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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 2016. These qualifications will be reported in the **applied general** qualification category of the 2018 16-19 performance tables (to be published in early 2019). They will be reported alongside qualifications such as A Levels and other vocational qualifications.

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 who 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, 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 at the time of publication. DfE cannot be held responsible for any omissions after this point. This is because the information is held on the website of the awarding organisation offering the qualification. DfE will ensure that any omissions reported to them are corrected wherever possible. Please report any omissions to: vq.reform@education.gsi.gov.uk

Qualifications that will be reported in performance tables for the first time in 2018 have an asterisk (*) after the title.

Please note: schools and colleges may offer qualifications that are not included in the performance tables, if the qualifications are 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 from the summer of 2016 onwards. The new headline measures for school and college performance will be:

- progress;
- attainment;
- progress in English and mathematics (for students without a good pass in these subjects);
- retention; and
- destination.

From 2016, the attainment and progress measures in 16-18 performance tables will report the following categories of qualification at level 3: academic qualifications (such as A levels); tech levels and applied general qualifications. From 2017, the measures will also report technical certificates at level 2. This can help students and parents decide which courses to take and then select a school or college in their area that offers this course.

Further information can be found at the following link: [16 to 19 accountability headline measures: technical guide](#)

Qualifications that will be included in the applied general category of the 2018 16-19 performance tables

Applied general qualifications in performing arts and media

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Art and design				
601/7228/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Art and Design*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7230/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Art and Design*	510	Purpose	Recognition
601/7229/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art and Design*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Media and communication				
601/7258/7	OCR level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Digital Media*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7259/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Digital Media*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7467/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7468/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production*	510	Purpose	Recognition
601/7469/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Music technology				
601/6779/8	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology (VRQ)*	360	Purpose	Recognition
Performing arts				
601/7684/2	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Performing Arts*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7231/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Performing Arts*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7685/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Performing Arts*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7233/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7235/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts*	510	Purpose	Recognition
601/7232/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Performing Arts*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7234/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts*	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in finance and business

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Business				
601/7145/5	AQA Level 3 Certificate in Applied Business*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7698/2	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Business*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7155/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Business*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7146/7	AQA Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Business*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7699/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7159/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7161/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Business*	510	Purpose	Recognition
601/7700/7	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Business*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7701/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7157/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7160/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
Enterprise and entrepreneurship				
601/7413/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7414/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7528/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship*	720	Purpose	Recognition
Finance				
600/8537/X	IFS Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies (QCF)	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/6040/8	CISI Level 3 Diploma in Finance, Risk & Investment (QCF)*	360	Purpose	Recognition
600/8551/4	IFS Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies (QCF)	360	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in health and social care

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Child development and wellbeing				
601/7569/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development*	360	Purpose	Recognition
Health and social care				
601/7059/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Health and Social Care*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7193/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Health and Social Care*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7060/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7197/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7199/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care*	510	Purpose	Recognition
601/7061/ X	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7062/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7194/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7198/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care*	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in construction, planning and the built environment

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Building and construction				
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

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Engineering				
601/4593/6	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Engineering Principles	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/4594/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Engineering	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7584/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Engineering*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7591/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Engineering*	540	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in information and communication technology

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
IT and computing				
601/7097/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7574/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Information Technology*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7098/0	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in IT*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7341/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Computing*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7575/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7343/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Computing*	510	Purpose	Recognition
601/7576/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Information Technology*	510	Purpose	Recognition
601/7342/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing*	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in sport

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Sport				
601/7093/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7094/3	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7218/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/6763/4	VTCT Level 3 Introductory Diploma in Sports Studies*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7220/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/6764/6	VTCT Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sports Studies*	540	Purpose	Recognition
601/7690/8	1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Sports Performance and Excellence*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7421/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/6787/7	VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Sports Studies*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7671/4	1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Physical Activities*	750	Purpose	Recognition
601/7422/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science*	1080	Purpose	Recognition
601/6788/9	VTCT Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Studies*	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in hospitality

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Hospitality and catering				
601/4552/3	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition	360	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in science and mathematics

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
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
Laboratory skills				
601/7458/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Laboratory Skills*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7461/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Laboratory Skills*	720	Purpose	Recognition
Mathematics and statistics				
601/4546/8	WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Statistical Problem Solving Using Software	150	Purpose	Recognition
Medical science				
601/7651/9	WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Medical Science*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7644/1	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Medical Science*	360	Purpose	Recognition
Science				
601/7104/2	AQA Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7434/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Science*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/7105/4	AQA Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Science*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7436/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science*	360	Purpose	Recognition
601/7438/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science*	510	Purpose	Recognition
601/7435/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science*	720	Purpose	Recognition
601/7437/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science*	1080	Purpose	Recognition

Applied general qualifications in sociology and social policy

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
Sociology and social policy				
601/6249/1	WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Criminology*	180	Purpose	Recognition
601/6248/X	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology*	360	Purpose	Recognition



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