Statistical Publications Glossary* on our website.

NVQs –work-related, competence-based qualifications that cover a broad range of industry sectors and occupations, and are delivered in a workplace setting.

Other general –qualifications that assess a particular subject area, such as music or art, other than GCSEs, the AS, A levels and GNVQs. These qualifications are not directly work-related but may support career development. They are often structured

against graded exams. The category also includes qualifications at Level 1/Level 2, also known as IGCSEs.

The QCF –provides students, learning providers and employers with an inclusive and flexible regulated qualifications framework, containing units and qualifications that recognise the widest possible range of quality-assured student certificates. There are three sizes: award (1 to 12 credits), certificate (13 to 36 credits) and diploma (37 or more credits).

Quarter – refers to calendar quarters. So quarter 1 (Q1) refers to January – March, quarter 2 (Q2) to April – June, quarter 3 (Q3) to July – September, and quarter 4 (Q4) to October – December.

Recognition– the formal process, which we operate, whereby applicants who wish to offer regulated qualifications can demonstrate they meet the Recognition Criteria. It is a robust gateway into the regulated market place. Only applicants who meet the criteria in full will be recognised.

Register–the Register of Regulated Qualifications – www.register.ofqual.gov.uk– contains details of recognised awarding organisations and regulated qualifications.

Regulated–an accredited qualification is one that has met the relevant criteria as set by the regulators of qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. On accreditation, a qualification will be issued with a Qualification Accreditation Number, and specific dates set for the period for which the qualification will be accredited. The qualification is then said to be regulated.

Vocationally related qualifications–work-related, competence-based qualifications designed to give students the skills and knowledge they need to do a job. They are related to employment but, unlike NVQs, do not necessarily require a work placement.

Your feedback

We are conducting a rolling series of online surveys to help our statistical releases meet your needs.

We would especially like to invite you to take part in the online survey for this release. It will take about 10 minutes to complete. Your responses will remain entirely confidential in any reports we publish about the survey.

If you would like to take part in the survey, have any questions or would prefer a paper or large-type copy, please contact us at: statistics@ofqual.gov.uk.

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Table 1: Number of regulated vocational and other qualifications, from 2007/8 to October–December 2013

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

Period	Basic skills	English for speakers of other languages	Entry level	Free-standing mathematics qualification	Functional skills	Higher level	Key skills	National vocational qualification	Occupational qualification	Other general qualification	QCF	Vocationally related qualification	Total number of qualifications
08-09	84	174	301	22	98	545	319	1,937	100	658	2,336	2,921	9,495
09-10	83	184	340	22	219	577	352	1,767	95	738	6,047	2,775	13,199
10-11	88	186	367	22	230	554	377	1,606	94	759	9,568	2,393	16,244
11-12	88	187	342	20	205	491	377	1,446	87	803	12,778	2,167	18,991
12-13	80	193	303	14	235	421	368	1,162	85	817	16,794	1,711	22,183
13-14	32	191	279	7	238	355	191	651	68	774	17,086	1,034	20,906
Oct-Dec 2008	80	157	299	13	83	472	319	1,653	86	635	628	2,543	6,968
Jan-Mar 2009	84	157	297	13	89	510	319	1,754	98	639	1,286	2,859	8,105
Apr-Jun 2009	84	159	298	22	89	500	319	1,778	100	631	1,442	2,843	8,265
Jul-Sep 2009	84	159	299	22	98	505	319	1,622	94	651	1,812	2,608	8,273
Oct-Dec 2009	83	159	288	22	92	526	170	1,687	91	153	2,545	2,731	8,547
Jan-Mar 2010	83	161	311	22	92	545	187	1,668	90	727	3,320	2,671	9,877
Apr-Jun 2010	83	163	303	22	180	534	342	1,657	90	600	3,490	2,666	10,130
Jul-Sep 2010	83	181	326	22	219	540	351	1,636	90	726	5,960	2,620	12,754
Oct-Dec 2010	83	170	325	22	171	552	356	1,604	94	722	6,659	2,388	13,146
Jan-Mar 2011	77	185	330	22	177	540	356	1,525	90	718	7,523	2,314	13,853
Apr-Jun 2011	84	185	339	22	185	529	355	1,530	90	712	8,544	2,296	14,871
Jul-Sep 2011	88	185	362	22	196	504	377	1,518	94	751	9,496	2,270	15,863
Oct-Dec 2011	88	176	334	20	202	484	377	1,432	87	724	10,337	2,113	16,374
Jan-Mar 2012	88	183	321	20	202	446	377	1,355	86	696	11,069	2,010	16,853
Apr-Jun 2012	88	186	315	20	201	423	368	1,305	86	678	11,690	1,971	17,331
Jul-Sep 2012	88	187	319	20	200	419	368	1,285	86	748	12,629	1,972	18,321
Oct-Dec 2012	80	185	297	14	184	414	368	1,149	85	758	13,326	1,668	18,528
Jan-Mar 2013	80	191	292	14	193	411	368	939	77	744	14,204	1,408	18,921
Apr-Jun 2013	80	191	292	14	222	408	359	842	77	737	14,984	1,289	19,495
Jul-Sep 2013	80	192	296	14	232	405	359	788	71	785	16,356	1,271	20,849
Oct - Dec 2013	32	191	279	7	238	355	191	651	68	774	17,086	1,034	20,906

Notes:

1. Vocational and other qualifications represent all regulated qualifications other than GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma
2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data are for academic years, that is October to September

Table 2: Total number of certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications, from October – December 2008 to October–December 2013, showing certificates issued per quarter and per 12 months to quarter end

England, Wales and Northern Ireland		
Period	Total number of certificates issued	
	Quarter	12 months to quarter end
Oct-Dec 2008	1,076,900	6,454,150
Jan-Mar 2009	1,214,500	6,591,550
Apr-Jun 2009	1,829,950	6,837,100
Jul-Sep 2009	3,140,800	7,262,150
Oct-Dec 2009	1,175,300	7,360,550
Jan-Mar 2010	1,284,950	7,431,050
Apr-Jun 2010	1,979,300	7,580,350
Jul-Sep 2010	3,515,750	7,955,300
Oct-Dec 2010	1,169,300	7,949,300
Jan-Mar 2011	1,266,650	7,931,000
Apr-Jun 2011	1,911,100	7,862,800
Jul-Sep 2011	3,548,050	7,895,100
Oct-Dec 2011	1,271,400	7,997,150
Jan-Mar 2012	1,384,550	8,115,050
Apr-Jun 2012	2,116,500	8,320,450
Jul-Sep 2012	4,013,150	8,785,600
Oct-Dec 2012	1,345,250	8,859,450
Jan-Mar 2013	1,421,700	8,896,600
Apr-Jun 2013	2,463,300	9,243,400
Jul-Sep 2013	3,954,400	9,184,600
Oct-Dec 2013	1,274,950	9,114,350

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. Vocational and other qualifications represent all regulated qualifications other than GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma
2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 50, values less than 25 will appear as zero. Blank cells represent no achievements

Table 3: Number of certificates issued for regulated vocational and other qualifications by type of qualification, from 2007/8 to October– December 2013

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

Period	Basic skills	English for speakers of other languages	Entry level	Free-standing mathematics qualification	Functional skills	Higher level	Key skills	NVQ	Occupational qualification	Other general qualification	QCF	Vocationally related qualification	Total number of certificates
08-09	869,250	273,150	308,100	19,600	122,400	44,650	897,550	922,850	26,450	951,100	220,300	2,606,700	7,262,150
09-10	829,850	332,500	239,350	23,750	242,250	46,600	885,250	978,950	23,200	969,100	777,200	2,607,300	7,955,300
10-11	611,550	273,950	160,100	25,500	566,550	30,300	618,400	587,750	17,500	767,600	2,836,200	1,399,650	7,895,100
11-12	512,950	275,900	114,750	22,950	664,700	16,850	659,200	128,850	4,600	525,750	5,283,350	575,850	8,785,600
12-13	101,750	287,600	102,550	23,150	864,600	7,600	545,600	28,750	550	638,500	6,235,800	348,150	9,184,600
13-14	1,850	41,800	4,600		149,750	1,650	8,250	3,000	50	29,400	1,022,150	12,400	1,274,950
Oct-Dec 2008	155,850	38,500	22,550		400	7,100	119,750	164,150	5,800	130,400	16,400	416,100	1,076,900
Jan-Mar 2009	220,200	68,100	28,750	700	20,050	8,900	120,100	169,650	5,250	123,600	39,300	409,900	1,214,500
Apr-Jun 2009	276,500	78,700	43,350		8,350	4,600	247,100	216,450	6,350	170,750	62,000	715,850	1,829,950
Jul-Sep 2009	216,700	87,850	213,450	18,900	93,600	24,050	410,650	372,650	9,100	526,400	102,650	1,064,850	3,140,800
Oct-Dec 2009	169,850	44,900	16,600		2,400	7,900	81,900	212,050	5,950	133,900	85,100	414,750	1,175,300
Jan-Mar 2010	214,900	52,550	19,600	850	28,500	8,250	117,150	203,950	5,150	110,850	135,450	387,750	1,284,950
Apr-Jun 2010	247,900	115,350	30,300		23,050	6,850	218,300	213,450	5,650	189,350	203,000	726,100	1,979,300
Jul-Sep 2010	197,200	119,650	172,850	22,900	188,300	23,650	467,900	349,550	6,450	535,000	353,650	1,078,700	3,515,750
Oct-Dec 2010	126,650	42,750	4,650		13,300	6,800	120,500	179,600	6,200	108,250	274,800	285,750	1,169,300
Jan-Mar 2011	170,800	62,350	7,350	1,550	62,950	7,500	124,050	155,250	4,050	49,950	454,450	166,350	1,266,650
Apr-Jun 2011	175,300	53,750	22,500		156,050	3,900	130,600	128,600	3,600	128,800	722,300	385,750	1,911,100
Jul-Sep 2011	138,800	115,100	125,600	23,900	334,300	12,100	243,250	124,300	3,600	480,650	1,384,650	561,800	3,548,050
Oct-Dec 2011	99,650	52,250	3,450		70,600	4,000	108,300	51,000	2,000	17,050	807,250	55,850	1,271,400
Jan-Mar 2012	127,500	67,900	6,100	500	96,800	3,600	130,850	31,100	1,000	46,450	821,450	51,250	1,384,550
Apr-Jun 2012	151,200	61,250	14,450		192,050	2,500	180,800	22,600	700	70,000	1,225,900	195,050	2,116,500
Jul-Sep 2012	134,550	94,500	90,750	22,450	305,300	6,700	239,250	24,150	900	392,250	2,428,700	273,650	4,013,150
Oct-Dec 2012	33,450	45,750	3,100		87,250	2,000	107,900	11,750	250	16,400	1,016,250	21,100	1,345,250
Jan-Mar 2013	23,700	58,550	5,050	550	136,850	2,050	116,300	6,750	150	63,900	985,400	22,500	1,421,700
Apr-Jun 2013	23,800	74,750	16,700	500	256,500	1,350	137,050	5,150	100	76,700	1,728,050	142,600	2,463,300
Jul-Sep 2013	20,850	108,600	77,700	22,150	383,950	2,150	184,350	5,100	50	481,500	2,506,100	161,900	3,954,400
Oct-Dec 2013	1,850	41,800	4,600		149,750	1,650	8,250	3,000	50	29,400	1,022,150	12,400	1,274,950

Notes:

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Table 4: The 50 awarding organisations that issued the highest number of certificates in vocational and other qualifications for the quarter Oct–Dec 2013 (October– December 2012 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland	Total number of certificates issued (for the quarter)	
	Oct - Dec	Oct - Dec 2013
Pearson Education Ltd	292,050	242,350
City and Guilds of London Institute	242,650	233,100
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	82,100	77,300
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	76,750	69,400
OCR	80,000	62,050
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	34,050	57,600
NCFE	84,950	56,550
NOCN	43,850	40,600
Qualsafe Awards	1,900	27,200
Cambridge English Language Assessment	0	24,100
Sports Leaders UK	17,050	19,250
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	22,600	18,800
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	19,400	17,950
First Aid Awards Ltd	3,950	17,900
Ascentis	21,300	16,850
Trinity College London	18,650	16,650
BIIAB	12,050	13,400
1st4sport Qualifications	14,050	12,100
Cskills Awards	15,700	11,350
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	10,050	11,050
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	15,400	8,900
Royal Society for Public Health	9,050	8,800
Institute of Leadership & Management	9,600	8,700
Lifetime Awarding	5,400	8,200
International Dance Teachers Association	0	7,950
Rock School Ltd	8,300	7,900
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	7,050	7,400
AoFA Qualifications	2,800	7,400
University of West London	5,600	7,200
Active IQ	7,550	7,050
IMI Awards Ltd	10,150	7,050
British Safety Council	9,500	6,150
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	11,000	5,950
AQA Education	7,400	5,700
Association of Accounting Technicians	5,350	5,250
apt awards	0	5,150
LAMDA	4,700	5,050
Laser Learning Awards	5,550	4,750
AIM Awards	4,750	4,450
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	7,350	4,450
Chartered Management Institute	3,800	4,200
Central YMCA Qualifications	5,500	4,150
VTCT	6,650	4,050
British Ballet Organisation	1,250	3,800
Industry Qualifications	1,500	3,750
Open Awards	4,450	3,600
WSET Awards	3,050	3,500
Graded Qualifications Alliance	2,650	3,500
ifs University College (previously known as ifs School of Finance)	2,450	3,300
Chartered Insurance Institute	5,350	3,200

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

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Table 5: The 50 qualifications with the most certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications for the quarter October–December 2013 (October–December 2012 shown for comparison)

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

Qualification	Total number of certificates issued (for the quarter)	
	Oct - Dec 2012	Oct - Dec 2013
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	47,450	41,150
QA Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	0	15,850
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	18,200	15,450
HABC Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	0	12,750
FAA Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	0	11,950
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	10,450	11,850
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	12,600	11,450
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	4,600	10,850
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Functional Skills Mathematics	4,450	10,850
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	5,950	10,500
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	10,650	10,200
Cambridge English Level 1 Certificate in English (IELTS 5.5-6.5) (ESOL)	11,100	10,100
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	11,100	10,000
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	2,850	9,200
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	8,350	9,150
IQL Level 2 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Intervention, Supervision and Rescue (QCF)	0	8,500
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	6,900	8,300
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	5,450	8,250
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5) (QCF)	7,650	7,450
BIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	7,400	7,250
QA Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work (QCF)	0	7,100
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	8,150	7,050
Pearson EDI Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	2,100	6,400
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	4,000	6,350
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	8,150	6,250
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	8,000	6,100
Ascentis Level 1 Award in Internet Safety for IT Users (QCF)	6,450	5,750
Cambridge English Level 2 Certificate in English (IELTS 7.0-8.0) (ESOL)	5,350	5,650
CIEH Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	0	5,600
HABC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	5,950	5,500
Pearson EDI Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	1,150	5,350
1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Football (QCF)	6,750	5,200
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2	1,650	5,150
TCL Entry Level Certificate in ESOL International - Speaking and Listening (Entry 3)	3,150	5,050
ABRSM Level 2 Award in Graded Examination in Music Theory (Grade 5) (QCF)	5,950	5,050
RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	5,000	4,950
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	2,800	4,850
Pearson EDI Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	1,350	4,850
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	6,400	4,650
AOFAQ Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	0	4,550
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 1	2,650	4,500
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)	3,000	4,300
NOCN Entry Level Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (Entry 3) (QCF)	5,550	4,050
Cambridge English Entry Level Certificate in English (IELTS 4.0-5.0) (Entry 3) (ESOL)	3,600	3,950
Pearson EDI Level 2 Award in Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings	3,950	3,950
Pearson EDI Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	3,600	3,950
NOCN Level 1 Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF)	3,500	3,800
BSC Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work (QCF)	8,900	3,800
City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Requirements for Electrical Installation BS7671:June 2008 (2011) (QCF)	5,350	3,750
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care or Children and Young People's Settings	4,150	3,650

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Table 6: Total number of certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications by level of qualification, from 2007/8 to October–December 2013

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Entry level	Level 1	Level 1/ level 2	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Total number of achievements
08-09	611,600	1,949,500		3,576,400	1,018,550	62,000	31,500	7,650	5,000	50	7,262,200
09-10	665,600	2,007,950		4,053,850	1,104,000	72,450	35,950	8,300	7,000	150	7,955,300
10-11	776,950	2,028,850	7,950	3,909,500	1,042,200	78,350	35,650	9,150	6,250	200	7,895,100
11-12	887,450	2,283,400	37,400	4,325,500	1,122,500	74,950	34,950	9,550	9,600	300	8,785,600
12-13	932,350	2,400,050	147,600	4,329,050	1,249,800	70,900	36,450	10,900	7,150	400	9,184,600
13-14	124,600	350,200	7,700	603,600	165,050	12,850	7,250	1,950	1,750	100	1,274,950
Oct-Dec 2008	61,700	307,650		535,000	155,400	11,250	3,750	1,150	1,100		1,077,000
Jan-Mar 2009	86,550	339,250		612,200	154,600	13,500	5,300	2,000	1,100		1,214,500
Apr-Jun 2009	127,950	485,400		967,500	232,400	11,800	3,500	550	850		1,829,950
Jul-Sep 2009	335,400	817,150		1,461,750	476,150	25,450	19,050	3,900	1,950		3,140,800
Oct-Dec 2009	68,600	284,700		629,750	169,900	13,450	6,250	1,350	1,250	50	1,175,300
Jan-Mar 2010	82,800	325,350		693,400	158,700	16,400	5,700	1,000	1,550	50	1,284,950
Apr-Jun 2010	151,600	492,500		1,080,450	231,550	14,450	6,500	800	1,500		1,979,300
Jul-Sep 2010	362,600	905,400		1,650,250	543,850	28,150	17,500	5,200	2,750	50	3,515,750
Oct-Dec 2010	61,650	317,100		605,400	160,100	15,700	6,200	1,650	1,450	100	1,169,300
Jan-Mar 2011	103,850	315,600		659,300	159,300	18,150	7,450	1,450	1,550	50	1,266,650
Apr-Jun 2011	160,250	487,700		1,029,900	207,100	16,750	6,350	1,850	1,150		1,911,100
Jul-Sep 2011	451,200	908,450	7,950	1,614,850	515,750	27,750	15,700	4,200	2,100	100	3,548,050
Oct-Dec 2011	115,450	361,550		621,000	146,900	15,100	6,950	1,550	2,850	50	1,271,400
Jan-Mar 2012	128,050	394,600	1,200	682,500	150,600	15,200	7,100	2,950	2,250	100	1,384,550
Apr-Jun 2012	185,850	561,550		1,121,050	221,000	16,500	6,950	1,500	2,050	50	2,116,500
Jul-Sep 2012	458,050	965,750	36,200	1,900,950	603,950	28,150	13,950	3,550	2,500	50	4,013,200
Oct-Dec 2012	122,850	403,050		634,250	158,100	16,400	6,500	2,400	1,700	50	1,345,300
Jan-Mar 2013	134,000	421,250	8,850	671,750	159,800	14,300	7,350	2,800	1,450	100	1,421,750
Apr-Jun 2013	223,300	620,300		1,295,000	299,850	14,050	7,750	1,650	1,250	100	2,463,350
Jul-Sep 2013	452,200	955,450	138,750	1,728,150	632,000	26,150	14,850	4,050	2,700	100	3,954,400
Oct-Dec 2013	122,850	350,750	7,700	604,900	166,200	11,650	7,200	1,950	1,750	100	1,274,950

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Table 7: Total number of certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications by sector subject area, from 2007/8 to October–December 2013

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Health, public services and care	Science and mathematics	Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	Engineering and manufacturing technologies	Construction, planning and the built environment	Information and communication technology	Retail and commercial enterprise	Leisure, travel and tourism	Arts, media and publishing	History, philosophy and theology	Social sciences	Languages, literature and culture	Education and training	Preparation for life and work	Business, administration, finance and law	Total number of certificates issued
08-09	1,016,050	95,800	90,150	385,850	257,050	548,650	410,550	419,850	756,950	41,500	2,950	340,300	98,350	2,300,950	497,250	7,262,200
09-10	1,127,950	141,900	106,100	395,950	226,900	599,900	499,250	437,900	837,400	41,300	3,150	358,400	118,300	2,517,100	543,800	7,955,300
10-11	789,550	166,800	119,950	417,450	208,050	607,100	690,650	489,700	779,100	45,550	4,450	389,650	107,400	2,540,850	538,800	7,895,100
11-12	795,650	227,150	118,150	415,200	232,450	649,800	784,900	528,750	883,500	46,400	4,200	385,000	96,800	2,972,300	645,350	8,785,600
12-13	1,023,950	280,250	120,100	438,150	243,050	631,200	753,650	548,550	896,400	41,400	4,700	436,450	106,550	2,961,500	698,700	9,184,600
13-14	221,200	4,950	15,900	73,500	35,700	52,150	145,900	71,300	131,450	50	0	32,700	18,650	358,500	112,950	1,274,950
Oct-Dec 2008	204,250	450	15,350	70,050	39,150	48,050	63,250	69,750	132,250	450		22,950	19,450	320,050	71,500	1,077,000
Jan-Mar 2009	218,350	1,600	16,050	64,900	35,250	68,600	67,950	59,450	105,900	150		51,950	16,850	415,250	92,250	1,214,500
Apr-Jun 2009	252,100	25,850	20,250	87,000	75,950	129,200	106,300	114,400	182,050	10,450	50	64,550	19,050	610,550	132,200	1,829,950
Jul-Sep 2009	341,300	67,900	38,500	163,950	106,700	302,700	173,100	176,250	336,750	30,500	2,850	200,800	43,000	955,150	201,300	3,140,800
Oct-Dec 2009	242,000	700	17,000	73,150	35,500	45,350	86,900	73,650	137,000	50	0	26,950	23,250	316,050	97,700	1,175,300
Jan-Mar 2010	251,300	2,500	18,150	65,400	32,000	70,900	91,400	56,000	107,550	0	200	44,200	22,450	418,800	104,050	1,284,950
Apr-Jun 2010	271,700	41,950	23,350	86,750	55,250	179,950	117,400	122,350	236,850		100	72,000	26,850	610,650	134,150	1,979,300
Jul-Sep 2010	362,900	96,750	47,600	170,650	104,100	303,650	203,500	185,900	356,050	41,200	2,850	215,300	45,750	1,171,600	207,950	3,515,750
Oct-Dec 2010	213,400	1,500	17,350	61,550	32,700	43,750	107,500	72,850	140,450	750	100	27,400	21,500	332,650	95,900	1,169,300
Jan-Mar 2011	152,450	3,000	9,500	88,200	28,000	67,500	165,700	72,000	73,300	50	150	43,700	23,250	433,250	106,550	1,266,650
Apr-Jun 2011	172,800	45,900	37,450	98,600	49,650	179,850	170,250	126,950	206,400	3,100	100	74,250	24,650	585,900	135,150	1,911,100
Jul-Sep 2011	250,850	116,400	55,650	169,100	97,750	316,000	247,200	217,900	358,950	41,600	4,100	244,300	38,000	1,189,050	201,200	3,548,050
Oct-Dec 2011	140,250	1,900	20,400	79,450	35,600	48,150	170,300	70,700	126,000	550	250	43,450	17,000	408,750	108,700	1,271,400
Jan-Mar 2012	134,700	3,100	20,000	69,650	35,250	71,700	162,600	60,900	106,950	150	150	47,300	20,400	529,800	121,800	1,384,550
Apr-Jun 2012	191,100	45,050	27,100	87,300	52,150	189,850	177,050	131,000	222,550	50	50	72,100	22,300	746,050	152,800	2,116,500
Jul-Sep 2012	329,550	177,100	50,650	178,800	109,450	340,150	274,900	266,150	427,950	45,700	3,750	222,150	37,100	1,287,750	262,050	4,013,200
Oct-Dec 2012	175,500	1,950	17,950	80,700	40,150	58,300	159,650	81,300	131,800	250	100	29,550	18,850	426,050	123,200	1,345,300
Jan-Mar 2013	188,100	8,100	21,300	78,150	34,050	73,950	148,150	62,450	114,250	150	150	44,250	20,350	503,000	125,250	1,421,750
Apr-Jun 2013	289,600	82,450	29,950	101,250	56,250	201,150	181,450	176,500	258,250	150	50	83,750	23,800	785,000	193,850	2,463,350
Jul-Sep 2013	371,350	187,800	50,750	178,100	106,650	297,800	264,450	228,250	392,100	40,850	4,400	277,550	43,500	1,255,050	255,750	3,954,400
Oct-Dec 2013	221,200	4,950	15,900	73,500	35,700	52,150	145,900	71,300	131,450	50	0	32,700	18,650	358,500	112,950	1,274,950

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Table 8: Total number of certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications by second-tier sector subject area, for the quarter October–December 2013 (October–December 2012 shown for comparison)

Sector subject area	Total number of certificates issued	
	(for the quarter)	
	Oct - Dec 2012	Oct - Dec 2013
01.1 Medicine and dentistry		0
01.2 Nursing and subjects and vocations allied to medicine	600	1,100
01.3 Health and social care	130,150	174,200
01.4 Public services	30,800	34,700
01.5 Child development and well-being	13,700	11,150
02.1 Science	1,950	4,950
02.2 Mathematics and statistics		
03.1 Agriculture	3,750	3,800
03.2 Horticulture and forestry	5,850	6,050
03.3 Animal care and veterinary science	5,050	4,500
03.4 Environmental conservation	3,400	1,550
04.1 Engineering	25,550	21,600
04.2 Manufacturing technologies	36,000	36,550
04.3 Transportation operations and maintenance	19,100	15,300
05.1 Architecture	50	
05.2 Building and construction	42,100	35,700
05.3 Urban, rural and regional planning	0	
06.1 ICT practitioners	5,800	5,400
06.2 ICT for users	52,500	46,750
07.1 Retailing and wholesaling	15,450	14,200
07.2 Warehousing and distribution	10,500	10,800
07.3 Service enterprises	25,600	21,800
07.4 Hospitality and catering	108,100	99,100
08.1 Sport, leisure and recreation	80,050	69,900
08.2 Travel and tourism	1,250	1,450
09.1 Performing arts	115,700	118,500
09.2 Crafts, creative arts and design	13,100	10,800
09.3 Media and communication	2,900	1,950
09.4 Publishing and information services	100	200
10.1 History		
10.2 Archaeology and archaeological sciences		0
10.3 Philosophy		
10.4 Theology and religious studies	250	50
11.1 Geography		0
11.2 Sociology and social policy	100	0
11.3 Politics		
11.4 Economics		
12.1 Languages, literature and culture of the British Isles	25,550	30,300
12.2 Other languages, literature and culture	4,200	2,400
13.1 Teaching and lecturing	11,500	11,600
13.2 Direct learning support	7,400	7,050
14.1 Foundations for learning and life	359,400	294,900
14.2 Preparation for work	64,300	63,550
15.1 Accounting and finance	19,700	16,750
15.2 Administration	59,550	57,550
15.3 Business management	42,250	36,700
15.4 Marketing and sales	1,850	1,850
15.5 Law and legal services	150	150

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Table 9: Total number of certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications by sector subject area, for the 12 months to the end of December 2013

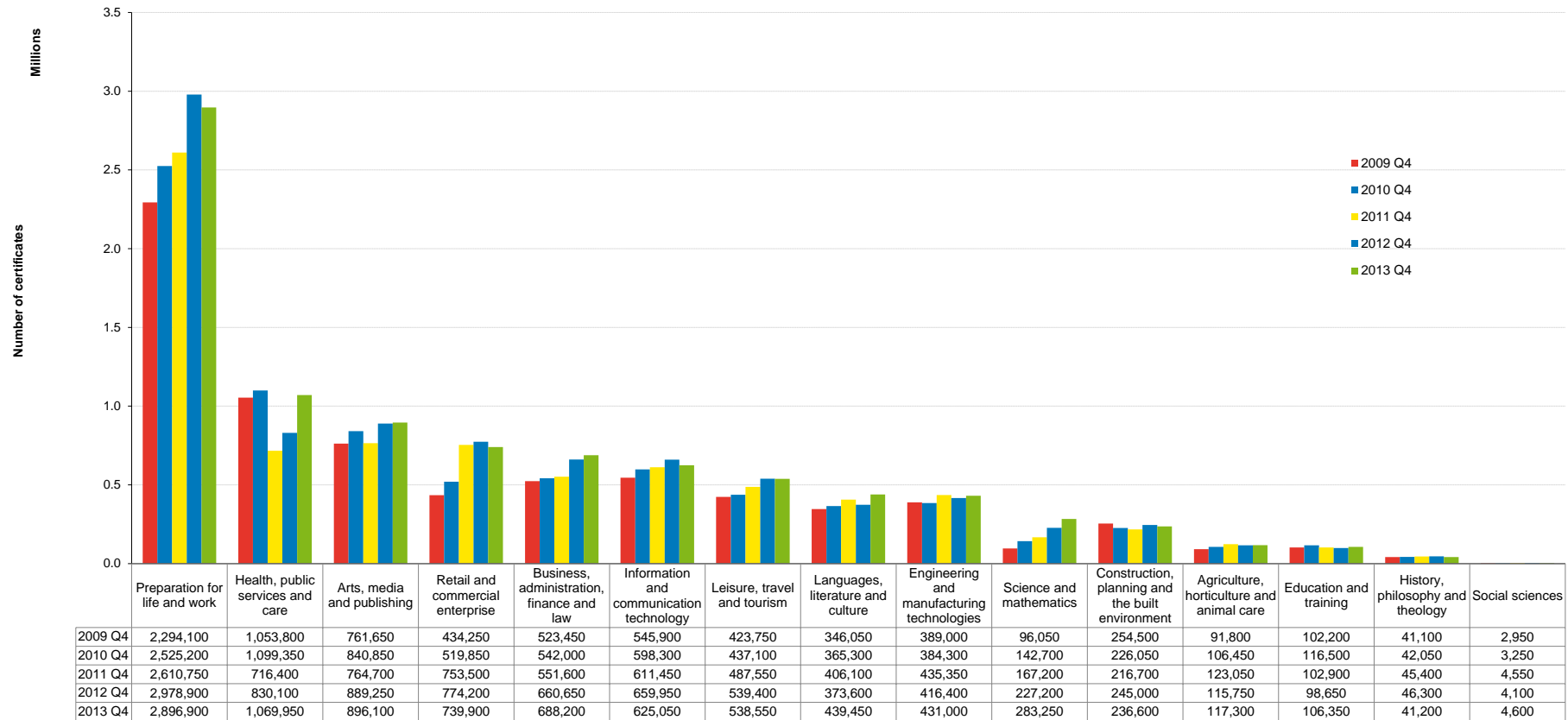


Table 10: Total number of certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications by country and type of qualification, for the 12 months to the end of December 2013

Qualification type	England			Wales			Northern Ireland		
	Number	% of total	% change	Number	% of total	% change	Number	% of total	% change
Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	106,800	1.3	0	7,800	1.2	14	2,700	1.3	13
Arts, media and publishing	825,400	10.0	1	35,100	5.5	-7	35,600	17.1	1
Business, administration, finance and law	642,000	7.8	4	32,450	5.1	4	13,750	6.6	6
Construction, planning and the built environment	216,100	2.6	-3	15,000	2.3	-12	5,500	2.6	12
Education and training	99,750	1.2	8	5,000	0.8	-1	1,600	0.8	-1
Engineering and manufacturing technologies	386,050	4.7	2	33,600	5.2	18	11,350	5.4	21
Health, public services and care	1,001,200	12.1	29	51,950	8.1	38	16,800	8.1	12
History, philosophy and theology	40,200	0.5	-10	150	0.0	-64	850	0.4	-8
Information and communication technology	581,900	7.0	-6	25,100	3.9	10	18,050	8.7	-2
Languages, literature and culture	426,050	5.2	19	9,250	1.4	-6	4,100	2.0	-9
Leisure, travel and tourism	510,550	6.2	-1	19,850	3.1	12	8,150	3.9	17
Preparation for life and work	2,490,900	30.1	-5	348,350	54.3	17	57,650	27.7	16
Retail and commercial enterprise	666,750	8.1	-5	43,000	6.7	-1	30,150	14.5	0
Science and mathematics	266,400	3.2	23	14,800	2.3	51	2,050	1.0	29
Social sciences	4,500	0.1	17	100	0.0	-51	0	0.0	-72
Total number of certificates awarded	8,264,600	100.0	2	641,450	100.0	13	208,300	100.0	7

Notes:

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Table 11: England –the 50 awarding organisations with the highest number of certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications for January–December 2013

England only	
Awarding organisation	Total number of certificates issued (for the 12 months to quarter end)
	January 2013 -December 2013
Pearson Education Ltd	2,331,850
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,261,550
OCR	740,950
NCFE	423,950
NOCN	282,600
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	259,350
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	241,200
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	193,600
AQA Education	182,700
Cambridge English Language Assessment	165,800
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	114,450
Trinity College London	112,800
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	101,100
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	88,800
Sports Leaders UK	83,800
Cskills Awards	82,600
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	81,400
Cambridge International Examinations	79,650
Ascentis	76,500
IMI Awards Ltd	59,250
VTCT	58,800
1st4sport Qualifications	57,650
Qualsafe Awards	56,400
LAMDA	53,300
BIIAB	52,850
First Aid Awards Ltd	52,300
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	51,250
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	43,800
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	36,250
WJEC-CBAC	35,300
Association of Accounting Technicians	34,900
International Baccalaureate Organisation	34,750
Institute of Leadership & Management	33,500
ABC Awards	31,650
Rock School Ltd	30,600
Active IQ	30,450
International Dance Teachers Association	28,600
Lifetime Awarding	28,200
AIM Awards	27,900
ifs University College (previously known as ifs School of Finance)	27,900
Central YMCA Qualifications	27,750
Royal Society for Public Health	26,250
Royal Academy of Dance	26,100
British Safety Council	23,150
English Speaking Board (International) Ltd	21,950
University of West London	20,650
Chartered Management Institute	18,350
Open Awards	17,250
AoFA Qualifications	16,900
Laser Learning Awards	16,700

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Table 12: Wales –the 50 awarding organisations with the highest number of certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications for January–December 2013

Awarding organisation	Total number of certificates issued (for the 12 months to quarter end)	
	January 2013 - December 2013	
WJEC-CBAC	209,300	
Pearson Education Ltd	120,100	
City and Guilds of London Institute	102,400	
OCR	47,050	
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	29,400	
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	14,900	
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	13,250	
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	12,250	
NOCN	6,050	
Cskills Awards	5,900	
VTCT	5,850	
Royal Society for Public Health	4,400	
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	4,000	
Institute of Leadership & Management	3,900	
Cambridge English Language Assessment	3,450	
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	3,200	
Qualsafe Awards	2,900	
IMI Awards Ltd	2,850	
Agored Cymru	2,800	
Sports Leaders UK	2,550	
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	2,550	
Trinity College London	2,450	
1st4sport Qualifications	2,100	
International Baccalaureate Organisation	2,050	
AoFA Qualifications	2,000	
Safety Training Awards	2,000	
British Safety Council	1,950	
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	1,900	
NCFE	1,850	
University of West London	1,750	
BIIAB	1,750	
ifs University College (previously known as ifs School of Finance)	1,650	
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	1,550	
Association of Accounting Technicians	1,500	
Active IQ	1,300	
Central YMCA Qualifications	1,300	
AQA Education	1,200	
Rock School Ltd	1,050	
Royal Academy of Dance	1,000	
LAMDA	950	
ABC Awards	900	
First Aid Awards Ltd	900	
WAMITAB	700	
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	600	
Chartered Management Institute	600	
Lantra Awards	500	
British Ballet Organisation	450	
Industry Qualifications	450	
Prince's Trust	400	
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	400	

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. Vocational and other qualifications represent all regulated qualifications other than GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma
2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 50, values less than 25 will appear as zero. Blank cells represent no achievements

Table 13: Northern Ireland –the 50 awarding organisations with the highest number of certificates issued in vocational and other qualifications for January–September 2013

Northern Ireland only	
Awarding organisation	Total number of certificates issued (for the 12 months to quarter end)
	January 2013 - December 2013
City and Guilds of London Institute	59,150
Pearson Education Ltd	28,350
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	28,100
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	16,200
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	11,350
OCR	10,650
University of West London	6,550
NOCN	6,100
Trinity College London	5,950
Cskills Awards	2,950
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	2,750
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	1,900
Institute of Leadership & Management	1,850
Cambridge English Language Assessment	1,500
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	1,400
NCFE	1,350
Active IQ	1,350
Rock School Ltd	1,350
Royal Society for Public Health	1,250
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	1,150
AQA Education	1,050
New Era Academy of Drama and Music (London) Ltd	1,000
Prince's Trust	900
IMI Awards Ltd	800
ETC Awards Limited	800
VTCT	800
Royal Academy of Dance	650
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	650
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	600
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	600
Graded Qualifications Alliance	550
Signature	500
First Aid Awards Ltd	500
LAMDA	500
WSET Awards	450
International Association of Book-Keepers	400
BIIAB	350
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	300
ifs University College (previously known as ifs School of Finance)	300
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	300
Qualsafe Awards	300
1st4sport Qualifications	300
Sports Leaders UK	300
ABC Awards	300
Open College Network Northern Ireland	250
Chartered Management Institute	250
Safety Training Awards	250
Central YMCA Qualifications	200
FDQ Limited	200
AoFA Qualifications	200

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. Vocational and other qualifications represent all regulated qualifications other than GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma
2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations

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