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This page shows the status of specifications submitted to Ofqual to be taught as GCSEs and A levels from September 2018.

Exam boards take these subject content and requirements documents and use them to produce a specification and sample assessment materials for any subject they wish to offer. The specification is submitted to Ofqual for consideration. Ofqual convenes a panel of subject and assessment experts to scrutinise the specification and make a decision on whether it meets all the requirements for that subject. If it does, it will be accredited and teachers will be able to use it. If it does not, it will be sent back to the exam board and they will have to change their specification based on the feedback given by Ofqual. When they have made the amendments they will submit the new specification.

1. Number of qualifications accredited

Each of the 18 subjects in the accreditation process have only 1 specification.

5 GCSE subjects are included in this process.

13 A level subjects are included in this process.

2. Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2017

See [Accreditation of GCSEs, AS and A levels for teaching from 2018](#).

2.2 For teaching from 2016

In 2016 we [accredited 147 GCSE, AS and A level specifications](#).

2.3 For teaching from 2015

In 2015 we [accredited 122 GCSE, AS and A level specifications](#).

3. The accreditation process

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

4. Key information

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

The submission dates are when we receive digital copies of assessment materials. Sometimes we can't begin a review until we receive related, printed materials. This is usually within 1 or 2 working days of a digital submission.

5. GCSEs

Subject	Pearson (Edexcel)
GCSE Biblical Hebrew	Awaiting 2nd submission
GCSE Gujarati	Awaiting 2nd submission
GCSE Persian	Awaiting 2nd submission
GCSE Portuguese	2nd submission due 19 July
GCSE Turkish	2nd submission due 6 July

6. A levels

Subject	AQA	Pearson (Edexcel)
Arabic: A level	-	1st submission due 19 October
Bengali: A level	1st submission due 21 August	-
Biblical Hebrew: A level	2nd submission due 3 August	-
Gujarati: A level	-	1st submission due 19 October
Japanese: A level	-	1st submission received 23 June
Modern Greek : A level	-	1st submission received 23 June
Modern Hebrew: A level	1st submission received 22 June	-
Panjabi: A level	1st submission due 21 August	-
Persian: A level	-	1st submission due 19 October
Polish: A level	1st submission received 22 June	-
Portuguese: A level	-	1st submission due 19 October
Turkish: A level	-	1st submission due 19 October
Urdu: A level	-	1st submission due 19 October

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