Entries by year group

Guide to the data submission process

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Introduction

In order to fulfil our regulatory and accreditation functions as set out in the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, we require awarding organisations to provide exams delivery data for regulated qualifications.

When will data be collected?

Data will be collected according to the reporting schedule which is agreed and maintained by Ofqual's data services team.

What data will be collected?

Entries by year group data will be collected for GCSE, AS, A level, Level 1/Level 2 Certificates and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

File format

The file must be CSV format and the first row must be headers as displayed in the '**Name**' column of the table below. The subsequent rows must have the values of the data to be reported which must match the format and validation rules below.

General completion guidelines

This request is for the number of cash in entries for GCSE and level 1/2 certificate qualifications in all subjects, broken down by year group (yr9- to yr13+), and A and AS levels qualifications in all subjects, broken down by year group (yr11- to yr14+). All data should be broken down by country (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) for the relevant exam series being reported.

For England and Wales, cash-in entries by year group are based on age as of 31 August. For Northern Ireland they are based on age as of 30 June. For example, candidates in England and Wales entering the summer 2017 exam series who will be 16 as of the 31st August 2017 should be classified as being in Year 11.

Data for all specification codes should be provided even if it is a nil return.

Centre codes

Centre Type	Description		
1	Secondary Comprehensive or Middle	Community, Voluntary Aided Controlled	
2	Secondary Selective		
3	Secondary Modern		
4	Secondary Comprehensive or Middle	Foundation	
5	Secondary Selective		
6	Secondary Modern		
7	Independent		
8	FE Establishment		
9	Sixth Form College		
10	Tertiary College		
11	Other (including private candidates)		
13	City Academy		
14	Free Schools		

Name	Description	Position	Validation Regular Expression	Description of Regular Expression
ExamSeries	Exam series data relates to, for example June 2016	1	^(June|November)([ ][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9])$	Full month name of exam series and year.
ReportingDate	Date the file was due to be submitted regardless of when it was actually uploaded. Format accepted 120 ODBC canonical **yyyy-mm-dd.**	2	^(20)\d\d[-](0[1-9]|1[012])[-](0[1-9]|[12][0-9]|3[01])$	The date in the following format: year (four digits), a dash, month (two digits), a dash, day (two digits).
AwardingOrganisation	Name of the awarding organisation	3	^.{1,100}$	One, to one hundred characters accepted
QAN	Qualification Accreditation Number, for example 123/1234/1	4	^.{1,10}$	One, to ten characters accepted
QualificationLevel	Level of qualification, for example GCSE	5	^(GCSE|AS|A level|Level 1/Level 2 Certificates|Project L3)$	One of the following list: GCSE, AS, A level, Level 1/Level 2 Certificates or Project L3.
SpecificationCode	Specification code also known as Subject Award Code and Cash-in Code	6	^.{1,7}$	One, to seven characters accepted
SpecificationTitle	Specification title also known as subject title	7	^.{1,150}$	One, to one hundred and fifty characters accepted
FullOrShortCourse	To indicate if subject is full or short course for applicable qualifications, for example GCSE. **-2 accepted where not applicable, for example A level.**	8	^(Full Course|Short Course|-2)$	Full course, short course or -2 accepted. **-2 accepted where not applicable, for example A level.**

RouteOfAssessment	To indicate if assessment is modular or linear for applicable qualifications, for example GCSE. **-2 accepted where not applicable, for example A level.**	9	^(Modular|Linear|-2)$	Modular, linear or -2 accepted.
QualificationStatus	To indicate if subject is reformed or legacy, for applicable qualifications.	10	^(Reformed|Legacy|)$	Reformed or legacy accepted.
Country	For AO's to enter the specific country the data relates to, for example England, Wales, Northern Ireland.	11	^(England|Wales|Northern Ireland)$	England, Wales, Northern Ireland will be accepted **-2 accepted where a specification has a nil return.**
YearGroup	To indicate the year group of entry	12	^(Year 9-|Year 10|Year 11|Year 12|Year 13+|Year 11-|Year 13|Year 14+|-2)$	**Accepted values for GCSE and Level 1/2 Certificates:** Year 9-, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13+. **Accepted values for AS and A level:** Year 11-, Year 12, Year 13, Year 14+ **-2 accepted where the year group is unknown or where a specification has a nil return.**
CentreType	To indicate centre type based on centre codes detailed on page 4 of this document	13	^\d{1,2}$	A numeric value between 1 and 14 accepted. **-2 accepted where a specification has a nil return.**

NumberOfCandidates	Number of candidates by qualification level, specification code, country, year group and centre type specified.	14	^\d{1,8}$	A numeric value between 0 and 99,999,999 accepted.

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