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Key findings

This bulletin covers qualifications at secondary level (up to level 3 or A level equivalent) for Basic Skills, Entry level, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Free-standing Mathematics Qualifications, Functional Skills, Key Skills and Other General (OG) qualifications. It does not include vocational qualifications, which are dealt with in a companion bulletin. It also does not include GCSE, GCE or Diploma qualifications¹. All tables and charts cover the period up to the end of quarter 3 of this year. This includes the summer examination series.

Please note that we did not collect data on Key Skills prior to 2010, so all figures referencing this data are based on data provided by the Department for Education. These figures have been included in our data set to improve its completeness.

There were 1,462,200 supplemental qualification achievements recorded in July to September 2011, a decrease of 14% on the same quarter of 2010. This is the first year in which there has not been consistent growth in the market; there has been a significant drop in the number of achievements in the last two quarters when compared with the corresponding quarters in 2010.

The achievements for supplemental qualifications covered 1336 different qualifications. The individual qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance, with 59,700 achievements.

In July to September 2011 achievements for supplemental qualifications were recorded by 32 awarding organisations. The organisation which recorded the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds, with 268,400 achievements. This was a decline of 7% on last year.

The sector subject area (SSA) with the greatest number of achievements was Preparation for Life and Work, with 972,700 achievements, which represents 67% of the total supplemental achievements.

The qualification type with the highest number of achievements was OG, with 480,650 achievements, representing 33% of the total supplemental achievements. This is reflective of OG qualifications being mainly taken in the summer. 63% of all OG qualifications taken in the last 12 months were taken in the summer. In previous quarters, the qualification type with the highest number of achievements was always

¹ Data for GCSEs and GCEs can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) website at www.jcq.org.uk/national_results/index.cfm or at www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data

Basic Skills but achievements for these qualifications were evenly spread over the four quarters.

The most common level was level 1, with 502,300 achievements, which represents 34% of the total supplemental achievements. Entry level qualifications were the only level showing a growth in this quarter, with 346,500 achievements. This was an increase of 7% on the same quarter for last year.

Introduction

This statistical bulletin is published by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual). We regulate qualifications, examinations and assessments in England and vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland. In this bulletin we present data on achievements for regulated Higher qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the July to September 2011 quarter.

This bulletin is one of a suite of three publications presenting quarterly data on achievements for regulated qualifications, excluding GCSEs, GCEs² and the Diploma. The other two bulletins are:

- Vocational Qualifications Quarterly (covers National Vocational qualifications (NVQ), Vocationally Related qualifications (VRQ), Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) qualifications and Occupational qualifications (OQ) at all levels)
- Higher Qualifications Quarterly (covers all qualifications at level 4 and above).

All awarding organisations submit data to us each quarter on the number of achievements for regulated qualifications (excluding GCSE and GCE) during the quarter. Achievements are recorded in the quarter during which the final certificate is issued. This bulletin presents this data, giving information on the number of achievements recorded by awarding organisations, and the SSA, qualification type and level of achievements. All regulated qualifications are included, regardless of age of learner, centre type and funding status of the qualification.

Geographical coverage

This bulletin covers the regulated qualifications of all recognised awarding organisations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Only one figure for the total number of achievements for each qualification is available, so it is not currently possible to present the data at country level. We have now started collecting more comprehensive data, however, and eventually expect to be able to present data at country level.

² Data for GCSEs and GCEs can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) website at www.jcq.org.uk/national_results/index.cfm or at www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data

Qualification type

At the point of accreditation, regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 18 qualification types, which are used to classify qualifications in this bulletin. We recognise that this classification system is not ideal, as very similar qualifications may be classified under more than one type, for example NVQ and QCF, and some qualifications are miscoded. We are investigating how this situation might be improved in the future.

Revisions

Once published, data on the number of certifications for any qualification is not usually subject to revision. However, data may be revised in subsequent bulletins due to late-received data or if an error is identified. Qualifications may also be re-categorised to a different type, level, SSA or awarding organisation. In some cases, this may result in previous data being amended to reflect the new categorisation.

In this bulletin some figures have been revised since the quarter 2 2011 bulletin. These revisions were due to historical updates from two awarding organisations.

Completeness of the data

Data is sent to us every quarter by each awarding organisation. Any awarding organisation that does not return a complete set of data within the collection period is contacted to ensure the data is as complete as possible. For this quarter data was received from all awarding organisations.

Figures in the commentary and the tables for the numbers of achievements recorded are rounded to the nearest 50. This reflects the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale data collection.

Due to seasonal variation in the number of achievements over the year, comparisons in this bulletin are only made to data in the same quarter of the previous year.

The raw data, since 1989, is available in the Regulated Qualifications Activity data set in the statistics section of our website: www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/vocational-data

Definitions

A glossary is available as a separate document in the statistical section of our website: www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/165/411 with further details on SSA classifications, qualification types and levels.

In the charts in this bulletin quarter numbers refer to calendar quarters. So, Q1 refers to January to March, Q2 July to September, Q3 July to September and Q4 October to December.

Any suggestions or comments regarding this bulletin would be welcome. Our contact details are at the back of this document.

Achievements this quarter

To provide an overall perspective on achievements during the latest quarter, this section presents figures for all qualification types, except GCE, GCSE and the Diploma types. Further details on the types not included in this bulletin can be found in the companion bulletins on vocational and supplemental qualifications.

The total number of achievements across all qualification types for the period July to September 2011 is shown in the table below (with July to September 2010 shown for comparison)

	July to September 2010	July to September 2011	
Basic Skills	197,200	138,900	↓
ESOL	119,650	115,100	↓
Entry level	172,850	125,600	↓
Free-standing Mathematics Qualification	22,900	23,900	↑
Functional Skills	188,300	334,500	↑
Higher level	23,600	12,000	↓
Key Skills	467,900	243,550	↓
NVQ	349,550	124,250	↓
OQ	6,450	3,600	↓
OG qualifications	535,000	480,650	↓
QCF qualifications	348,500	1,393,650	↑
VRQ	1,078,700	561,950	↓
Total number of achievements	3,510,550	3,598,500	↑

From the table above we can see the impact of qualifications being restructured onto the QCF, with nearly a fourfold increase in the number of achievements. We can also see nearly a twofold increase in Functional Skills achievements, a qualification type

which replaces Key Skills and Basic Skills. Key Skills and Basic Skills have a corresponding decline of 224,350 (48%) and 58,300 (30%) achievements respectively when compared with July to September 2010. There is also a slight increase (by 1,000 achievements) in the number of Free-standing Mathematics Qualifications awarded. With qualifications being restructured onto the QCF we see a decline in all other qualification types, with the largest decreases in achievements reported in NVQs (64%), Higher level (49%), VRQs (48%) and OQs (44%).

Those with a rather smaller decline were Entry level (27%), OG (10%) and ESOL (4%).

The 20 qualifications with the highest number of achievements across all qualification types for the period July to September 2011 are shown in the table below:

Qualification	Qualification type	Number of achievements
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	VRQ	65,100
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance	OG	59,700
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	QCF	40,000
EDEXCEL Level 2 Award in Digital Applications for IT Users	OG	36,850
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	VRQ	35,950
AQA Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life	OG	26,350
AQA Level 1 Certificate in French (FCSE)	OG	26,350
AQA Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	FS	25,200
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	QCF	23,550
EDEXCEL Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users	OG	21,950
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science	VRQ	21,500
AQA Level 1 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life	OG	21,100
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Sport	VRQ	20,500

ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Music Performance	OG	19,150
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	FS	18,600
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in mathematics at Entry 3	FS	17,700
BIIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	QCF	17,000
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 3	FS	16,750
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	FS	16,600
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	QCF	16,000

Regulated supplemental qualifications

There are currently 1,900 available regulated supplemental qualifications that is to say qualifications that have not yet passed their certification end date and so are available to be awarded. These comprise 751 OG, 362 Entry level, 305 Key Skills, 196 Functional Skills, 176 ESOL and 88 Basic Skills qualifications and 22 Free-standing Mathematics Qualifications (see figure 1 and table 1).

Figure 1: Number of available regulated supplemental qualifications per quarter, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011

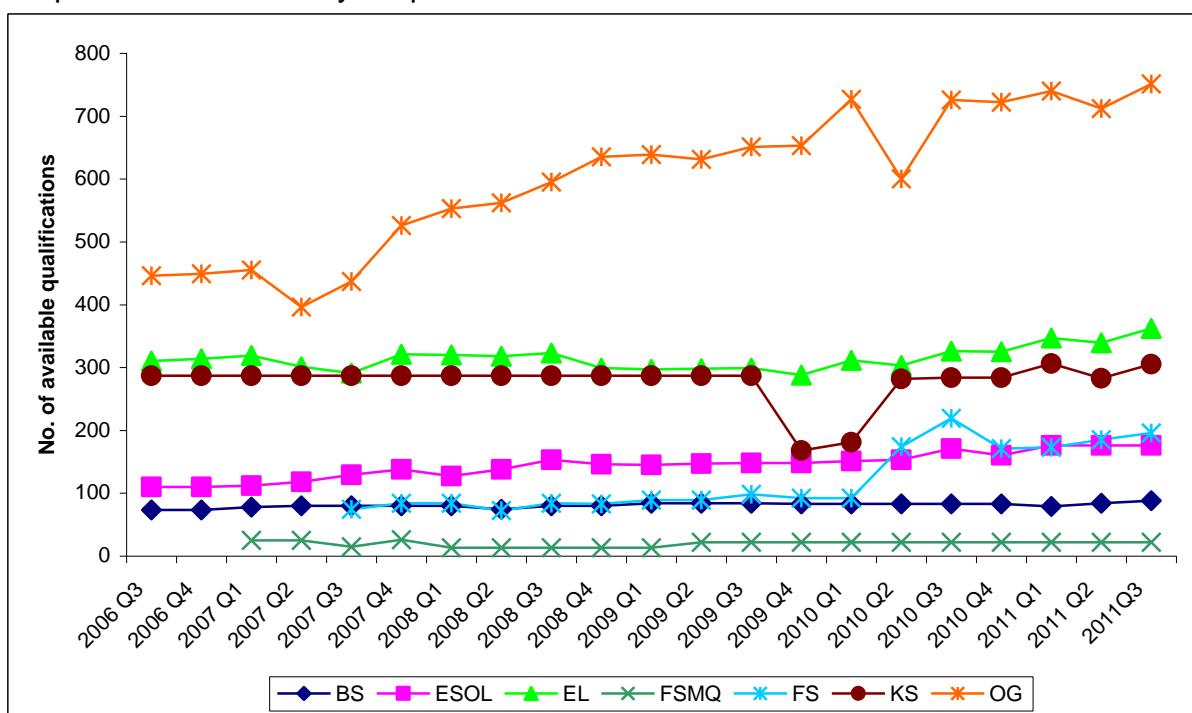


Figure 1 shows that in the past year, there has been a slight increase in numbers of Basic Skills (6%), ESOL (3%), Entry level (11%), Key Skills (7%), and OG (3%) qualifications available. The numbers of available Free-standing Mathematics Qualifications have remained relatively constant over the same time period. There has been a decline of 11% in Functional Skills qualifications. This could be as a result of double counting of these qualifications while they were present on both the National Qualifications Framework and the QCF.

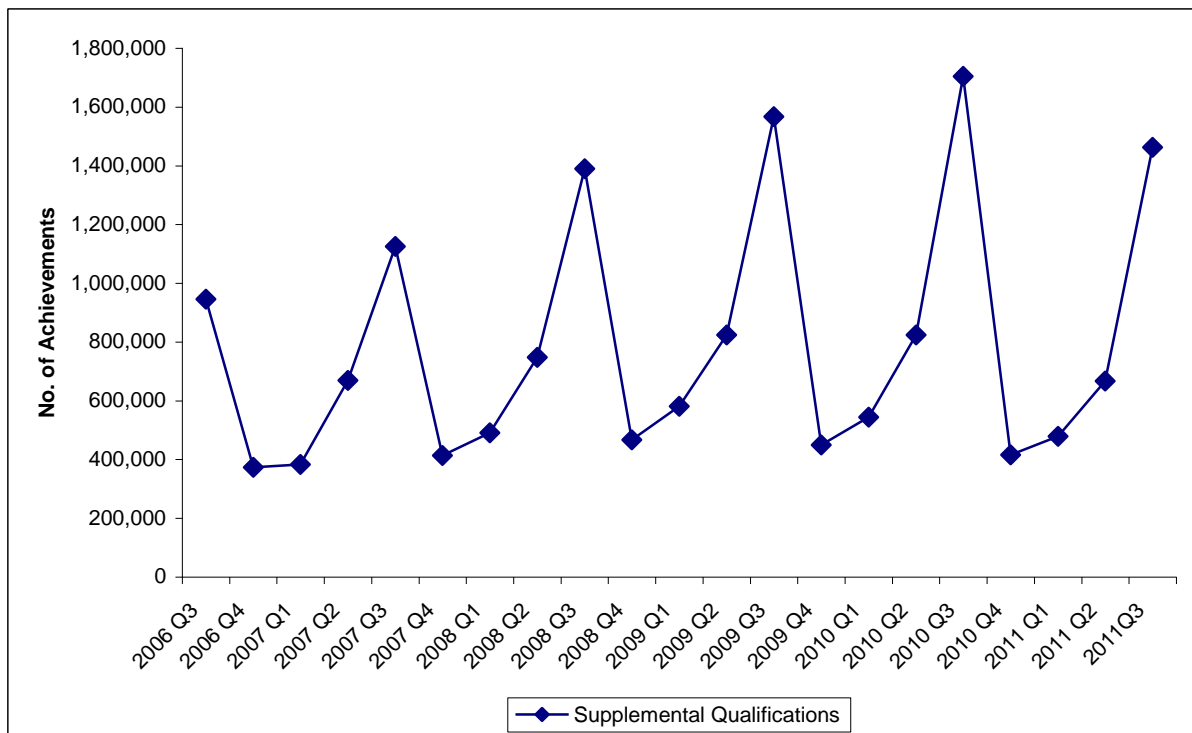
During the last quarter, 32 new supplemental qualifications were added to the list of available regulated qualifications: 13 OG, 15 Key Skills, 2 Entry level and 2 Functional Skills qualifications.

During the last quarter, no supplemental qualifications were re-categorised to a different SSA, and none changed its awarding organisation or qualification type.

Achievements

There were 1,462,200 achievements recorded for regulated supplemental qualifications in the July to September quarter of 2011, a decrease of 14% on the same quarter of 2010 (see table 2).

Figure 2: Total number of supplemental qualification achievements per quarter, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011



This is the first year in which there has not been consistent growth in the market. In particular there has been a significant drop in the number of achievements in the last two quarters when compared with the corresponding quarters in 2010. All supplemental qualifications have a seasonal peak in quarter 3 (reflecting the summer examination series), with the exception of Basic Skills which has consistent achievement over the four quarters of the year.

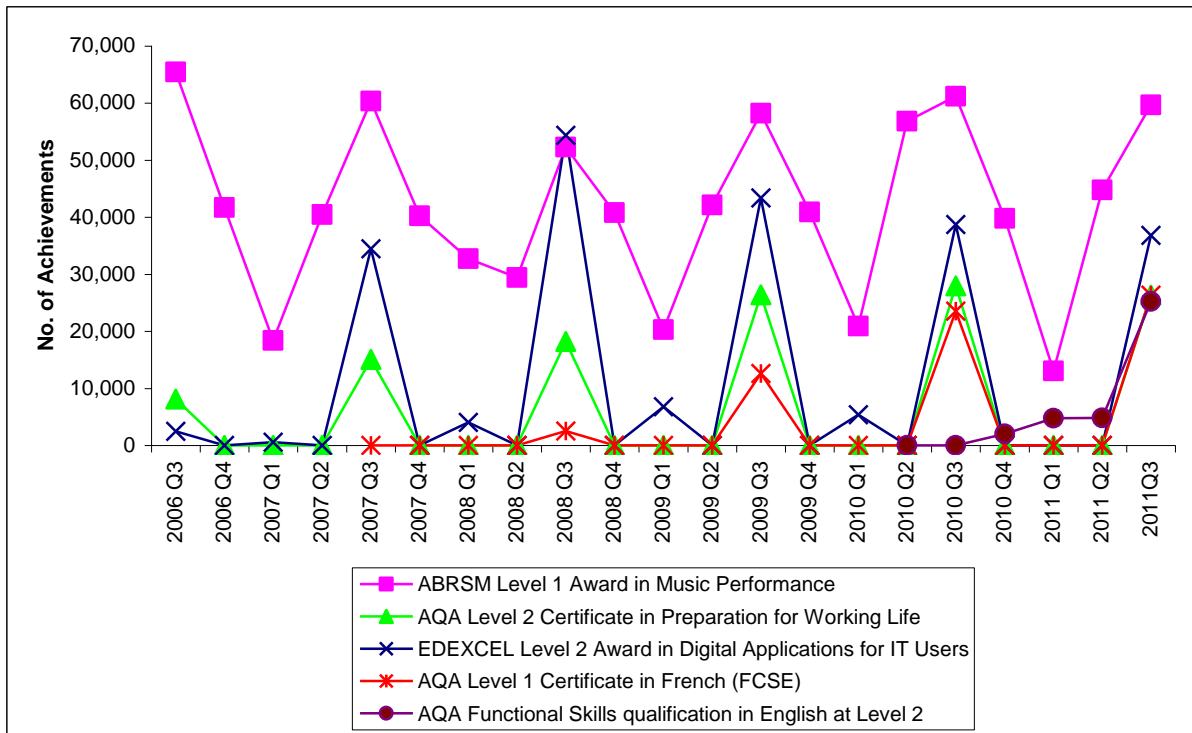
The achievements for July to September 2011 covered 1336 different qualifications, with a wide range in the number of achievements per qualification. For 721 qualifications there were at least 100 achievements, for 270 qualifications there were at least 1,000 achievements, and for 27 qualifications there were at least 10,000 achievements.

The five supplemental qualifications with the greatest number of achievements in July to September 2011 are shown in the table below (with July to September 2010 figures shown for comparison).

Qualification	Number of achievements	
	July to September 2010	July to September 2011
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance	61,200	59,700
EDEXCEL Level 2 Award in Digital Applications for IT Users	38,750	36,850
AQA Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life	27,950	26,350
AQA Level 1 Certificate in French (FCSE)	23,500	26,350
AQA Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	0	25,200

The top three qualifications each showed a slight decline compared with the same quarter in the last year. The 50 supplemental qualifications with the greatest number of achievements are listed in table 3. Figure 3 shows the trend since 2006 for the five supplemental qualifications with the greatest numbers of achievements in July to September 2011.

Figure 3: The five supplemental qualifications with the most achievements in July to September 2011, showing the trends from the same quarter of 2006



Awarding organisations

There are currently 45 recognised awarding organisations that offer regulated supplemental qualifications. In July to September 2011, 32 awarding organisations recorded achievements.

The ten awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements in July to September 2011 are shown in the table below (with July to September 2010 figures shown for comparison).

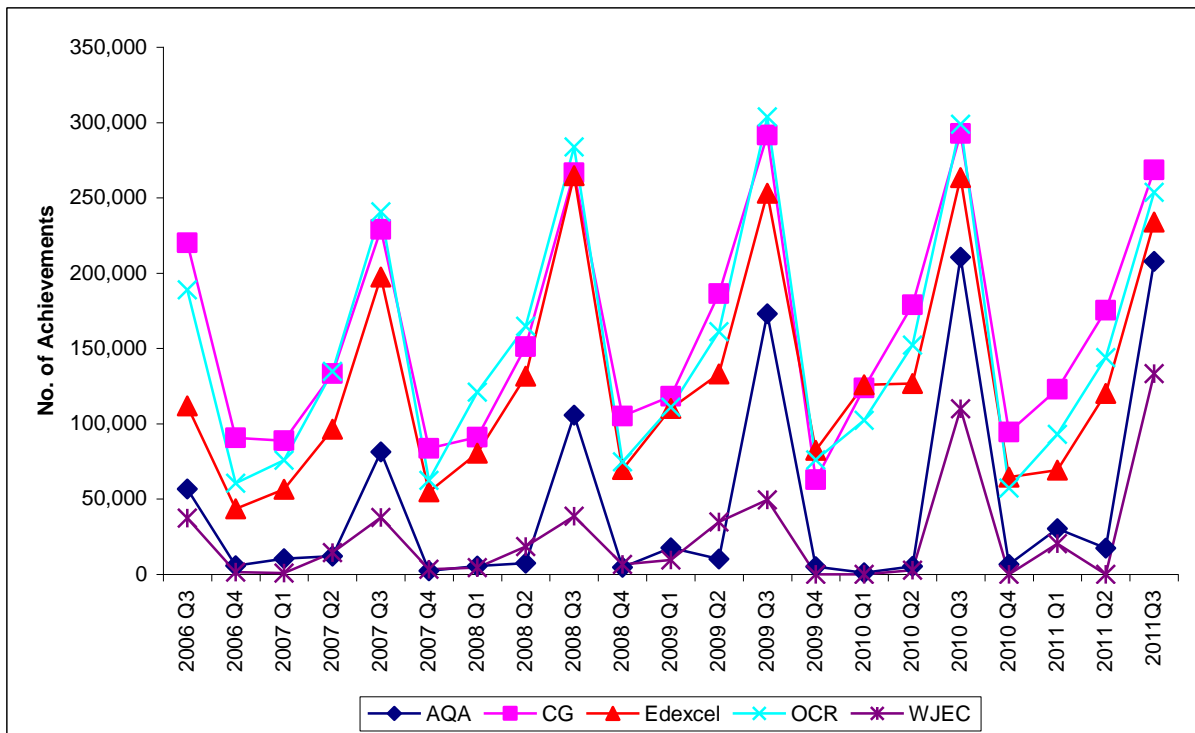
Awarding organisation	Number of achievements		Percentage change in achievements
	July to September 2010	July to September 2011	
City & Guilds of London Institute	288,000	268,400	-7%
OCR	298,900	253,600	-15%
Pearson Education Ltd	263,300	234,000	-11%
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	210,550	207,800	-1%
<u>WJEC-CBAC</u>	<u>109,850</u>	<u>133,250</u>	<u>21%</u>
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	106,650	102,350	-4%
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	66,650	57,800	-13%
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	58,350	45,500	-22%
<u>EDI</u>	<u>26,350</u>	<u>30,750</u>	<u>17%</u>
<u>International Baccalaureate Organisation</u>	<u>26,500</u>	<u>29,400</u>	<u>11%</u>

Most of the top ten awarding bodies are showing a decline in achievements when compared with July to September 2010. Only three of these organisations showed an increase in the number of achievements (underlined): WJEC-CBAC showed 21% increase (with 133,250 achievements), EDI showed 17% increase (with 30,750

achievements) and the International Baccalaureate Organisation showed 11% (with 29,400 achievements).

Figure 4 shows the trend since 2006 for the five awarding organisations with the greatest numbers of achievements in July to September 2011. A full list of awarding organisations and their achievements can be found in table 4.

Figure 4: The five awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements for supplemental qualifications in July to September 2011, showing trends from July to September 2006.



Sector subject area

Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 15 SSA codes (see the glossary for a full listing).

Figures 5 and 6 compare the number of achievements seen in each SSA with the percentage change in achievements from July–September 2010 to July–September 2011.

The SSA with the highest number of achievements for supplemental qualifications in July to September 2011 was Preparation for Life and Work, with 972,700 achievements, a decrease of 11% from the same quarter of 2010. The second most common SSA was Languages, Literature and Culture, with 205,250 achievements, an increase of 9% from the same quarter of 2010. The third most common SSA was Arts, Media and Publishing, with 114,200 achievements, a decrease of 41% from the same quarter of 2010.

Three SSAs showed an increase in number of achievements compared with the same quarter of last year. Science and Mathematics showed 4% increase (with 50,750 achievements), Social Sciences showed 45% increase (with 4,000 achievements), and Languages, Literature and Culture showed 9% (205,250 achievements). All other SSAs showed a decline in the number of achievements, with Arts, Media and Publishing showing the largest decrease (41% with 114,200 achievements) compared with the same quarter of last year.

Figure 5: Supplemental qualification achievements by SSA for July to September 2011

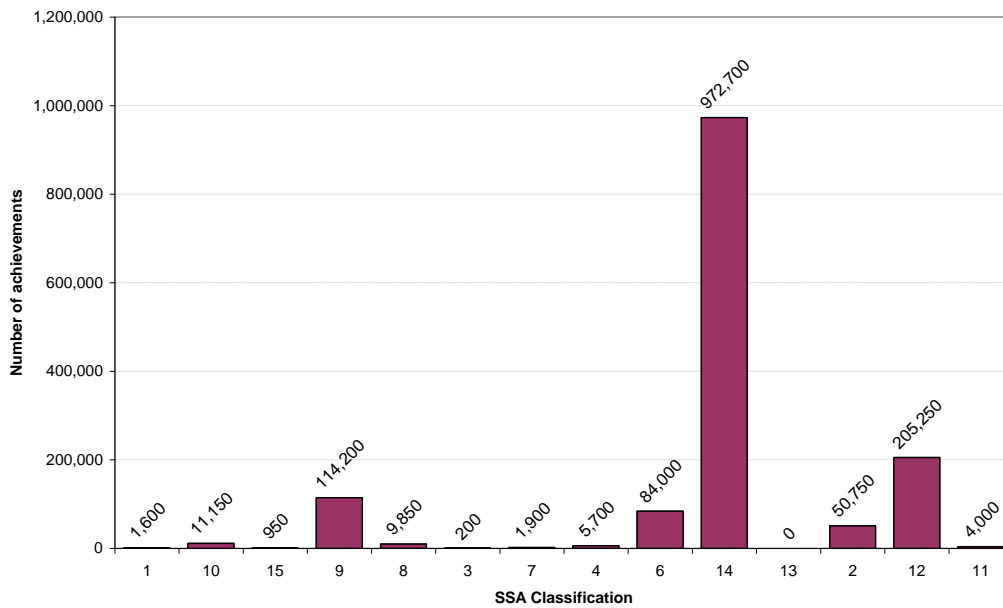
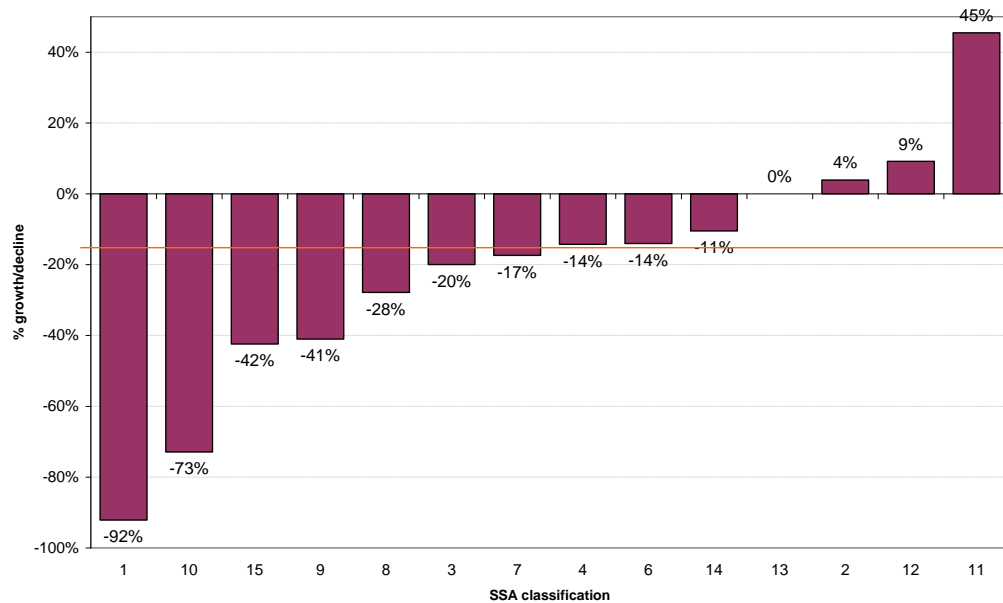


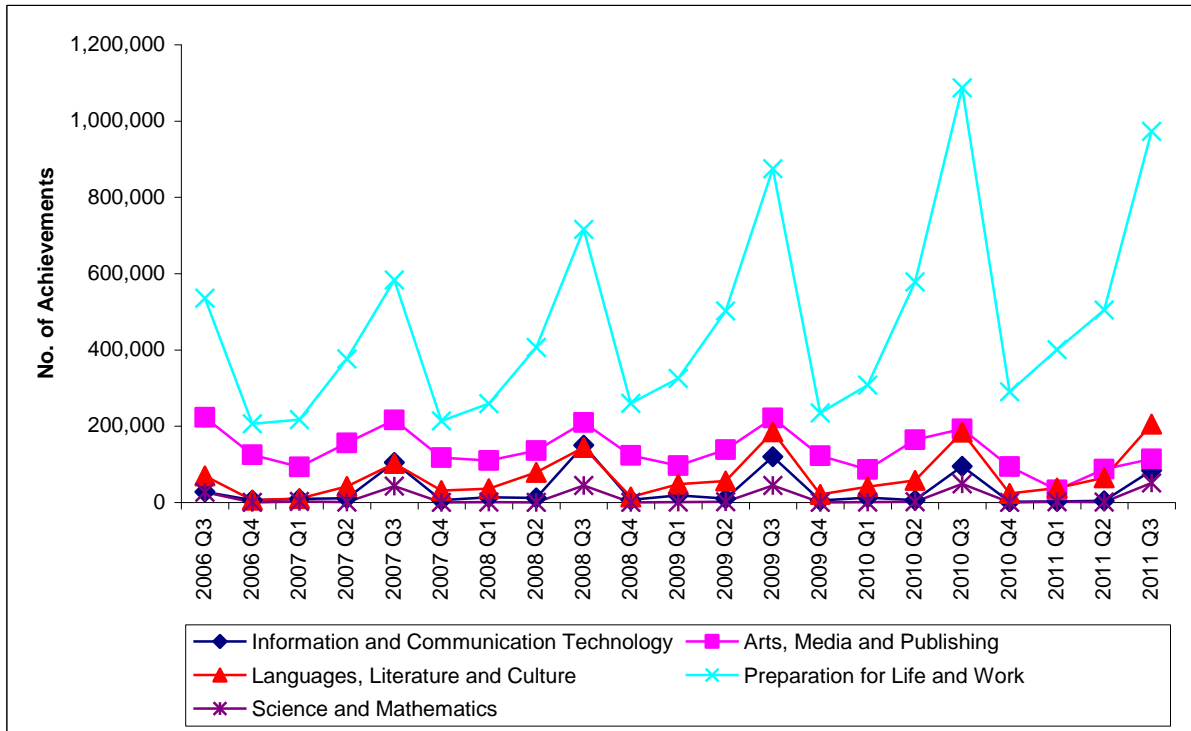
Figure 6: Percentage growth and decline in achievements between July–September 2010 and July–September 2011 by SSA. The red line shows average change (-14%).



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| 1 Health, Public Services and Care | 9 Arts, Media and Publishing |
| 2 Science and Mathematics | 10 History, Philosophy and Theology |
| 3 Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care | 11 Social Sciences |
| 4 Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies | 12 Languages, Literature and Culture |
| 6 Information and Communication Technology | 13 Education and Training |
| 7 Retail and Commercial Enterprise | 14 Preparation for Life and Work |
| 8 Leisure, Travel and Tourism | 15 Business, Administration and Law |

Figure 7 shows the trend in achievements since 2006 for the five SSA codes with the most achievements in July to September 2011.

Figure 7: Supplemental qualification achievements, by SSA, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011, showing the five codes with the greatest number of achievements.



Type of qualification

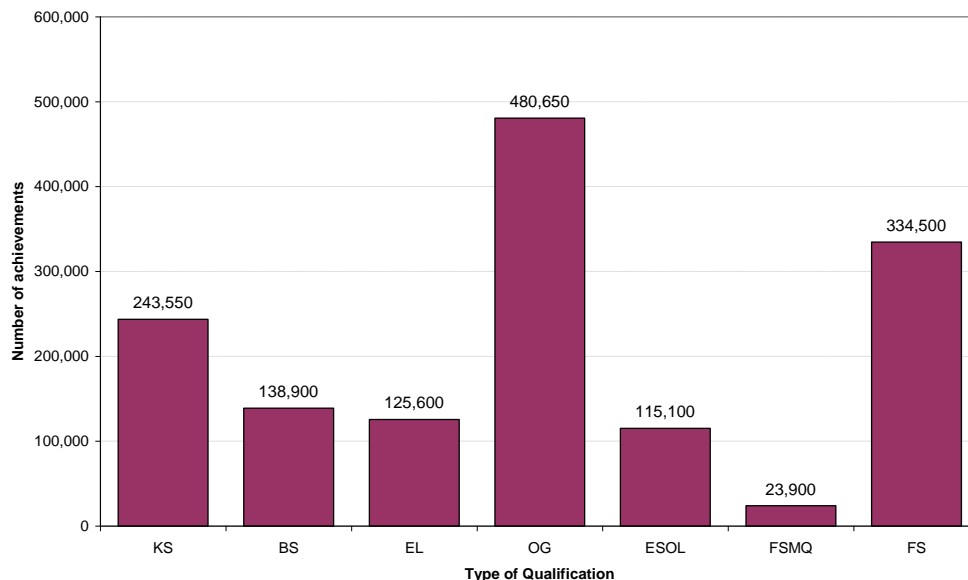
Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 18 qualification types (see the glossary for further details).

Figure 8 shows the number of achievements by type of qualification for July to September 2011 and figure 9 shows the percentage growth and decline in this quarter compared with the same quarter in 2010.

The supplemental qualification type with the greatest number of achievements in July to September 2011 was OG, with 480,650 achievements, a decrease of 10% from the same quarter of 2010. The type with the second highest number of achievements was Functional Skills with 334,500 achievements, an increase of 78% from the same quarter of 2010. The third most common type was Key Skills with 243,550 achievements, just over half the number of achievements seen in the same quarter of 2010.

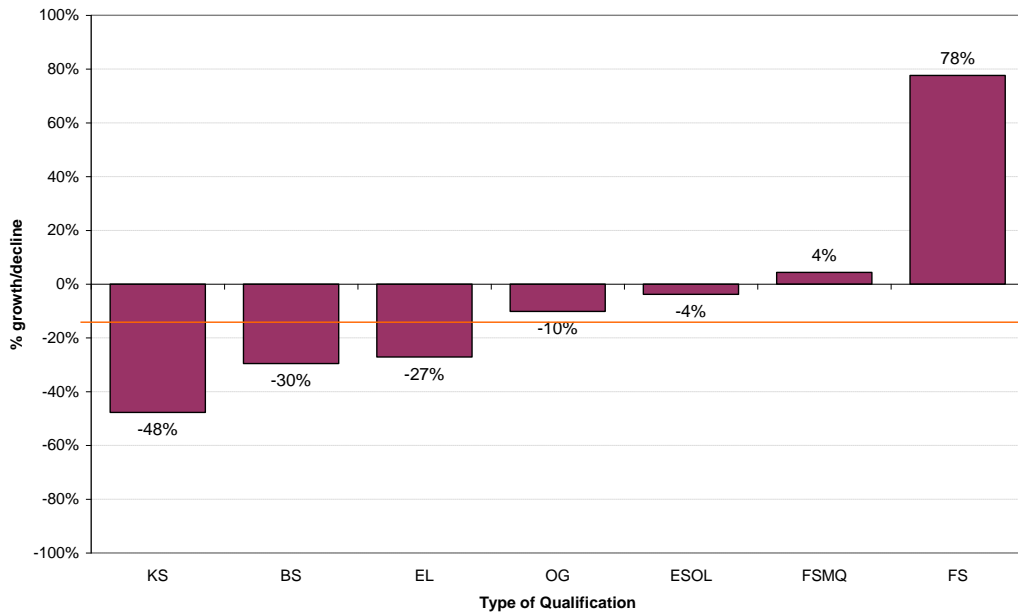
Key Skills and Basic Skills are being replaced by Functional Skills, and if we combine these three qualification types, we see a large decline of 136,350 achievements (853,300 in 2010 quarter 3 compared with 716,950 in 2011 quarter 3). We can see from figure 9 that the decline in Key Skills and Basic Skills is not due solely to the transfer to Functional Skills.

Figure 8: Supplemental qualification achievements by type for July to September 2011



BS	Basic Skills	FS	Functional Skills
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages	KS	Key Skills
EL	Entry Level	OG	Other General Qualifications
FSMQ	Free Standing Mathematics Qualifications		

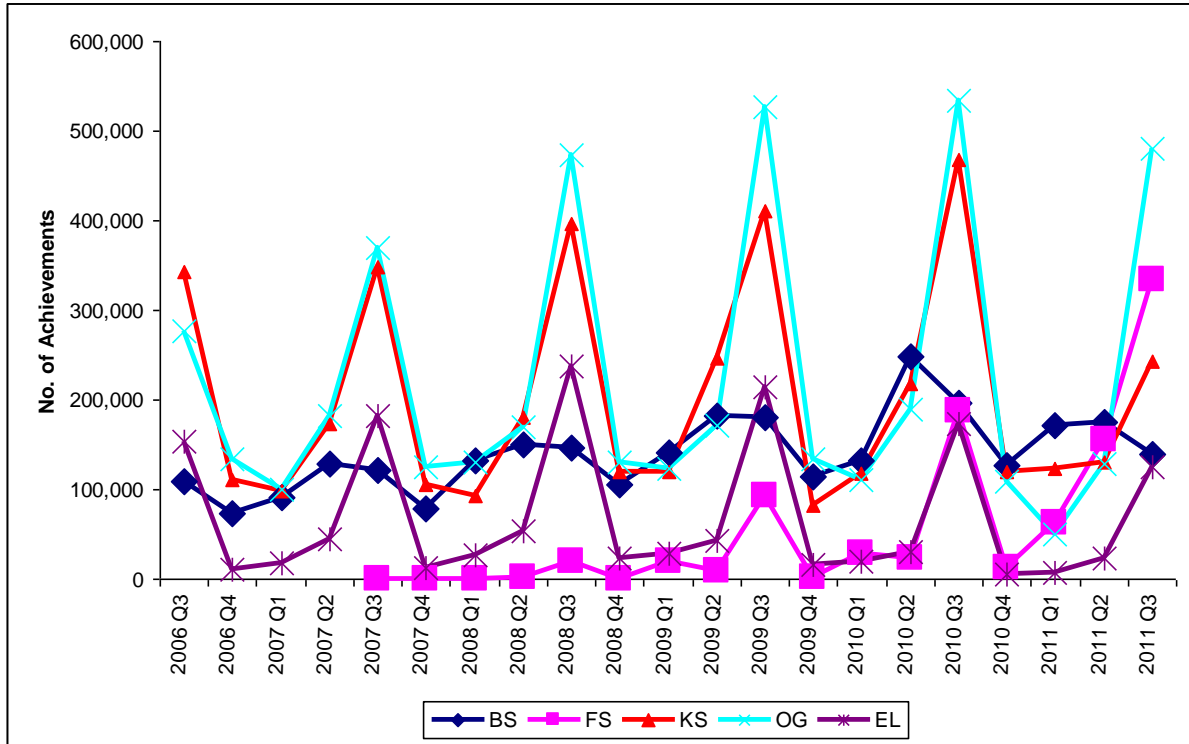
Figure 9: Percentage growth and decline in achievements between July–September 2010 and July–September 2011 by SSA. The red line shows average change (-14%).



BS	Basic Skills	FS	Functional Skills
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages	KS	Key Skills
EL	Entry Level	OG	Other General Qualifications
FSMQ	Free Standing Mathematics Qualifications		

Figure 10 shows the trend since 2006 for the qualification types with the greatest number of achievements in July to September 2011.

Figure 10: Supplemental qualification achievements by qualification type, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011, showing the types with the largest number of achievements this quarter (see table 6 for further details)



Level of qualification

All regulated qualifications are allocated a level, ranging from Entry, then 1 to 8 (see the glossary for further details). Supplemental qualifications are at Entry level to level 3.

Figure 11 shows the number of achievements by level of qualification for July to September 2011 and figure 12 shows the percentage growth and decline in this quarter compared with the same quarter in 2010.

The level with the greatest number of achievements for supplemental qualifications in July to September 2011 was level 1, with 502,300 achievements recorded, a decrease of 20% from the same quarter of 2010. The second most frequent qualification level was level 2, with 483,050 achievements, with a slightly larger decrease of 23% from the same quarter of 2010. The third most common level was Entry level, with 346,050 achievements, with a slight increase of 7% from the same quarter of 2010. This is the only level for which the total of achievements is increasing.

This quarter is the first in which supplemental qualifications at level 1/2 have been certificated; they currently make up a very small part of the total achievements (7,950).

Figure 11: Supplemental qualification achievements by level for July to September 2011

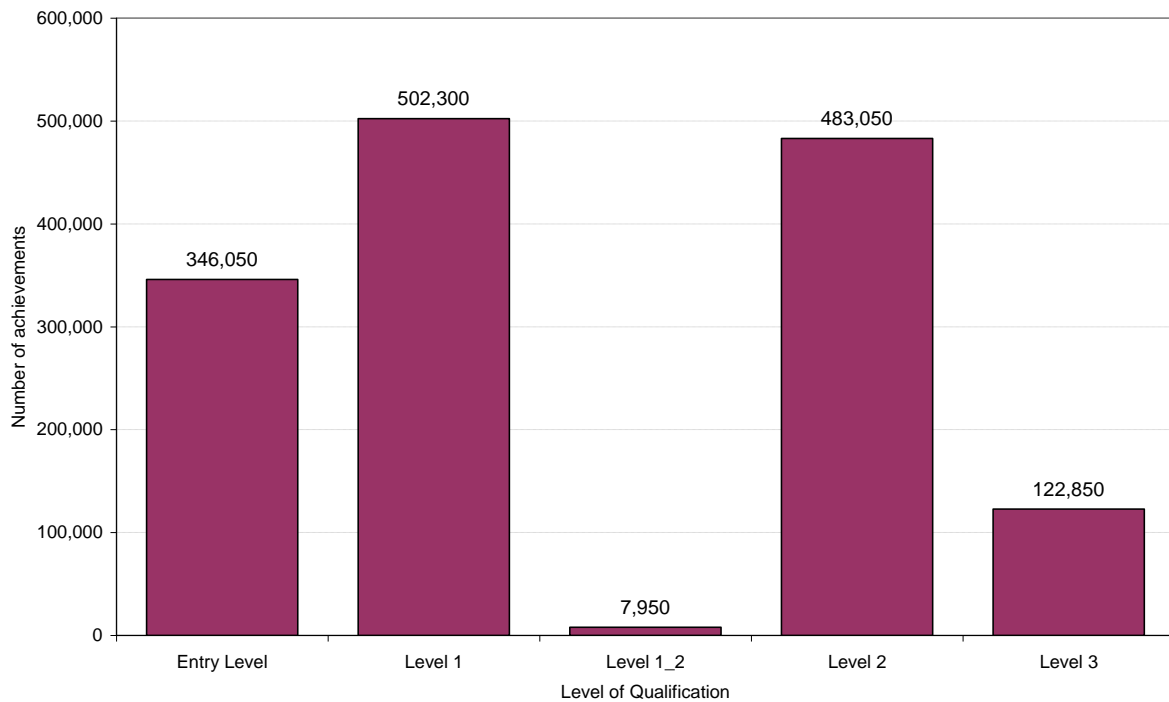


Figure 12: Percentage growth and decline in achievements between July–September 2010 and July–September 2011 by SSA. The red line shows average change (-14%).

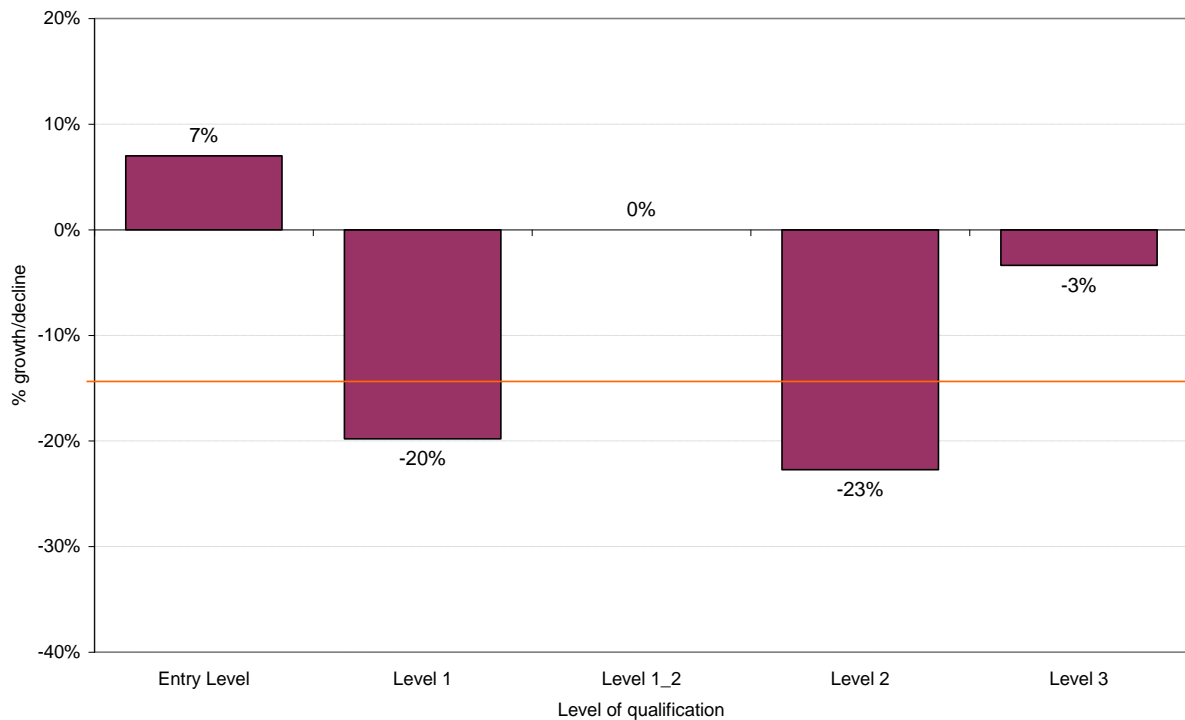
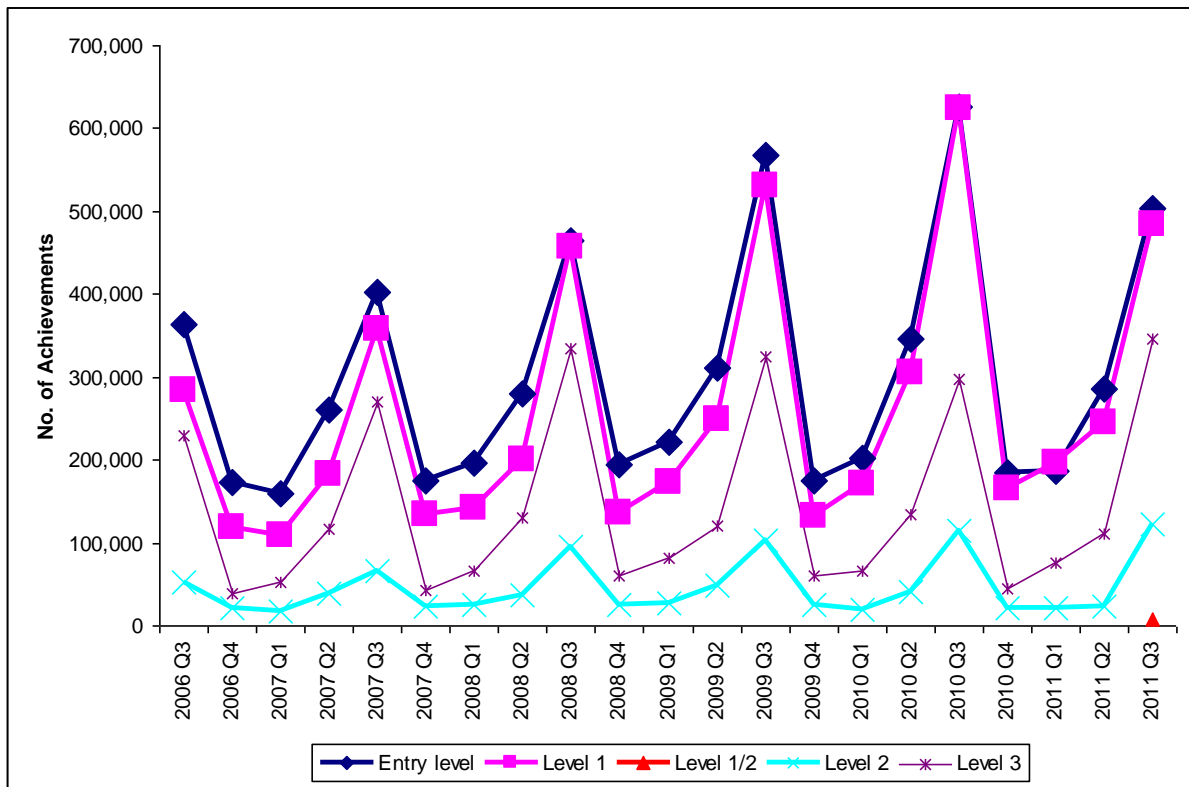


Figure 13 shows the trend in achievements by quarter since quarter 3, 2006 for each qualification level.

Figure 13: Supplemental qualification achievements by level of qualification, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011 (see table 7 for further details)



Tables

Table 1: Number of regulated available qualifications for: Secondary Level, covering Supplemental Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	BS	ESOL	EL	FSMQ	FS	FS NQF	FS QCF	KS	OG	Total number of Qualifications
	Basic Skills	English for Speakers of Other Languages	Entry Level	Free standing Mathematics Qualification	Functional Skills	Functional Skills (NQF)	Functional Skills (QCF)	Key Skills	Other General Qualification	
05-06	75	113	324					287	485	1,284
06-07	82	154	334	26	74			287	538	1,495
07-08	80	160	327	26	84			287	611	1,575
08-09	84	162	301	22	98			287	658	1,612
09-10	83	173	340	22	98	121		284	738	1,859
10-11	90	176	384	22	203		27	327	781	2,010
Oct-Dec 2005	75	109	224					287	315	1,010
Jan-Mar 2006	74	109	211					287	284	965
Apr-Jun 2006	75	109	213					287	279	963
Jul-Sep 2006	73	110	310					287	446	1,226
Oct-Dec 2006	73	110	314					287	449	1,233
Jan-Mar 2007	78	112	319	25				287	455	1,276
Apr-Jun 2007	80	118	301	25				287	396	1,207
Jul-Sep 2007	80	129	291	15	74			287	437	1,313
Oct-Dec 2007	80	138	321	26	84			287	526	1,462
Jan-Mar 2008	80	127	320	13	84			287	553	1,464
Apr-Jun 2008	74	138	318	13	72			287	562	1,464
Jul-Sep 2008	80	153	323	13	84			287	597	1,537
Oct-Dec 2008	80	146	299	13	83			287	635	1,543
Jan-Mar 2009	84	145	297	13	89			287	639	1,554
Apr-Jun 2009	84	147	298	22	89			287	631	1,558
Jul-Sep 2009	84	148	299	22	98			287	651	1,589
Oct-Dec 2009	83	148	288	22	92			168	153	954
Jan-Mar 2010	83	151	311	22	92			181	727	1,567
Apr-Jun 2010	83	153	303	22	98	82		282	600	1,623
Jul-Sep 2010	83	171	326	22	98	121		284	726	1,831
Oct-Dec 2010	83	160	325	22	144		27	284	722	1,767
Jan-Mar 2011	79	176	347	22	146		27	306	740	1,843
Apr-Jun 2011	84	176	339	22	185			283	712	1,801
Jul-Sep 2011	88	176	362	22	196			305	751	1,900

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. Secondary Qualifications represent qualifications from Entry Level to Level 3. Higher Qualifications represent qualifications from Level 4 to Level 8
2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual Data are for academic years i.e. October to September

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 50, values less than 25 will appear as '-'. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Table 2: Total Achievements: Secondary Level Qualifications For Supplemental Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland	
	Total number of Achievements
05-06	2,232,700
06-07	2,551,000
07-08	3,040,900
08-09	3,439,500
09-10	3,521,250
10-11	3,024,050
Oct-Dec 2005	360,850
Jan-Mar 2006	333,600
Apr-Jun 2006	592,800
Jul-Sep 2006	945,450
Oct-Dec 2006	373,000
Jan-Mar 2007	382,950
Apr-Jun 2007	669,400
Jul-Sep 2007	1,125,650
Oct-Dec 2007	413,100
Jan-Mar 2008	490,850
Apr-Jun 2008	747,550
Jul-Sep 2008	1,389,400
Oct-Dec 2008	467,200
Jan-Mar 2009	581,250
Apr-Jun 2009	824,300
Jul-Sep 2009	1,566,750
Oct-Dec 2009	449,300
Jan-Mar 2010	544,000
Apr-Jun 2010	824,200
Jul-Sep 2010	1,703,700
Oct-Dec 2010	416,100
Jan-Mar 2011	478,800
Apr-Jun 2011	666,950
Jul-Sep 2011	1,462,200

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Table 3: Top 50 Qans by Achievements: For Secondary Level Qualifications for Supplemental Qualifications, showing 2011.3 vs 2010.3

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Total Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance	61200	59700
EDEXCEL Level 2 Award in Digital Applications for IT Users	38750	36850
AQA Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life	27950	26350
AQA Level 1 Certificate in French (FCSE)	23500	26350
AQA Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	0	25200
EDEXCEL Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users	23800	21950
AQA Level 1 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life	19400	21100
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Music Performance	20250	19150
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	0	18600
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in mathematics at Entry 3	0	17700
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 3	0	16750
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	0	16600
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	15350	15450
OCR Advanced Level Free-Standing Mathematics Qualification: Additional Mathematics	12850	15400
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	15850	14550
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	15500	14250
Cambridge ESOL Level 2 Certificate in English (IELTS 6/6.5)	6900	13700
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Adult Numeracy	23500	12200
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Literacy	14150	11850
AQA Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at	0	11600
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	23500	11550
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology	0	11550
Cambridge ESOL Level 1 Certificate in English (IELTS 5/5.5)	4900	11350
AQA Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	0	11200
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology	0	11100
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	0	10850
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	28900	10700
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	19950	9900
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	23600	9750
Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	0	9600
Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	0	9450
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Adult Literacy	16700	9400
AQA Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	0	9400
ABRSM Level 3 Diploma in Music Performance	9250	8750
Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Entry 3	0	8700
ASDAN Level 2 Certificate in Personal Effectiveness	9850	8450
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	9550	8400
OCR Level 1 Certificate in French Reading (Preliminary) (Asset Languages)	8650	8250
OCR Level 1 Certificate in French Listening (Preliminary) (Asset Languages)	8200	8150
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology	0	7950
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	9000	7850
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in mathematics at level 1	0	7800
WJEC Level 3 Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma	4700	7550
EDEXCEL Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	12600	7550
EDEXCEL Functional Skills Qualification in English at Entry 3	0	7500
ASDAN Level 2 Key Skills in Working With Others	6650	7250
AQA Level 1 Certificate in Spanish (FCSE)	6250	7100
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	0	6950
WJEC Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number	0	6950
ASDAN Level 2 Key Skills in Improving Own Learning and Performance	8200	6900

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Table 4: Top 32 Awarding Bodies by Achievements: For Secondary Level Qualifications covering Supplemental Qualifications, showing 2011.3 vs 2010.3

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Number of achievements	
	2010.3	2011.3
City and Guilds of London Institute	288,000	268,400
OCR	298,900	253,600
Pearson Education Ltd	263,300	234,000
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	210,550	207,800
WJEC-CBAC	109,850	133,250
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	106,650	102,350
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	66,650	57,800
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	58,350	45,500
EDI	26,350	30,750
International Baccalaureate Organisation	26,500	29,400
Trinity College London	43,700	27,800
NCFE	50,300	12,300
National Open College Network	36,400	11,500
University of Cambridge International Examinations	1,750	10,300
EMTA Awards Limited	9,000	9,550
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	13,350	8,250
IMI Awards Ltd	11,150	5,150
Graded Qualifications Alliance	1,950	4,800
VTCT	6,550	2,350
English Speaking Board (International) Ltd	3,050	1,700
Rock School Ltd	2,600	1,500
Ascentis	7,800	1,400
British Ballet Organisation	1,000	950
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	2,450	800
ABC Awards	2,150	700
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	200	150
The Learning Machine	850	50
ITEC	0	0
LAMDA Examinations	700	0
Signature	50	0
International Curriculum and Assessment Agency (Examinations)	0	0
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	0	0

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Table 5: Sector Skill Area Achievements: For Secondary Level Qualifications covering Supplemental Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	00 Not Set	01 - Health, Public Services and Care	02 - Science and Mathematics	03 - Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	04 - Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	06 - Information and Communication Technology	07 - Retail and Commercial Enterprise	08 - Leisure, Travel and Tourism	09 - Arts, Media and Publishing	10 - History, Philosophy and Theology	11 - Social Sciences	12 - Languages, Literature and Culture	13 - Education and Training	14 - Preparation for Life and Work	15 - Business, Administration and Law	Total number of Achievements
05-06	150	24,050	28,050	200	8,200	46,550	3,800	18,250	604,700	10,200	6,850	101,600	50	1,371,850	8,250	2,232,700
06-07	0	23,900	45,600	150	8,750	130,700	3,600	18,150	589,700	10,100	3,450	160,100	200	1,548,550	8,000	2,551,000
07-08	0	44,000	45,300	150	8,000	180,600	6,600	17,300	572,300	30,900	2,950	290,450	100	1,834,800	7,500	3,040,900
08-09	0	45,950	47,200	150	8,750	155,950	6,800	16,300	578,800	41,400	2,950	303,700	50	2,229,200	2,400	3,439,500
09-10	0	50,100	51,450	250	7,850	121,150	3,500	16,900	566,550	41,250	2,750	307,550	0	2,350,250	1,700	3,521,250
10-11	0	14,300	53,450	200	6,150	92,100	2,350	11,400	328,050	13,000	4,050	330,950	0	2,167,000	1,000	3,024,050
Oct-Dec 2005	100	3,400	0	0	200	3,900	100	1,800	119,500	0	1,100	4,700	0	225,600	400	360,850
Jan-Mar 2006	50	9,800	50	0	300	6,450	150	1,300	86,800	0	1,100	7,050	0	218,450	2,150	333,600
Apr-Jun 2006	0	3,000	1,200	0	950	8,350	600	1,000	175,700	1,300	1,450	20,150	0	377,150	1,950	592,800
Jul-Sep 2006	0	7,800	26,850	200	6,750	27,850	2,950	14,200	222,650	8,900	3,200	69,700	50	550,650	3,800	945,450
Oct-Dec 2006	0	4,750	0	0	300	6,100	200	1,900	124,500	0	650	5,900	50	228,250	350	373,000
Jan-Mar 2007	0	3,800	2,100	0	300	9,000	150	900	93,300	0	200	10,000	0	260,750	2,350	382,950
Apr-Jun 2007	0	5,600	1,000	0	1,150	10,850	700	1,300	155,950	1,400	200	42,300	50	447,300	1,650	669,400
Jul-Sep 2007	0	9,750	42,500	150	7,000	104,750	2,550	14,050	215,950	8,700	2,400	101,900	50	612,250	3,650	1,125,650
Oct-Dec 2007	0	5,500	0	0	200	5,950	300	800	117,100	0	0	31,300	50	251,750	150	413,100
Jan-Mar 2008	0	6,100	850	0	200	13,450	250	300	110,050	0	0	35,650	0	321,800	2,200	490,850
Apr-Jun 2008	0	10,450	50	0	350	11,500	800	1,150	135,800	0	0	79,050	0	507,200	1,200	747,550
Jul-Sep 2008	0	22,000	44,400	150	7,200	149,700	5,250	15,050	209,350	30,900	2,950	144,400	50	754,000	3,950	1,389,400
Oct-Dec 2008	0	8,750	0	0	350	7,100	650	800	123,050	400	0	14,400	0	311,450	200	467,200
Jan-Mar 2009	0	8,950	750	0	300	18,600	1,500	550	96,300	100	0	48,050	0	406,150	0	581,250
Apr-Jun 2009	0	6,350	1,850	0	1,450	10,150	1,200	500	138,200	10,400	50	56,150	0	597,900	100	824,300
Jul-Sep 2009	0	21,900	44,600	150	6,650	120,100	3,450	14,400	221,250	30,500	2,850	185,100	0	913,700	2,100	1,566,750
Oct-Dec 2009	0	7,000	50	0	250	4,750	700	1,000	122,300	50	0	20,600	0	292,500	0	449,300
Jan-Mar 2010	0	9,450	1,000	0	250	12,400	150	800	86,450	0	0	40,950	0	392,550	0	544,000
Apr-Jun 2010	0	13,350	1,600	0	750	6,250	400	1,400	164,150	0	0	58,000	0	578,300	0	824,200
Jul-Sep 2010	0	20,300	48,850	250	6,650	97,700	2,300	13,650	193,600	41,150	2,750	188,000	0	1,086,850	1,650	1,703,700
Oct-Dec 2010	0	6,150	0	0	100	1,750	150	600	93,650	750	0	23,150	0	289,800	0	416,100
Jan-Mar 2011	0	3,350	1,700	0	50	2,100	50	100	33,000	50	0	38,050	0	400,200	0	478,800
Apr-Jun 2011	0	3,200	950	0	250	4,250	250	850	87,200	1,050	50	64,550	0	504,300	50	666,950
Jul-Sep 2011	0	1,600	50,750	200	5,700	84,000	1,900	9,850	114,200	11,150	4,000	205,250	0	972,700	950	1,462,200

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Table 6: Qualification Type Achievements: For Secondary Level Qualifications covering Supplemental Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	BS	ESOL	EL	FSMQ	FS	FS NQF	FS QCF	KS	OG	Total number of Achievements
	Basic Skills	English for Speakers of Other Languages	Entry Level	Free standing Mathematics Qualification	Functional Skills	Functional Skills (NQF)	Functional Skills (QCF)	Key Skills	Other General Qualification	
05-06	479,450	166,850	199,200					693,250	693,950	2,232,700
06-07	576,950	183,600	255,300	17,200				731,150	786,850	2,551,000
07-08	740,800	255,450	331,850	18,500	21,100			776,150	897,100	3,040,900
08-09	869,250	271,700	308,100	19,600	122,400			897,350	951,100	3,439,500
09-10	829,850	331,800	239,350	23,750	242,250			885,150	969,100	3,521,250
10-11	611,650	273,900	160,100	25,500	562,750		4,000	618,700	767,400	3,024,050
Oct-Dec 2005	86,900	34,100	6,700					104,650	128,500	360,850
Jan-Mar 2006	105,400	18,750	13,800					94,250	101,350	333,600
Apr-Jun 2006	164,150	64,950	24,850					150,750	188,050	592,800
Jul-Sep 2006	123,000	49,100	153,800					343,600	276,000	945,450
Oct-Dec 2006	94,950	22,000	10,350					111,250	134,450	373,000
Jan-Mar 2007	134,050	29,250	18,500	2,000				98,600	100,600	382,950
Apr-Jun 2007	199,350	70,700	44,100					172,650	182,600	669,400
Jul-Sep 2007	148,650	61,650	182,350	15,200				348,600	369,200	1,125,650
Oct-Dec 2007	114,500	55,250	13,250					105,600	124,500	413,100
Jan-Mar 2008	193,450	45,850	27,250	800	350			93,400	129,700	490,850
Apr-Jun 2008	249,250	93,100	54,200		1,000			180,950	169,050	747,550
Jul-Sep 2008	183,600	61,250	237,100	17,700	19,700			396,200	473,800	1,389,400
Oct-Dec 2008	155,850	38,300	22,550		400			119,700	130,400	467,200
Jan-Mar 2009	220,200	67,850	28,750	700	20,050			120,100	123,600	581,250
Apr-Jun 2009	276,500	78,300	43,350		8,350			247,050	170,750	824,300
Jul-Sep 2009	216,700	87,250	213,450	18,900	93,600			410,500	526,400	1,566,750
Oct-Dec 2009	169,850	44,650	16,600		2,400			81,900	133,900	449,300
Jan-Mar 2010	214,900	52,200	19,600	850	28,500			117,100	110,850	544,000
Apr-Jun 2010	247,900	115,350	30,300		23,050			218,300	189,350	824,200
Jul-Sep 2010	197,200	119,600	172,850	22,900	188,300			467,800	535,000	1,703,700
Oct-Dec 2010	126,650	42,750	4,650		9,600		3,700	120,500	108,250	416,100
Jan-Mar 2011	170,800	62,350	7,350	1,550	62,700		300	124,000	49,700	478,800
Apr-Jun 2011	175,300	53,750	22,500		156,050			130,600	128,800	666,950
Jul-Sep 2011	138,900	115,100	125,600	23,900	334,500			243,550	480,650	1,462,200

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Table 7: Detailed Exam Level Achievements: For Secondary Level Qualifications covering Supplemental Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

	Entry Level	Level 1	Level 1_2	Level 2	Level 3	Total number of Achievements
05-06	402,650	975,300	-	732,450	122,300	2,232,700
06-07	480,000	1,048,200	-	878,650	144,150	2,551,000
07-08	577,200	1,185,900	-	1,097,100	180,700	3,040,900
08-09	595,200	1,380,850	-	1,261,200	202,250	3,439,500
09-10	589,100	1,391,550	-	1,328,750	211,900	3,521,250
10-11	577,500	1,159,850	7,950	1,089,700	189,000	3,024,050
Oct-Dec 2005	46,850	174,750	-	118,950	20,300	360,850
Jan-Mar 2006	35,050	165,700	-	118,250	14,600	333,600
Apr-Jun 2006	90,400	265,700	-	202,700	34,000	592,800
Jul-Sep 2006	230,350	369,150	-	292,600	53,350	945,450
Oct-Dec 2006	38,450	179,300	-	133,500	21,750	373,000
Jan-Mar 2007	53,850	173,250	-	138,050	17,800	382,950
Apr-Jun 2007	116,550	283,300	-	231,150	38,350	669,400
Jul-Sep 2007	271,150	412,300	-	375,950	66,250	1,125,650
Oct-Dec 2007	44,100	185,200	-	159,950	23,850	413,100
Jan-Mar 2008	66,400	213,150	-	186,550	24,700	490,850
Apr-Jun 2008	131,200	310,350	-	268,950	37,000	747,550
Jul-Sep 2008	335,450	477,200	-	481,650	95,100	1,389,400
Oct-Dec 2008	61,550	212,150	-	169,000	24,500	467,200
Jan-Mar 2009	82,950	246,550	-	225,250	26,500	581,250
Apr-Jun 2009	122,950	341,300	-	311,800	48,250	824,300
Jul-Sep 2009	327,750	580,850	-	555,200	102,950	1,566,750
Oct-Dec 2009	62,750	191,250	-	170,500	24,800	449,300
Jan-Mar 2010	68,400	228,450	-	227,500	19,700	544,000
Apr-Jun 2010	134,150	345,150	-	304,750	40,200	824,200
Jul-Sep 2010	323,850	626,700	-	626,000	127,150	1,703,700
Oct-Dec 2010	44,450	184,050	-	165,500	22,100	416,100
Jan-Mar 2011	75,250	187,200	-	195,800	20,500	478,800
Apr-Jun 2011	111,750	286,350	-	245,350	23,500	666,950
Jul-Sep 2011	346,050	502,300	7,950	483,050	122,850	1,462,200

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