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Introduction

This is the list of qualifications that have been approved by the Department for Education (DfE) for teaching to 16 to 19 year olds from September 2015. These qualifications will be reported in the **applied general qualification** category of the 2017 16-19 performance tables (to be published in early 2018). They will be reported alongside advanced (level 3) qualifications such as A Levels and tech levels, and technical certificates at level 2. An update to this list will be published in February 2015.

Qualifications that will be reported in performance tables for the first time in 2017 have an asterisk (*) after the title.

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

The list contains the qualification number and title and links to information about its purpose and value for further study and letters of support from higher education institutions. This will help students and parents decide which vocational qualifications best meet their learning needs and aspirations.

These links were correct on 17 December 2014. DfE cannot be held responsible for any omissions after this date. This is because the information is held on the website of the examination body offering the qualification. DfE will ensure that any omissions reported to them are corrected wherever possible. Please report any omissions to:

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Please note: Schools and colleges may offer qualifications that are not included in the performance tables, if approved for teaching to 16-19 year olds, where this is in the best interests of each of their individual students.

Headline performance measures for 16-19 year olds

In 2013, DfE announced significant reforms to school and college performance tables. These affect the reporting of exam results taken in the summer of 2016 onwards. The new headline measures for school and college performance will be:

- progress;
- attainment;
- progress in English and maths (for students without a GCSE pass at A*-C in these subjects);
- retention; and
- destination.

From 2016, the progress measure in 16-19 performance tables will report the following categories of qualification: level 3 academic qualifications (such as A levels) and level 3 tech levels and applied general qualifications. From 2017, the measures will also report technical certificates at level 2. This may help students and parents decide which courses to take and then select a school or college which offers this course.

Further information can be found in the [16 to 19 accountability measures: technical guide](#).

Qualifications that will be included in the applied general category of the 2017 16-19 performance tables

Applied general qualifications in agriculture, horticulture, environmental conservation and animal care

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Environmental conservation				
600/0319/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Environmental Sustainability (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
600/0321/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Environmental Sustainability (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/0324/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Environmental Sustainability (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
600/0320/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Sustainability (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in performing arts, arts, crafts, media and publishing

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Art and design				
500/8551/7	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Art and Design (QCF)	160	Purpose	Recognition
600/6094/3	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Art and Design (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/7333/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Art and Design (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/8123/8	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Interactive Media (QCF)	250	Purpose	Recognition
500/7144/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/2827/0	UAL Level 3 Diploma in Art & Design (QCF)	570	Purpose	Recognition
500/5316/4	UAL Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design - Foundation Studies (QCF)	680	Purpose	Recognition
500/7928/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
501/0872/4	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies Art and Design (QCF) *	720	Purpose	Recognition
600/2826/9	UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design (QCF)	1110	Purpose	Recognition
Media and communication				
601/3986/9	UAL Level 3 Diploma In Creative Media Production & Technology (QCF) *	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/3987/0	UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (QCF) *	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Music				
500/7718/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Music (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/7844/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Music (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/6682/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Music (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
500/7871/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Music (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
500/7717/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Performing arts				
601/0111/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Performing Arts (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/6920/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Performing Arts (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/0249/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
500/6919/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/0250/0	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
600/3953/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/1780/1	UAL Level 3 Diploma In Performing and Production Arts (QCF) *	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/0247/0	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
500/6873/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/0248/2	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
500/6872/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
601/1790/4	UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma In Performing and Production Arts (QCF) *	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in finance, enterprise, business and law

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Finance				
600/8537/X	IFS Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
600/7833/9	CISI Level 3 Diploma In Finance, Risk & Investment (QCF)	340	Purpose	Recognition
600/8551/4	IFS Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
Enterprise and finance				
500/7714/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Personal and Business Finance (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
600/7269/6	AQA Level 3 Certificate in Enterprise, Employability and Personal Finance	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/7712/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Personal and Business Finance (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
Enterprise and entrepreneurship				
500/6245/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Understanding Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/0501/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
500/6246/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/0502/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Business management				
600/4226/6	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Business (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/6748/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Business (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
600/4608/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Business (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
500/6750/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Business (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/4235/7	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Business (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
600/3889/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Business (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
600/4229/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
500/6747/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Business (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
600/4232/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Business (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
500/6746/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Law and legal service				
500/7713/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Law (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in health and social care and child development and well-being

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Health and social care				
600/4612/0	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
500/9317/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/4236/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
600/6178/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
600/4230/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
500/9465/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
600/4233/3	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
500/9501/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Child development and well-being				
601/2460/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development (VRQ)	180	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in construction, planning and the built environment

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Building and construction				
500/7138/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/1563/4	TLM Level 3 Certificate for Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF) *	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/1562/2	TLM Level 3 Diploma for Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF) *	300	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in engineering, manufacturing technologies and transport operations

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Engineering				
601/4593/6	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Engineering Principles *	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/8156/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Engineering (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/4594/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Engineering *	360	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in information and communication technology

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
ICT practitioners				
600/4228/X	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/9148/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in IT (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
600/4623/5	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in IT (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
500/9147/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/3887/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in IT (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in leisure, sport, travel and tourism

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Sport				
600/6140/6	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Sport (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/6753/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Sport (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
600/6143/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Sport (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
500/6751/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/6142/X	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Sport (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
600/3931/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Sport (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
600/6141/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Sport (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
500/6755/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
600/6144/3	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Sport (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
500/6764/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Sport and exercise sciences				
500/6679/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/6765/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/3930/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
500/6766/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
500/6801/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Sports development				
600/4083/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sports Development (QCF)	300	Purpose	Recognition
Sports studies				
601/3136/6	VTCT Level 3 Introductory Diploma in Sports Studies (QCF) *	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/3137/8	VTCT Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sports Studies (QCF) *	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/3135/4	VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Sports Studies (QCF) *	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/3138/X	VTCT Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Studies (QCF) *	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Travel and tourism				
500/9787/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Travel	180	Purpose	Recognition

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
	and Tourism (QCF)			

Applied general qualifications in retail, hospitality and commercial enterprise

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Hospitality and catering				
600/4386/6	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/4552/3	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition	360	Purpose	Recognition
Retail				
500/7313/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	249	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in science

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Applied science				
500/6726/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
500/6725/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/5849/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)	540	Purpose	Recognition
500/6673/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)	720	Purpose	Recognition
500/6720/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Environmental science				
601/4550/X	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Environmental Science *	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/4551/1	WJEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Science *	720	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in sociology and social policy

QN	Qualification title	Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH	Qualification purpose statement	Recognition by higher education institutions
Sociology and social policy				
600/3083/5	WJEC Level 3 Diploma In Criminology (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition



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