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Guidance

Accreditation of GCSEs, AS and A levels for teaching from 2017

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[Ofqual](#)

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Applies to:

England

A table showing the status of subjects being accredited for teaching from September 2017.

Documents

[GCSE, AS and A level subjects accredited to be taught from 2017](#)

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Details

The timetable shows the dates by which exam boards have to send their specifications to Ofqual for consideration. As we receive and accredit specifications, we will update the attached table showing the progress.

When new information is available, the document will be updated at least weekly. Check the '+ full page history' link on bottom-left of this page to see when and what the last update was.

Number of qualifications accredited

All 26 GCSE subjects have all specifications accredited.

All of the 20 AS and A level subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 19 of 20 subjects have all specifications accredited.

Number of specifications accredited

For teaching from 2018

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

For teaching from 2017

All of the 44 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

71 of 73 AS and A level specifications have been accredited.

For teaching from 2016

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

For teaching from 2015

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

The accreditation process

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

The subjects covered in the attached documents are listed below.

GCSEs

See also [subject content from DfE](#) and [requirements and guidance from Ofqual](#).

- ancient history
- arabic
- astronomy
- Bengali
- business

- Chinese
- classical civilisation
- design and technology
- economics
- electronics
- engineering
- film studies
- geology
- Italian
- Japanese
- media studies
- modern Greek
- modern Hebrew
- PE short course
- Polish
- psychology
- Punjabi
- Russian
- sociology
- statistics
- Urdu

AS and A levels

See also [subject content from DfE](#) and [requirements and guidance from Ofqual](#).

- accounting
- ancient history
- archaeology
- Chinese
- classical civilisation
- design and technology
- electronics
- environmental science
- film studies
- further maths
- geology
- history of art
- Italian
- law

- maths
- media studies
- music technology
- philosophy
- politics
- Russian
- statistics

[AS and A level changes and reforms](#)

Consultations, research and guidance about changes to subjects, regulations, assessment, grading and appeals.

- [Accreditation of GCSEs and A levels for teaching from 2018](#)
- [Accreditation of GCSEs, AS & A levels for teaching from 2016](#)
- [Timings for the withdrawal of legacy GCSEs, AS and A levels](#)

[GCSE changes and reforms](#)

Consultations, research and guidance about changes to subjects, regulations, assessment, grading and appeals.

- [GCSE and A level differences in England, Wales and Northern Ireland](#)
- [Get the facts: GCSE and A level reform](#)
- [Timeline of changes to GCSEs, AS and A levels](#)

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