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Key findings

This bulletin covers all National Vocational qualifications (NVQ), vocationally related qualifications (VRQ), Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) qualifications, and occupational qualifications (OQ) at all levels. For the purposes of this bulletin these four types are considered to be vocational qualifications. The qualification type is that recorded in the Register of Regulated Qualifications; please see the glossary¹ for further details. There is some overlap between the figures in this bulletin and those in the Higher Qualifications Quarterly, which covers all qualifications at level 4 and above.

There were 912,050 regulated vocational qualification achievements recorded in October to December 2011, an increase of 22% on the same quarter of 2010. There were 13,971 available regulated qualifications, an increase of 30% on the previous year. The achievements covered 5,519 different qualifications, offered by 117 different awarding organisations.

National Vocational qualifications

In October to December 2011, 50,950 NVQ achievements were recorded, a decrease of 72% on the same quarter of the previous year. These achievements covered 781 different qualifications (representing 55 per cent of all available NVQ qualifications) offered by 38 different awarding organisations. The decline in achievements reflects in part the restructuring of some qualifications, which have then been re-coded as QCF type. Please note that the figures in this bulletin refer to qualifications coded as NVQ type and do not include NVQs on the QCF.

There has been a downward trend in NVQ achievements since April to June 2010 (figure 2), which has been particularly dramatic in this quarter.

The NVQ with the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care, which recorded 3,300 achievements, representing a decline of 53% on the same quarter of last year. The awarding organisation that recorded the most NVQ achievements was City & Guilds, with 23,050 achievements (45 per cent of all NVQ achievements).

Vocationally related qualifications

From October to December 2011, 55,600 VRQ achievements were recorded, a decrease of 81% on the same quarter of the previous year. These achievements

¹ Glossary can be found at www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/165/411

covered 820 different qualifications (representing 39 per cent of all available VRQ qualifications) offered by 56 different awarding organisations. The number of available qualifications declined by 12% when compared with the same quarter of the previous year; 2,114 in 2011 compared with 2,388 in 2010. The decline in achievements reflects in part the restructuring of some qualifications, which have then been recoded as QCF type. Please note that the figures in this bulletin refer to qualifications coded as VRQ type and do not include any qualifications on the QCF.

The VRQ with the greatest number of achievements was the OCR Level 2 National First Award in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), which recorded 4,700 achievements, a 25% increase on the same quarter in 2010. The awarding organisation that recorded the most VRQ achievements was City & Guilds, with 21,250 achievements (38 per cent of all VRQ achievements).

Qualifications and Credit Framework qualifications

From October to December 2011, 803,550 QCF achievements were recorded. This figure increased from 274,750 for quarter 4 in 2010, representing an increase of 192%. These achievements covered 3,867 different qualifications (representing 37 per cent of all available QCF qualifications) offered by 101 different awarding organisations. Please note that these figures refer to full qualifications, not units. The increase in achievement numbers reflects the restructuring of many qualifications which have been put onto the QCF. The QCF is a credit-based framework which enables learners to accumulate and transfer credit towards a regulated qualification.

The QCF qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) Level 2 award in Food Safety in Catering, with 50,900 achievements. The awarding organisation that recorded the most QCF achievements was City & Guilds, with 91,900 achievements (11 per cent of all QCF achievements).

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 vocational qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the October to December 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:

- Higher Qualifications Quarterly (covers all qualifications at level 4 and above)
- Supplemental Qualifications Quarterly (covers Entry to level 3 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).

Each quarter awarding organisations submit to us data 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, along with the sector subject area (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.

We will no longer present a section exploring the trends in occupational qualifications separately, as the numbers of achievements in these qualifications are now very low. The achievement figures for these qualifications are, however, presented in tables 16 to 19.

Geographical coverage

The 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

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

possible to present the data at country level. We have now started collecting more comprehensive data and eventually expect to be able to present data at country level.

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. It is recognised that the current classification system is not ideal, as very similar qualifications can be classified under more than one type, for example NVQs can also be on the QCF. We are working with experts to investigate 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 3, 2011 bulletin. These revisions were due to historical updates from two awarding organisations.

Completeness of the data

Awarding organisations send us data every quarter. We contact any awarding organisation that does not return a complete set of data within the collection to ensure the data is as complete as possible. For this quarter, we received data from all the awarding organisations.

Figures in the commentary and tables for the numbers of achievements recorded are rounded to the nearest 50. This reflects the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale data collection. As a result of rounded figures, the percentages shown in pie charts will not necessarily sum to 100%.

Due to seasonal variation in the number of achievements over the year, comparisons in this bulletin are only made with 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 statistics 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 to April to June, Q3 to July to September, and Q4 to October to December.

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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 Diploma types. Further details for types not included in this bulletin can be found in the companion bulletins on higher and supplemental qualifications.

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

Qualification	October to December 2010	October to December 2011	% change	Direction of change
Basic Skills	126,650	99,650	(-21)	↓
ESOL	42,750	52,250	22	↑
Entry level	4,650	3,450	(-26)	↓
Free-standing Mathematics Qualification	0	0	0	
Functional Skills	13,300	70,600	431	↑
Higher level	6,800	4,000	(-41)	↓
Key Skills	120,500	108,050	(-10)	↓
NVQ	179,600	50,950	(-72)	↓
OQ	6,200	2,000	(-68)	↓
Other general qualifications	108,250	17,050	(-84)	↓
QCF	274,750	803,550	192	↑
VRQ	285,750	55,600	(-81)	↓
Total number of achievements	1,169,250	1,267,100	8	↑

From the table above we can see the impact of qualifications being restructured onto the QCF, with an increase of over 190% in the number of achievements for these qualifications. Qualifications in ESOL also increased, by 22%.

We also see an increase of 431% in Functional Skills achievements, a qualification type which replaces Key Skills and Basic Skills. Key Skills and Basic Skills have a corresponding decline of 12,450 (10%) and 27,000 (21%) on the achievements given in October to December 2010. The increase in Functional Skills could also be attributed in part to the increase in Apprenticeships. In 2010/11 academic year, there were 200,300 apprenticeship achievements compared with 171,500 in 2009/10.³

With qualifications being restructured onto the QCF we see a decline in all other qualification types, with the largest decreases in achievements reported in other general qualifications (84%), VRQs (81%), NVQs (72%) and OQs (68%). The decrease in other general qualifications is largely caused by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) transferring their qualifications onto the QCF. Those with a rather smaller decline were higher level (41%) and Entry level (26%) qualifications.

As with the same quarter of last year, no awards were reported in Free-standing Mathematics Qualifications.

The 20 qualifications with the highest number of achievements across all qualification types, for the period October to December 2011, are shown in the table below.

Qualification	Qualification type	Number of achievements
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	QCF	50,900
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	QCF	17,450
Skillsfirst Level 2 Diploma in Retail Skills (QCF)	QCF	15,600
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	QCF	12,700
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	QCF	12,600
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	QCF	10,600

³ http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_current

Qualification	Qualification type	Number of achievements
Cambridge ESOL Level 2 Certificate in English (IELTS 6/6.5)	ESOL	10,300
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	BS	10,200
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	BS	10,100
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	OG	10,100
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	KS	9,300
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	BS	9,300
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Literacy	BS	9,250
Skillsfirst Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	QCF	8,650
Cambridge ESOL Level 1 Certificate in English (IELTS 5/5.5)	ESOL	8,500
BSC Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work (QCF)	QCF	8,350
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	QCF	8,250
EDEXCEL Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	KS	8,100
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	KS	8,100
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	QCF	8,000

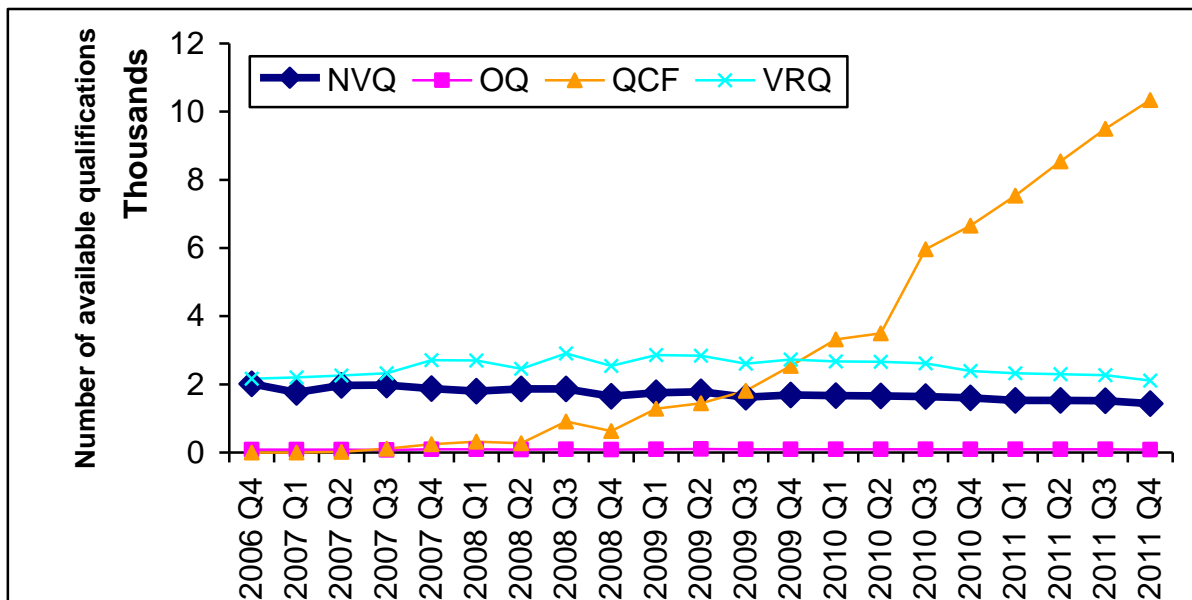
(Key: Basic Skills (BS); other general (OG); Key Skills (KS); Functional Skills (FS))

Regulated vocational qualifications

(See figure 1 and tables 1–2.)

There are currently 13,971 available regulated vocational qualifications: those qualifications that have not yet passed their certification end date and so are available to be awarded. This figure is an increase of 30% on the previous year, mainly due to the increase in QCF qualifications. These qualifications comprise 10,338 QCF qualifications (74 per cent of available vocational qualifications), 2,114 VRQs (15 per cent), 1,432 NVQs (10 per cent) and 87 OQs (less than 1 per cent) (see figure 1 and table 1).

Figure 1: Number of available regulated vocational qualifications per quarter, October–December 2006 to October–December 2011



We can see from figure 1 that the QCF has been growing at a consistent pace since quarter 3, 2009, and OQs stay relatively stable. The figure shows that NVQs and VRQs decrease in number very slightly. As QCFs are replacing NVQs and VRQs there will be a duplication of qualifications available until the old qualifications finish certifying. Over time we expect the availability of each of these qualification types to decline.

During the last quarter, 882 new vocational qualifications were added to the list of available regulated qualifications. These included 876 QCF qualifications and six VRQs.

During the last quarter, two QCF qualifications changed awarding organisation and three changed SSA. No qualifications were re-categorised in terms of type or level.

National Vocational qualifications

(See figures 2–7 and tables 1–6.)

Please note that these figures refer to qualifications coded as NVQ type and do not include NVQs on the QCF.

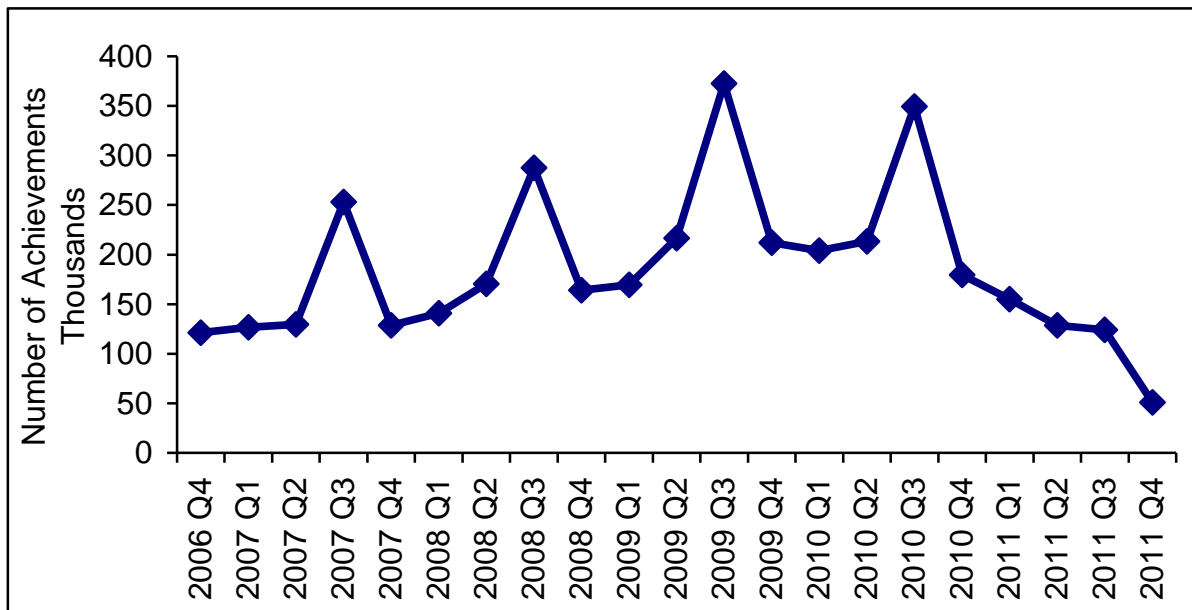
NVQs are work-related, competence-based qualifications which cover a broad range of occupations and are delivered in a workplace setting. NVQs are made up of units taken from the National Occupational Standards (NOS), which define the knowledge, understanding and competence required to perform a particular job.

Achievements

In October to December 2011, 50,950 NVQ achievements were recorded at all levels, a decrease of 72% on the same quarter of 2010 (see figure 2 and table 2). There is a downward trend in NVQ achievements since April to June 2010 (figure 2). This decrease partly reflects the restructuring of some qualifications, which have then been re-coded as QCF type. The decrease in the last quarter, is particularly dramatic when we consider that the usual seasonal spike of achievements reported in quarter 3 did not occur but the decrease between quarters 3 and 4 has.

These achievements covered 781 different qualifications (quite a significant decrease on 911 in the previous quarter) offered by 38 different awarding organisations. In October to December 2011, these NVQs represented 55 per cent of the total available NVQs, 10 per cent of available vocational qualifications and 6 per cent of achievements.

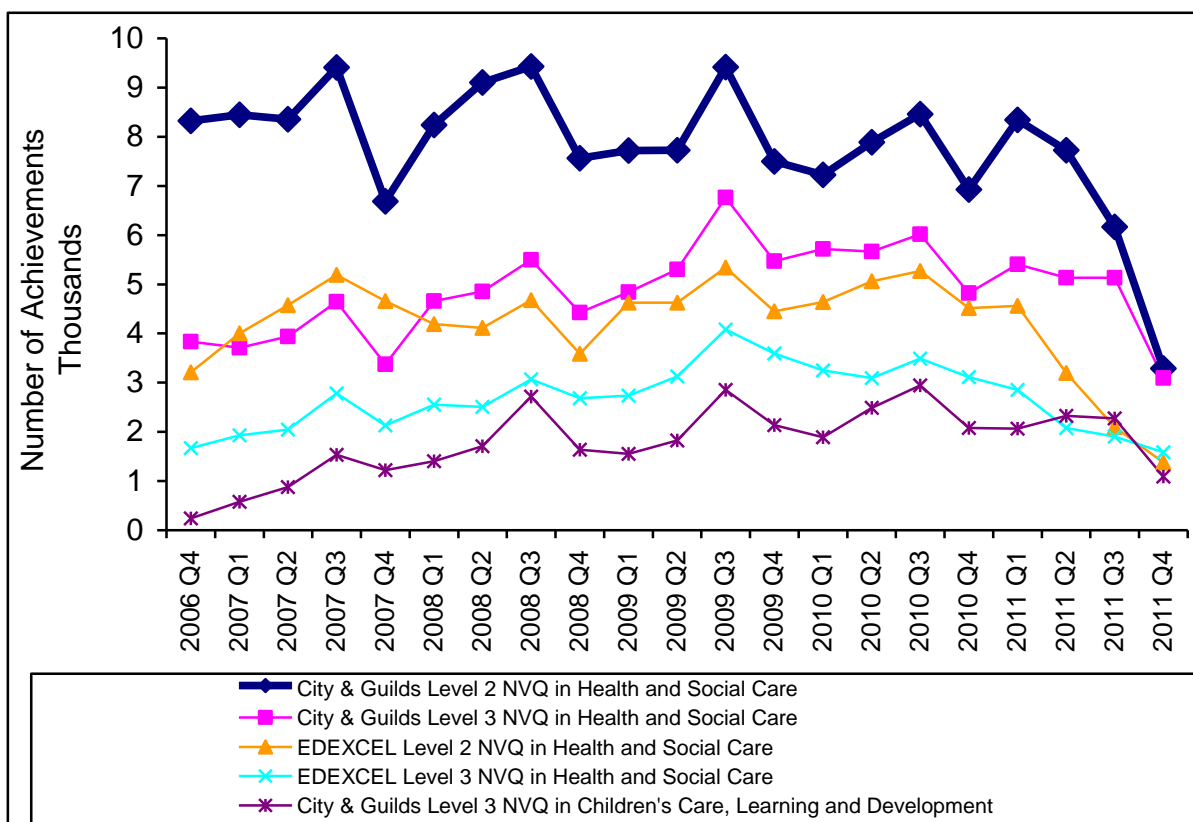
Figure 2: Total number of NVQ achievements per quarter, October–December 2006 to October–December 2011



Qualifications

The NVQ with the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care, with 3,300 achievements. The 40 NVQs with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 3. And figure 3 shows the five-year trend for the five NVQs with the highest number of achievements in October to December 2011.

Figure 3: The five NVQs with the highest number of achievements for October to December 2011, showing trend from October to December 2006



Awarding organisations

The awarding organisation that recorded the highest number of achievements for NVQs was City & Guilds, with 23,050 achievements (45 per cent of all NVQ achievements). Figures for all awarding organisations are shown in table 4, which also shows the corresponding figures for the same quarter of the previous year. The awarding organisations with the most achievements are shown in figure 4.

Figure 4: NVQ achievements – by awarding organisation – October to December 2011

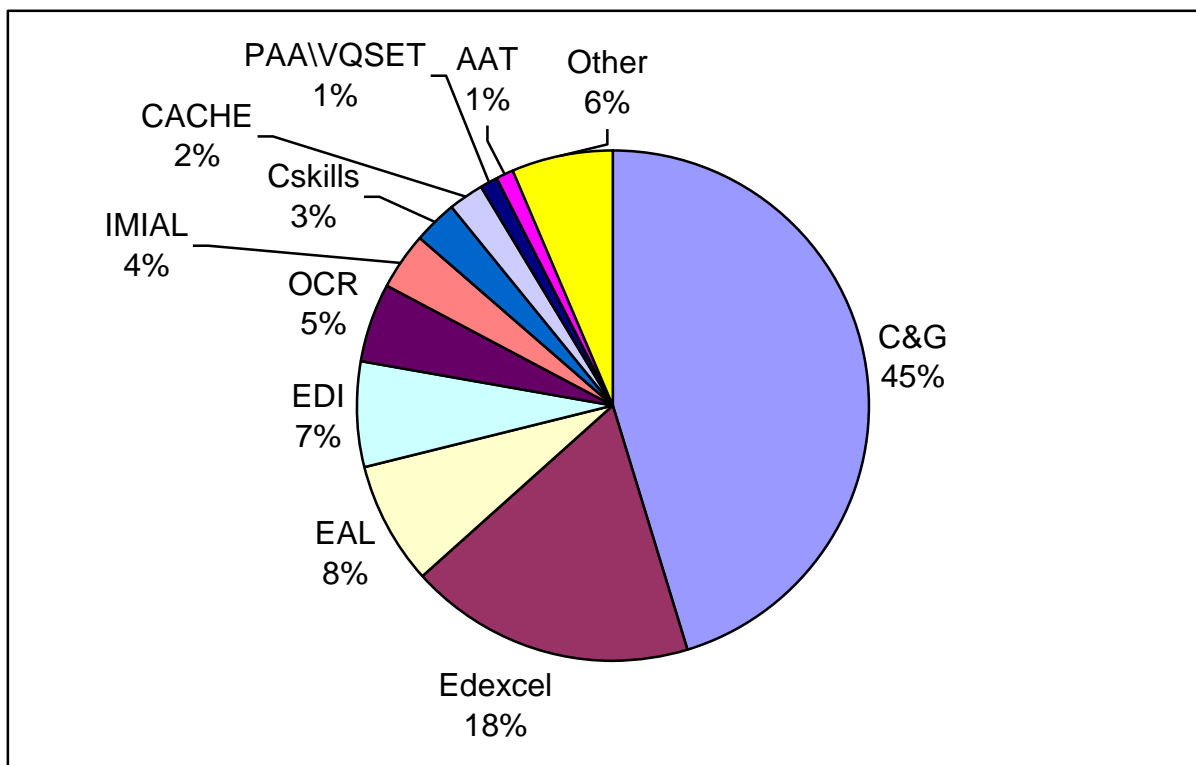
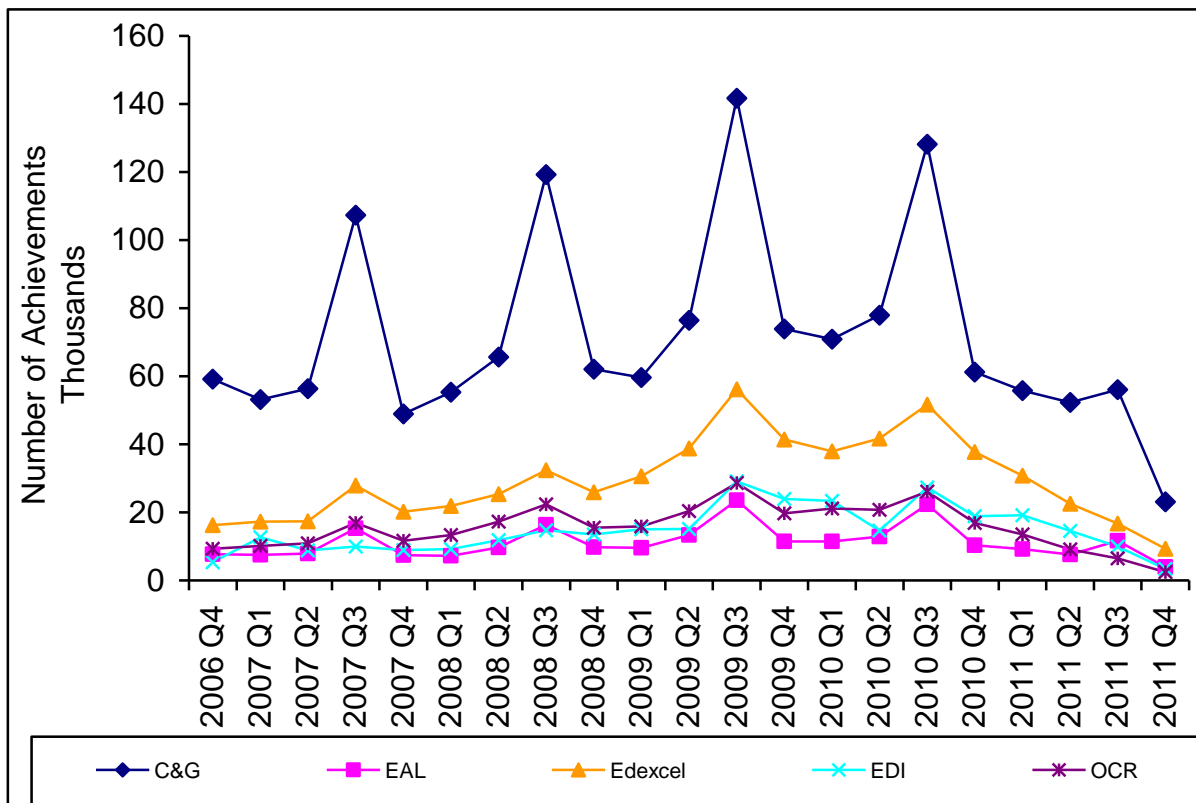


Figure 5 shows the five-year trend for the five awarding organisations that recorded the greatest number of achievements in October to December 2011. These five represent 83 per cent of all NVQ achievements in October to December 2011. In figure 5 the downward trend since October to December 2010 can be seen for all of the awarding organisations.

Figure 5: The five awarding organisations that recorded the greatest number of achievements for NVQs in October to December 2011, showing trend from October to December 2006

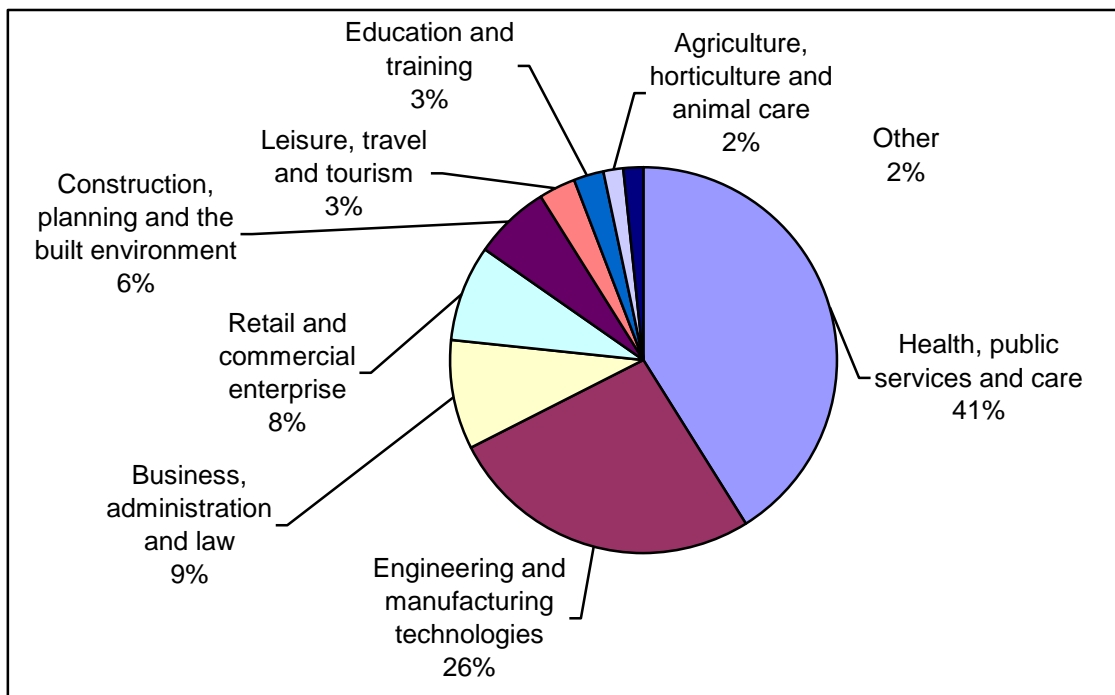


Sector subject area

Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 15 SSA codes (see the glossary for further details). The SSA that recorded the highest number of achievements for NVQs was health, public services and care, with 20,900 achievements, representing 41 per cent of NVQs in October to December 2011. The second largest area was engineering and manufacturing technologies, with 13,500 achievements, representing 26 per cent of NVQ achievements (see figure 6 and table 5).

All SSAs have declined in achievements since quarter 4 of the previous year. The greatest decline has been in business, administration and law (90% decline from 45,700 to just 4,650 achievements) and retail and commercial enterprise (84% decline from 26,800 to 4,150 achievements).

Figure 6: NVQ achievements by SSA, October to December 2011

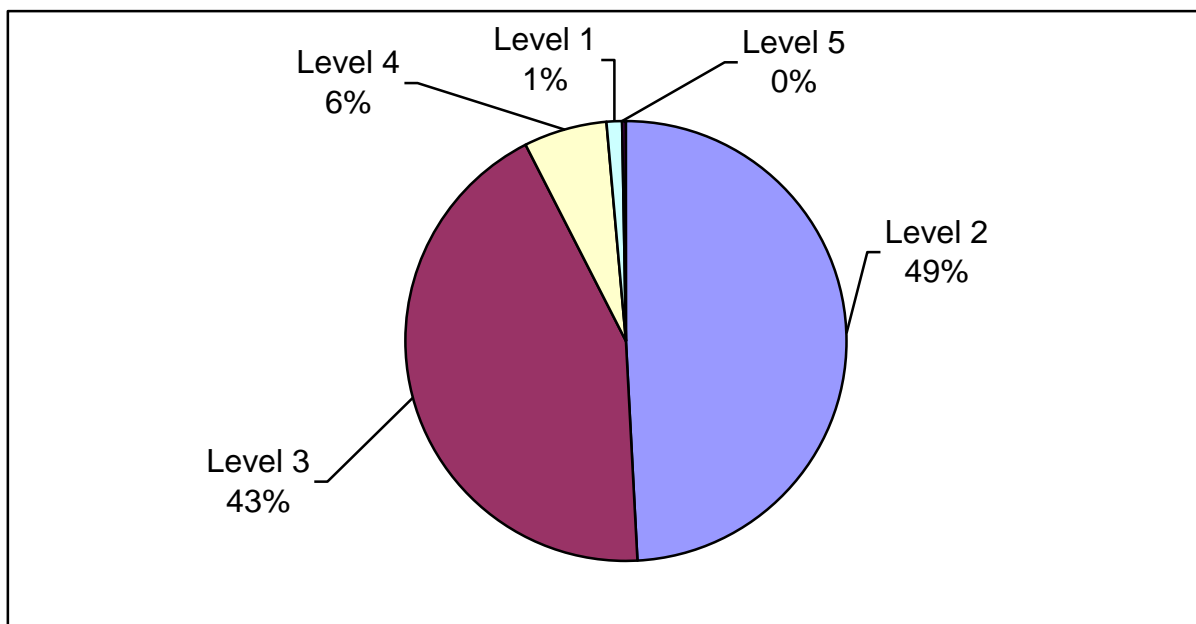


Level of qualification

The majority of NVQ achievements were at level 2, with 25,000, representing 49 per cent of NVQ achievements in October to December 2011 (see figure 7 and table 6).

Please note that NVQ qualifications at level 4 are in fact equivalent to achievement at levels 4, 5 and 6 when compared with other qualifications. Similarly, level 5 NVQs are equivalent to achievement at levels 6, 7 and 8.

Figure 7: NVQ achievements by level, October to December 2011



Vocationally related qualifications

(See figures 8–14 and tables 1–2 and 7–10.)

Please note that these figures refer to qualifications coded as VRQ type and do not include any qualifications on the QCF.

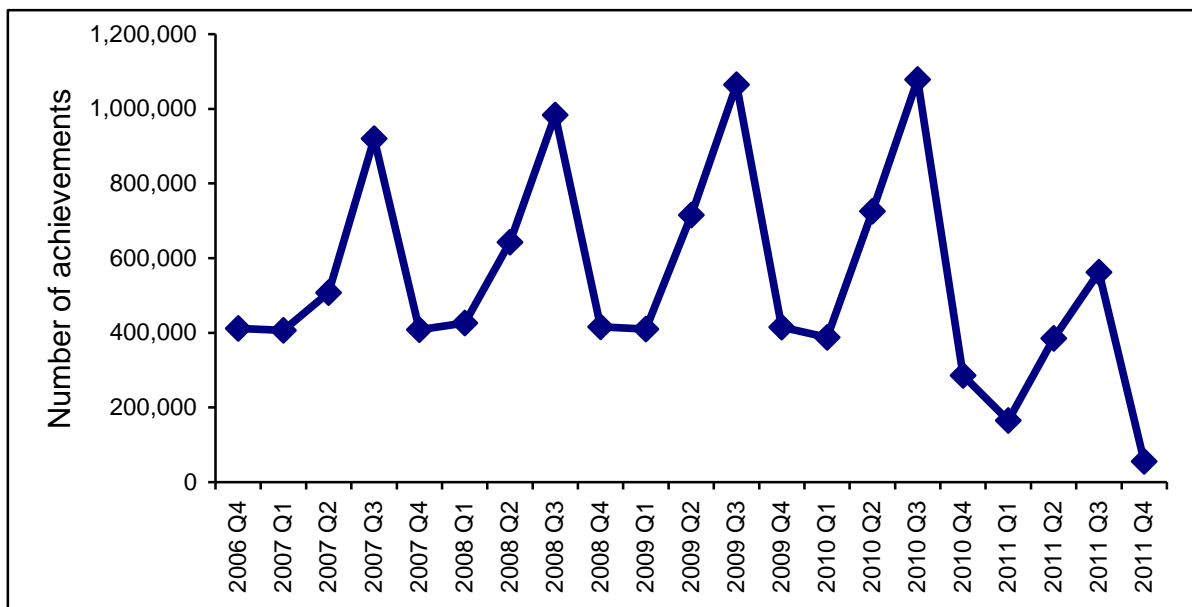
VRQs are work-related, competence-based qualifications designed to provide learners with the skills and knowledge needed to do a job. They are related to employment but, unlike NVQs, do not necessarily require a work placement and are not purely based on the NOS.

Achievements

In October to December 2011, 55,600 VRQ achievements were recorded at all levels, a decrease of 81% on the same quarter of 2010 (see figure 8 and table 2). There is a downward trend from quarter 4, 2010 (October to December), and this is the second October-to-December quarter that has seen a year-on-year decline since quarter 4 of 2005. This decrease partly reflects the restructuring of some qualifications, which have then been re-coded as QCF type.

The VRQ achievements covered 820 different qualifications offered by 56 different awarding organisations. In October to December 2011 these VRQs represented 39 per cent of the total available VRQ qualifications, 15 per cent of available vocational qualifications and 6 per cent of achievements.

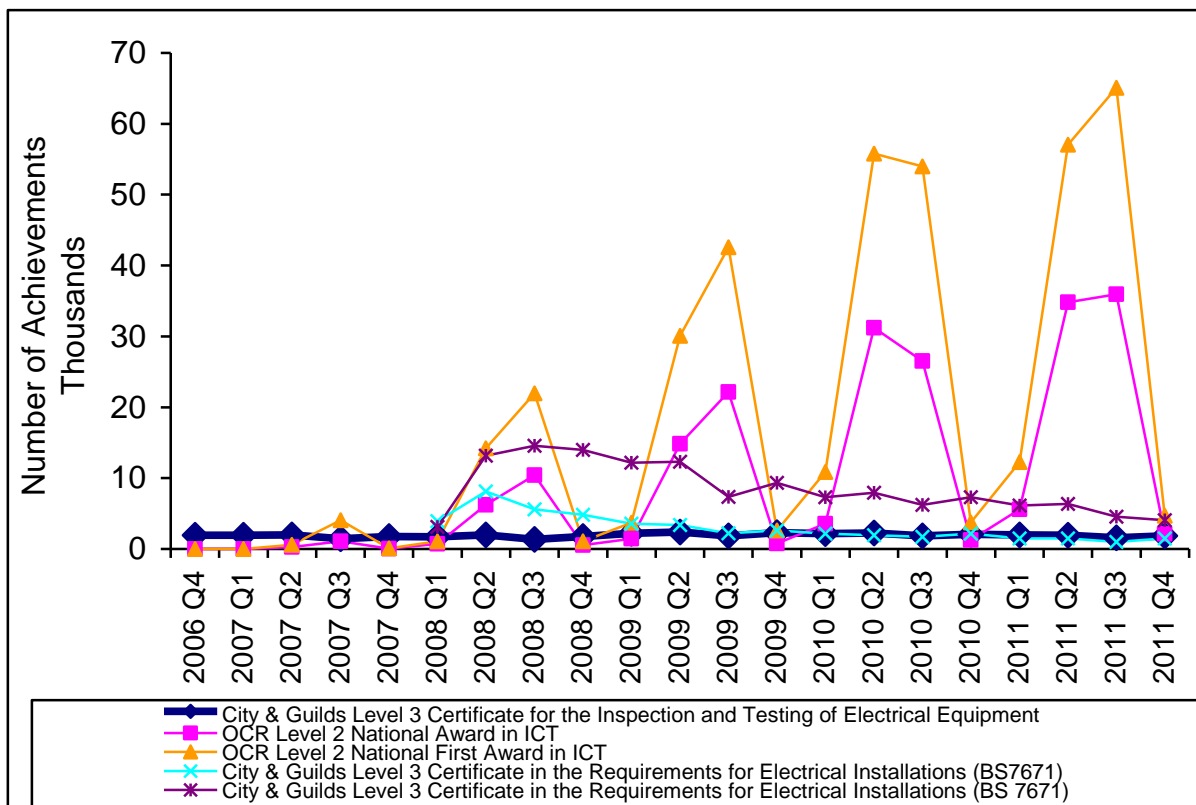
Figure 8: Total number of VRQ achievements per quarter, October–December 2006 to October–December 2011



Qualifications

The VRQ with the greatest number of achievements was the OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT, with 4,700 achievements. The 40 VRQs with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 7. Figure 9 shows the five-year trend for the five VRQs with the highest number of achievements in October to December 2011.

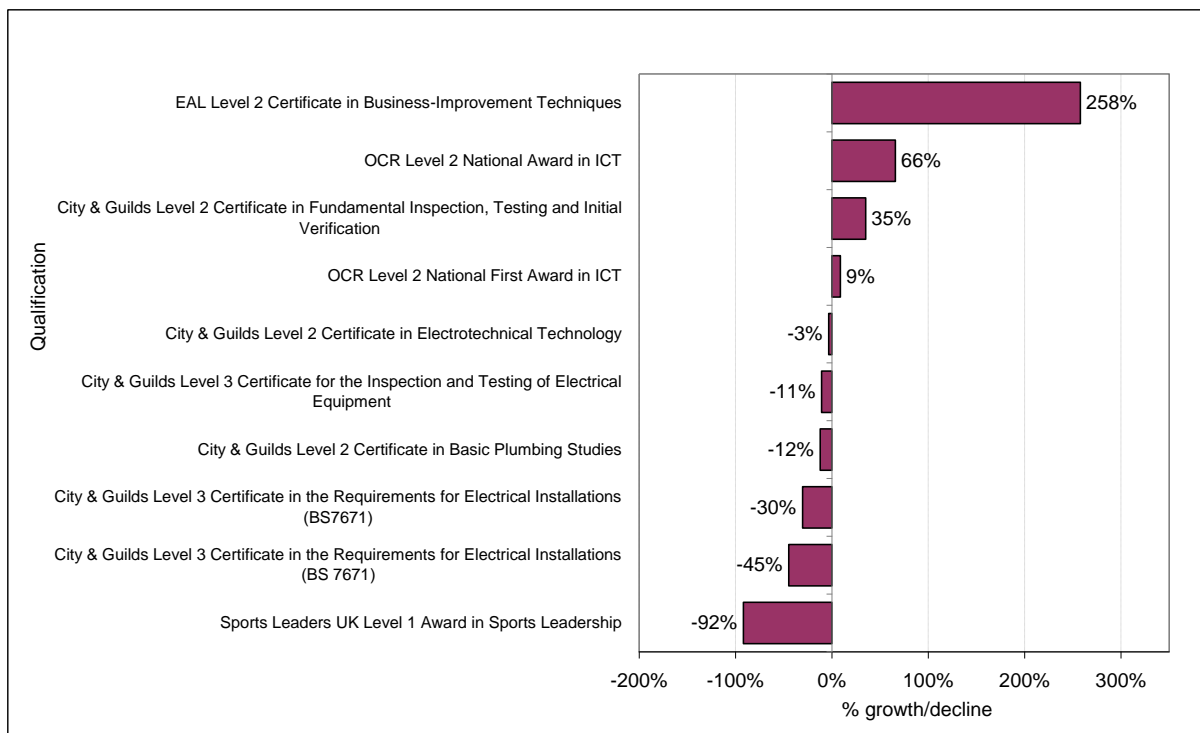
Figure 9: The five VRQs with the highest number of achievements for October to December 2011, showing trend from October to December 2006



Note, there are two qualifications entitled City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in the Requirements for Electrical Installations and the latter shown is the larger in terms of size of qualification.

Although VRQs are in decline, if we examine the top ten qualifications, we see a varied picture of growth and decline (see figure 10). Four of the top ten qualifications are growing in the number of achievements since the same quarter of the previous year, and some qualifications are seasonal with high peaks in quarters 2 and 3. Other qualifications have a consistent number of achievements throughout the year.

Figure 10: Percentage growth and decline in achievements between October to December 2010 and October to December 2011, by the top ten qualifications



Awarding organisations

The awarding organisation that recorded the highest number of achievements for VRQs was City & Guilds, with 21,250 achievements (38 per cent of all VRQ achievements). Figures for the 40 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 8, which also shows the corresponding figures for the same quarter of the previous year. The awarding organisations with the highest number of achievements are shown in figure 11.

If we examine the top ten awarding organisations with the largest number of achievements, we see that all but one have decreased achievement, reflecting in part the movement to QCF. Only EAL is showing growth (of 11%).

Figure 11: VRQ achievements – by awarding organisation – October to December 2011

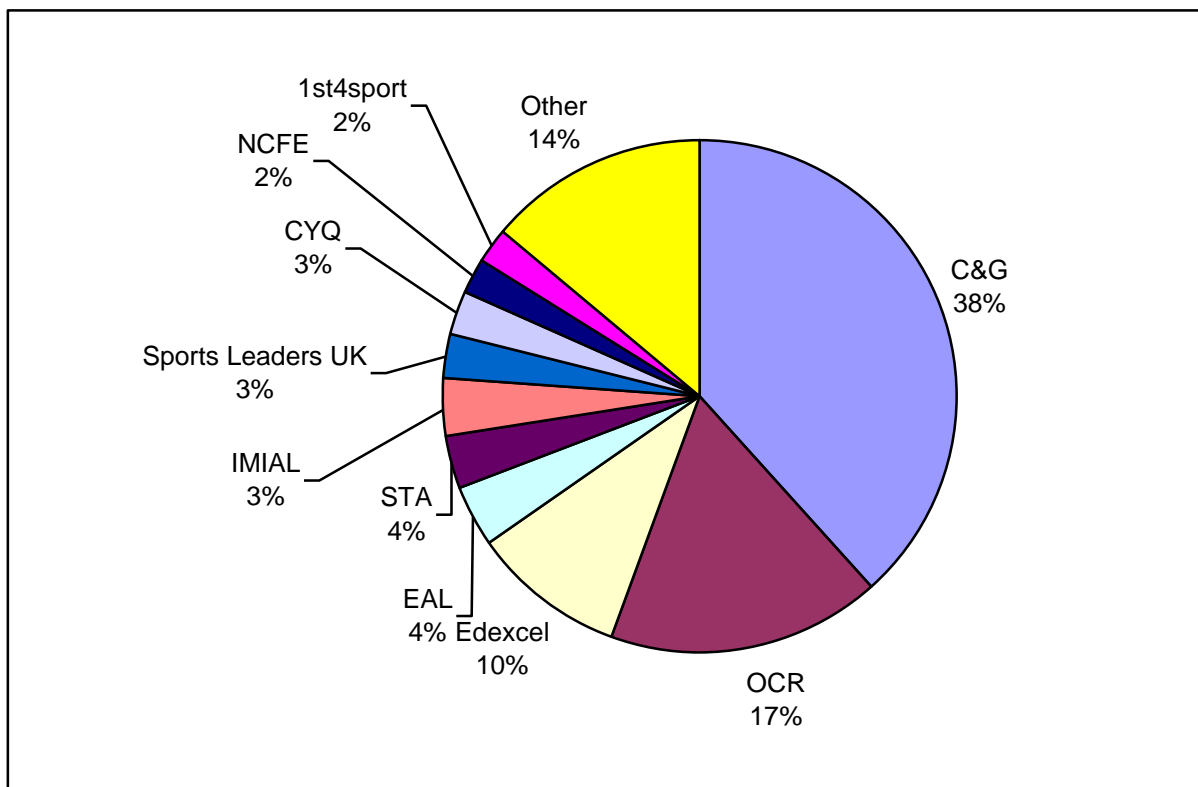
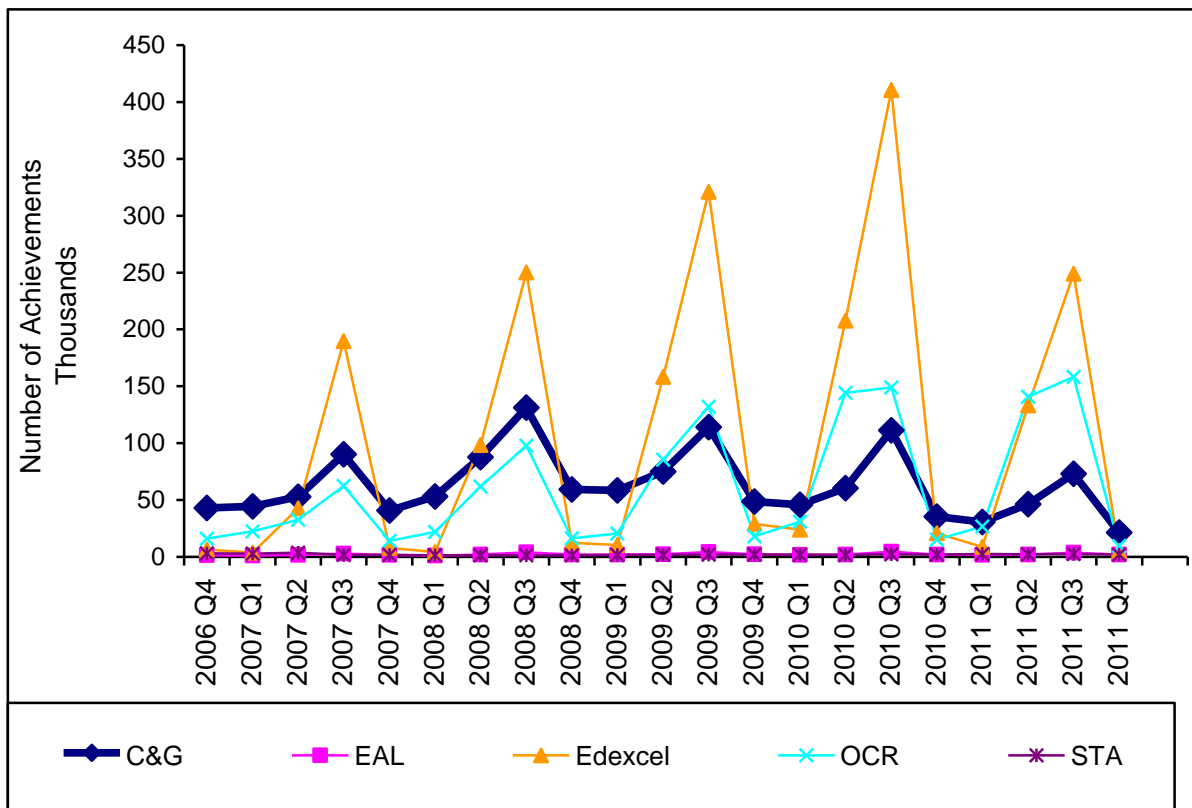


Figure 12 shows the five-year trend for the five awarding organisations with the highest number of achievements in October to December 2011.

Figure 12: The five awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements for VRQs in October to December 2011, showing trend from October to December 2006

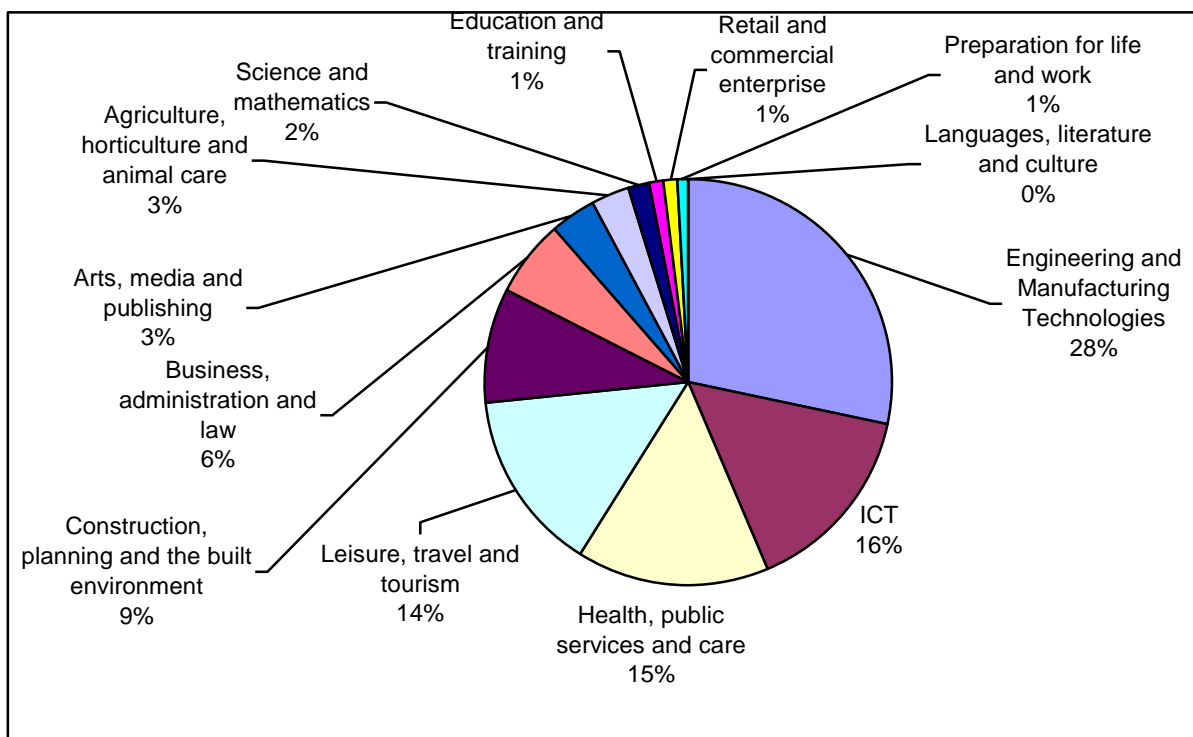


Sector subject area

The SSA that recorded the highest number of achievements for VRQs was engineering and manufacturing technologies, with 15,700 achievements, representing 28 per cent of VRQs in October to December 2011 (see figure 13 and table 9).

There has been a decline in achievements across the board for the SSAs, the largest of which was in retail and commercial enterprise (98% decline from 25,650 achievements to 600). Three other sectors saw a decline of more than 90%: health, public services and care (92% from 111,450 to 8,500); languages, literature and culture (91% from 550 to 50); and preparation for life and work (also 91% from 4,350 to 400).

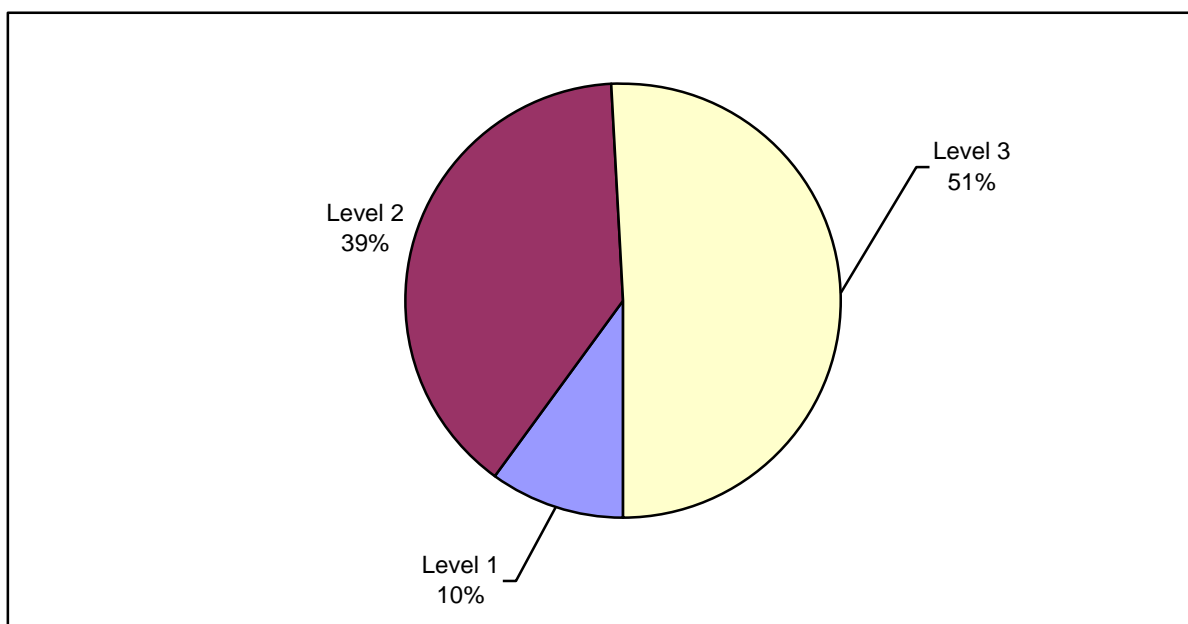
Figure 13: VRQ achievements by SSA, October to December 2011



Level of qualification

The majority of VRQ achievements were at level 3, with 28,300, representing 51 per cent of VRQ achievements in October to December 2011 (see figure 14 and table 10).

Figure 14: VRQ achievements by level, October to December 2011



Qualifications and Credit Framework

(See figures 15–20 and tables 1–2 and 11–15.)

Please note that these figures refer to full qualifications, not units.

The QCF is a credit-based framework which enables learners to accumulate and transfer credit towards a regulated qualification. It is designed to give learners, learning providers and employers an inclusive and flexible, regulated qualifications framework containing units and qualifications that recognise the widest possible range of quality-assured learner achievements. The QCF introduces a standard currency for learner achievement across the qualifications systems through the award of credit. One credit is equivalent to ten hours of learning. There are three sizes of QCF qualification: award, certificate and diploma. Awards consist of 1 to 12 credits, certificates 13 to 36 credits, and diplomas 37 credits or more.

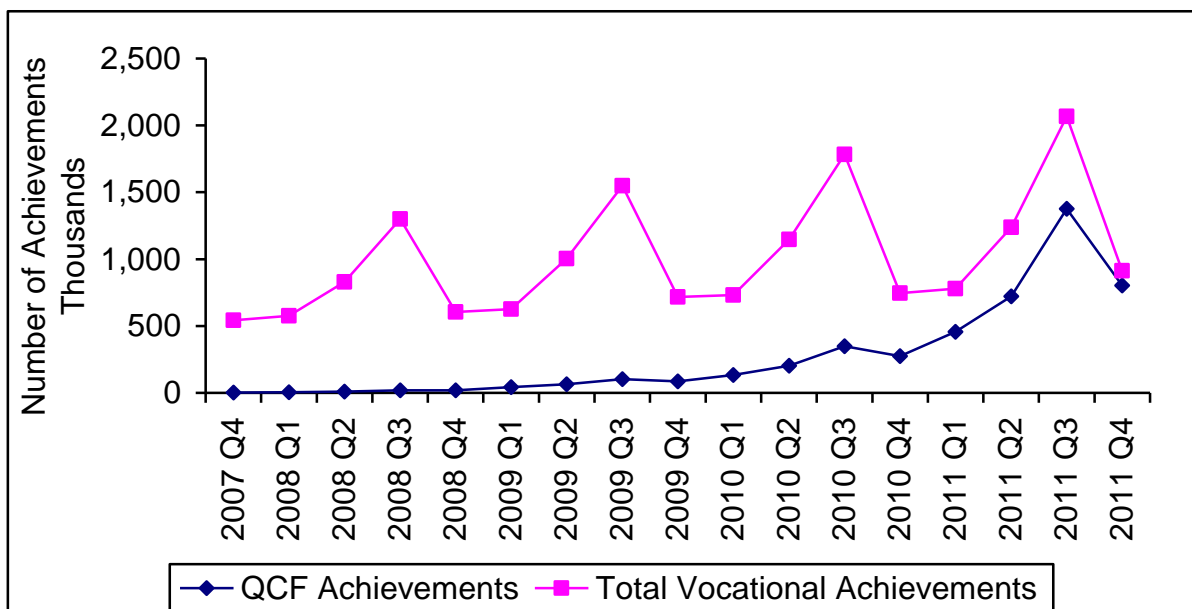
Achievements

In October to December 2011, 803,550 QCF achievements were recorded, an increase of 192% on the same quarter of the previous year (see table 2 and figure 15). In October to December 2010 QCF achievement represented 38 per cent of all vocational achievements. In October to December 2011, this figure increased to 88%. The increase reflects the restructuring of many qualifications, which have then been put onto the QCF.

These achievements covered 3,867 different qualifications offered by 101 different awarding organisations. In October to December 2011 QCF qualifications represented 74 per cent of available vocational qualifications.

Whilst the number of certifications increased significantly when compared with the same quarter of 2010, we can see from figure 15 that the awarding of QCF qualifications seems to be becoming more seasonal (the spike of achievements in line with the end of the academic year is very pronounced for 2011). This trend is clear when we consider that the drop in certification numbers between quarters 3 and 4 of 2010 was 21%, whereas this year the drop was 42%. This drop may be related to the types of qualification being awarded as qualifications are moved onto the QCF.

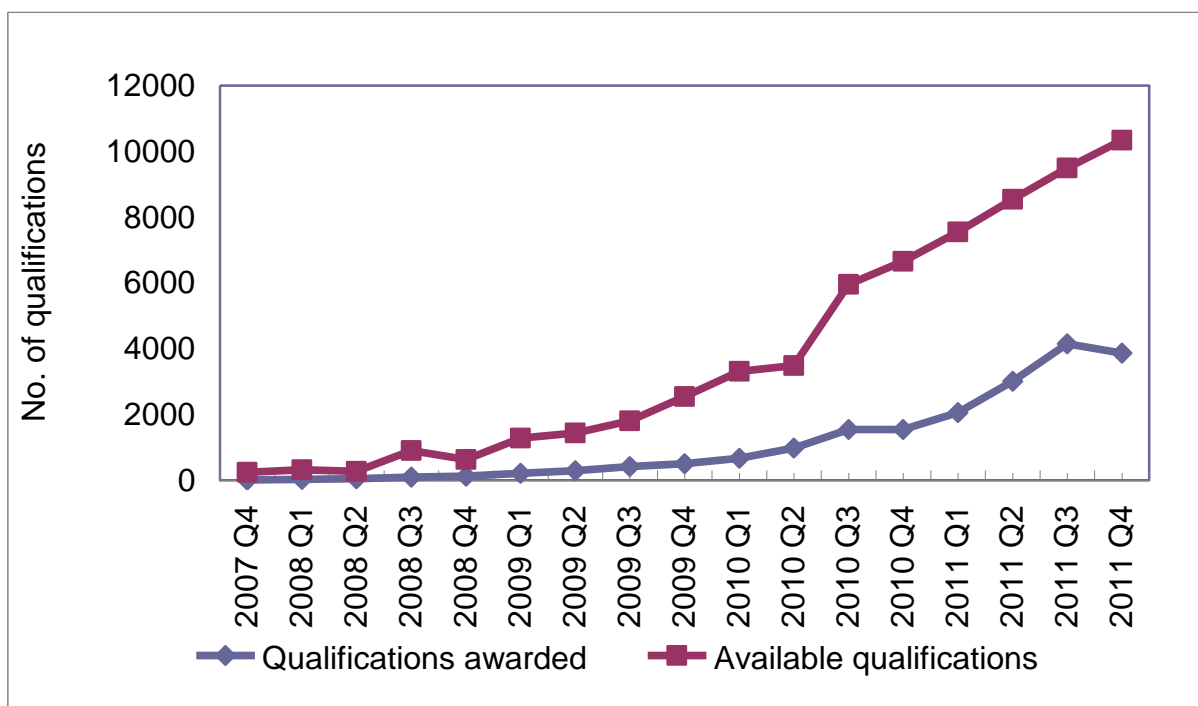
Figure 15: Total number of QCF achievements and vocational achievements per quarter, October–December 2007 to October–December 2011



Qualifications

There were achievements in 3,867 qualifications in October to December 2011. These qualifications represent just 39 per cent of all available QCF qualifications, which in part due to new qualifications requiring time to run before they certificate. However, figure 16 shows that over time the gap is widening between those qualifications that are available and those certifying.

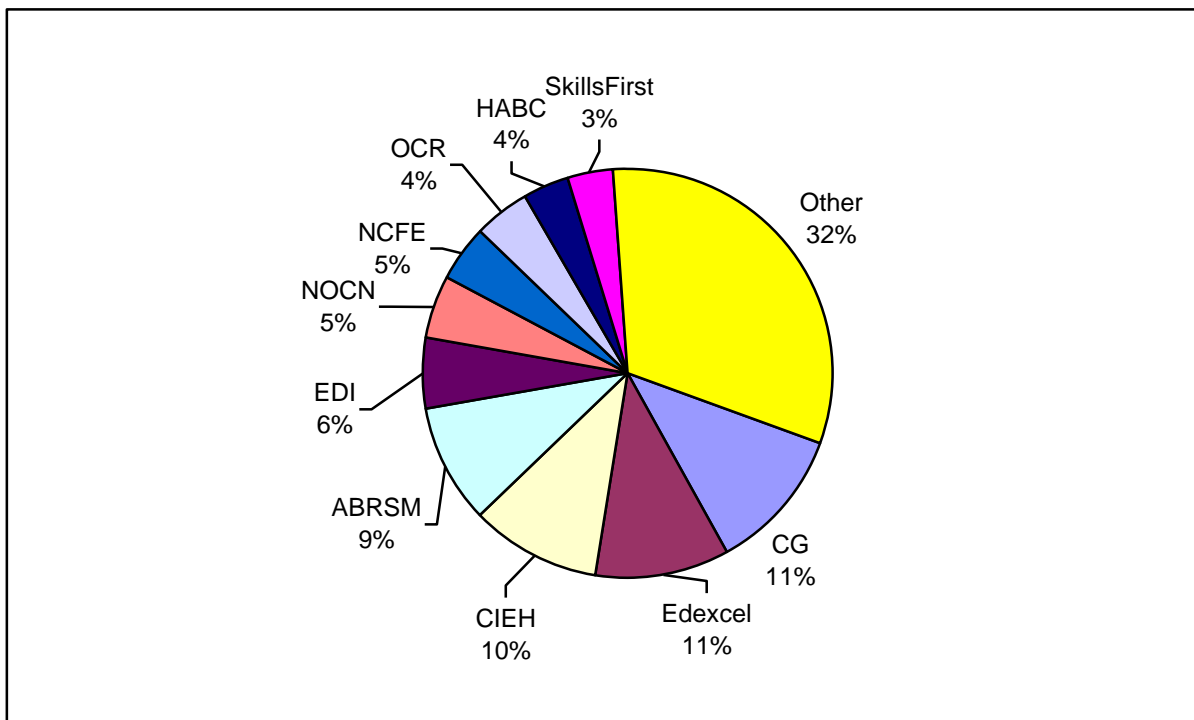
Figure 16: The number of QCF qualifications available and the number of qualifications awarded, by quarter, October–December 2007 to October–December 2011



The QCF qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, with 50,900 achievements. This qualification was a VRQ in the same quarter of the previous year and has now been restructured and moved onto the QCF. The 40 QCF qualifications with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 11.

This quarter City & Guilds recorded the highest number of QCF achievements, with 91,900 awards (which equates to 11 per cent of all QCF achievements). Figures for the 40 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 12, which also shows the corresponding figures for the same quarter of the previous year. The ten awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements are shown in figure 17.

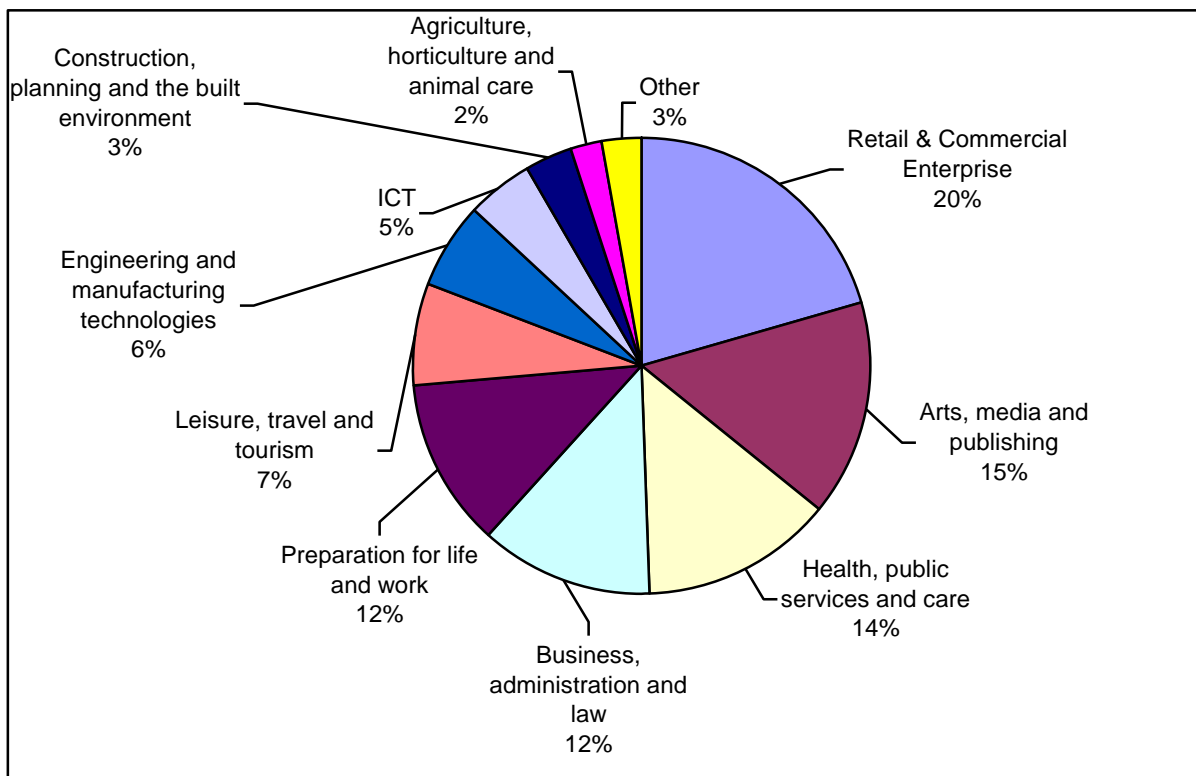
Figure 17: QCF achievements – by awarding organisation – October to December 2011



Sector subject area

The SSA that recorded the greatest number of achievements for QCF qualifications was retail and commercial enterprise with 165,250 achievements, which represents 21 per cent of QCF qualifications in October to December 2011 (see figure 18 and table 13).

Figure 18: QCF achievements by SSA, October to December 2011



The table below shows that all SSAs have shown growth since quarter 4 of 2010. The SSA with the largest growth since October to December 2010 was history, philosophy and theology. There were no awards in this SSA code in quarter 4 of 2010, but in this quarter two NOCN awards in religious education have contributed 550 certifications between them. Science and mathematics continues its significant growth, with an increase of 1800% on the same quarter of 2010. As with quarter 3 of 2011, this growth is mainly caused by the uptake of Edexcel (Pearson) BTEC qualifications in applied science. The largest growth area in terms of number of achievements was retail and commercial enterprise, which has seen 110,750 more achievements since quarter 4 of 2010. This is in line with the large decline in NVQs and VRQs in this sector.

Interestingly, health, public services and care increased by 63,950 achievements but saw a decline in VRQs and NVQs of 102,500 and 28,100 achievements respectively. This pattern is in line with the overall decline of achievements in this sector, which saw a 34% decrease from 213,650 in October to December 2010 to 140,750 in October to December 2011.

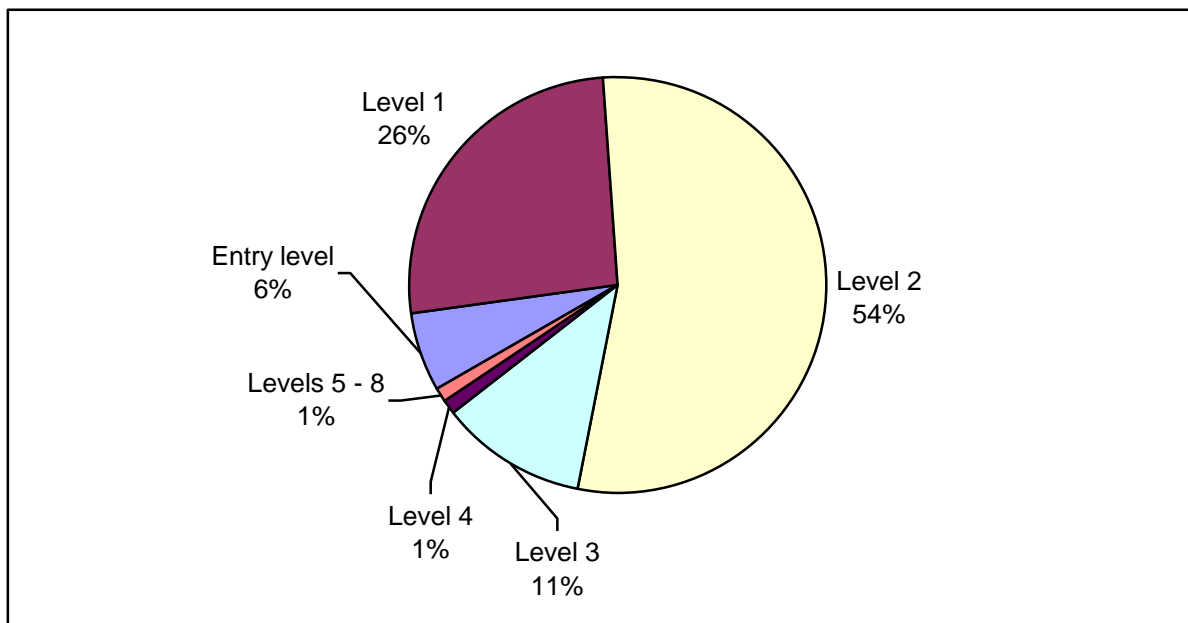
Similarly, business, administration and law increased by 71,250 achievements but saw a decline of 58,150 achievements in VRQs and NVQs qualifications combined. This sector overall has seen 12% growth in certifications since October to December 2010.

	Number of achievements		
	October to December 2010	October to December 2011	% Growth
10 - History, philosophy and theology	0	550	∞
02 - Science and mathematics	50	950	1800%
04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	9,050	49,950	452%
08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	11,550	57,200	395%
15 - Business, administration and law	26,750	98,000	266%
09 - Arts, media and publishing	39,850	122,850	208%
07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	54,500	165,250	203%
05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	8,400	27,150	223%
03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	6,800	17,300	154%
11 - Social sciences	100	250	150%
14 - Preparation for life and work	38,650	95,300	147%
01 - Health, public services and care	46,150	110,100	139%
12 - Languages, literature and culture	3,550	8,000	125%
06 - Information and communication technology	21,750	37,850	74%
13 - Education and training	7650	12,900	69%

Level of qualification

The most common level for QCF achievements was level 2, with 434,350 achievements, representing 54 per cent of QCF achievements in October to December 2011 (see figure 19 and table 14).

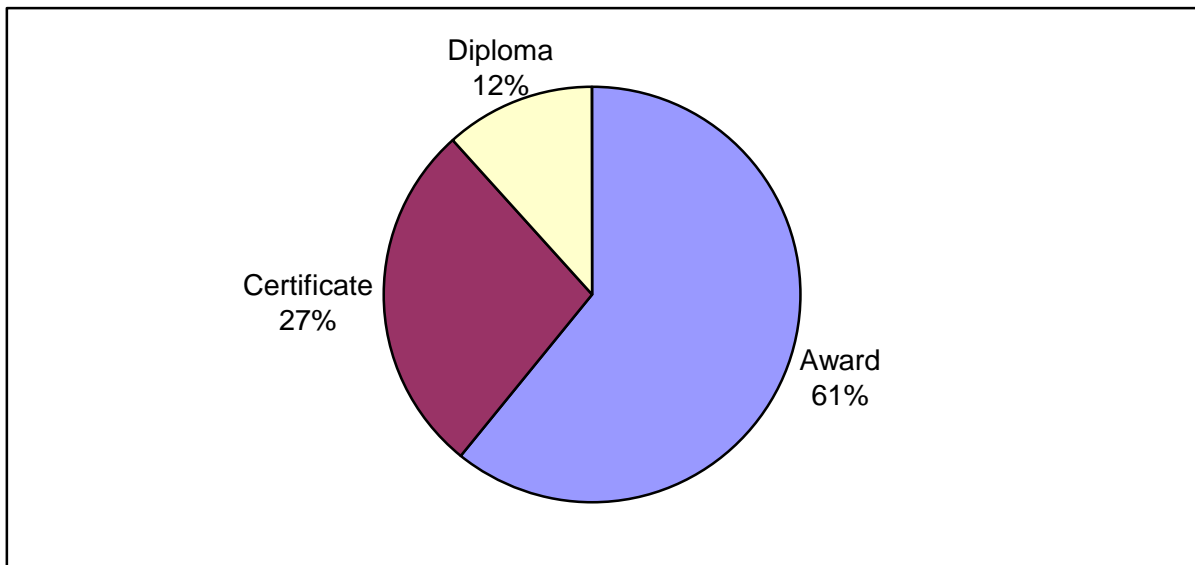
Figure 19: QCF achievements by level, October to December 2011



Size of qualifications

The most common size for QCF achievements was award (credit value of 1–12, corresponding to 10–120 hours of learning), with 488,550 achievements, representing 61 per cent of QCF achievements in October to December 2011. The least common size was diploma, with 94,300 achievements (see figure 20 and table 15).

Figure 20: QCF achievements by size, October to December 2011



Tables

Table 1: Available regulated vocational qualifications, by qualification type, 06-07 to Oct-Dec 2011

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	NVQ	OQ	QCF	VRQ	Total
	National Vocational Qualification	Occupational Qualification	QCF	Vocationally-Related Qualification	
06-07	2,198	85	112	2,630	5,025
07-08	2,039	98	910	3,025	6,072
08-09	1,937	100	2,336	2,921	7,294
09-10	1,767	95	6,047	2,775	10,684
10-11	1,606	94	9,587	2,405	13,692
11-12	1,432	87	10,338	2,114	13,971
Oct-Dec 2006	2,019	82	4	2,161	4,266
Jan-Mar 2007	1,764	82	1	2,200	4,047
Apr-Jun 2007	1,971	84	22	2,259	4,336
Jul-Sep 2007	1,980	76	109	2,329	4,494
Oct-Dec 2007	1,874	95	240	2,714	4,923
Jan-Mar 2008	1,805	97	317	2,703	4,922
Apr-Jun 2008	1,866	87	273	2,455	4,681
Jul-Sep 2008	1,868	98	906	2,904	5,776
Oct-Dec 2008	1,653	86	628	2,543	4,910
Jan-Mar 2009	1,754	98	1,286	2,859	5,997
Apr-Jun 2009	1,778	100	1,442	2,843	6,163
Jul-Sep 2009	1,622	94	1,812	2,608	6,136
Oct-Dec 2009	1,687	91	2,545	2,731	7,054
Jan-Mar 2010	1,668	90	3,320	2,671	7,749
Apr-Jun 2010	1,657	90	3,490	2,666	7,903
Jul-Sep 2010	1,636	90	5,960	2,620	10,306
Oct-Dec 2010	1,604	94	6,659	2,388	10,745
Jan-Mar 2011	1,525	90	7,542	2,326	11,483
Apr-Jun 2011	1,530	90	8,544	2,296	12,460
Jul-Sep 2011	1,518	94	9,496	2,270	13,378
Oct-Dec 2011	1,432	87	10,338	2,114	13,971

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. Available qualifications are those which are eligible to be awarded during that quarter i.e. they have not yet passed their certification end date
2. This table covers all levels of vocational qualifications
3. The qualification type is that listed in the Register.

Table 2: Vocational qualification achievements, by qualification type, 06-07 to Oct-Dec 2011

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	NVQ	OQ	QCF	VRQ	Total
	National Vocational Qualification	Occupational Qualification	QCF	Vocationally-Related Qualification	
06-07	630,400	26,800	900	2,246,600	2,904,700
07-08	727,900	24,450	33,700	2,461,400	3,247,450
08-09	922,850	26,450	228,600	2,606,750	3,784,700
09-10	978,950	23,200	771,100	2,607,500	4,380,800
10-11	587,300	17,500	2,828,700	1,397,150	4,830,600
11-12	50,950	2,000	803,550	55,600	912,050
Oct-Dec 2006	121,300	7,100		411,450	539,800
Jan-Mar 2007	126,600	5,700	50	406,800	539,100
Apr-Jun 2007	129,600	6,000	400	507,900	643,900
Jul-Sep 2007	252,900	8,000	450	920,500	1,181,900
Oct-Dec 2007	128,650	4,900	1,250	408,500	543,350
Jan-Mar 2008	140,700	4,950	4,650	425,950	576,250
Apr-Jun 2008	170,600	6,350	8,650	643,100	828,700
Jul-Sep 2008	287,900	8,300	19,150	983,850	1,299,150
Oct-Dec 2008	164,150	5,800	19,350	416,150	605,450
Jan-Mar 2009	169,650	5,250	42,250	409,900	627,050
Apr-Jun 2009	216,450	6,350	64,950	715,850	1,003,600
Jul-Sep 2009	372,650	9,100	102,050	1,064,850	1,548,600
Oct-Dec 2009	212,050	5,950	84,950	414,750	717,700
Jan-Mar 2010	203,950	5,150	135,000	387,950	732,050
Apr-Jun 2010	213,450	5,650	202,650	726,100	1,147,900
Jul-Sep 2010	349,550	6,450	348,500	1,078,700	1,783,150
Oct-Dec 2010	179,600	6,200	274,750	285,750	746,300
Jan-Mar 2011	154,950	4,050	455,400	165,150	779,550
Apr-Jun 2011	128,550	3,600	721,250	384,950	1,238,350
Jul-Sep 2011	124,200	3,600	1,377,300	561,300	2,066,400
Oct-Dec 2011	50,950	2,000	803,550	55,600	912,050

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table covers all levels of vocational qualifications
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years i.e. October to September
4. All figures are rounded to the nearest 100
5. '-' indicates a base value of less than 50
6. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Table 3: National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) achievements, 40 qualifications with the most achievements, Oct-Dec 2011 (Oct-Dec 2010 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Qualification	Number of achievements	
	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	6950	3300
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	4800	3100
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	3100	1600
EDEXCEL Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	4500	1400
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	2100	1100
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services	850	1000
EAL Level 2 NVQ in Performing Engineering Operations	1550	950
IMIAL Level 3 NVQ in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	750	750
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Mechanical Engineering Services - Plumbing	900	700
EDI Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	1800	600
EAL Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services	550	600
CACHE Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	2150	550
EDI Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	1000	550
IMIAL Level 2 NVQ in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	650	550
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Railway Engineering	450	500
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	1600	500
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Dental Nursing	500	500
OCR Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care	1050	450
EAL Level 3 NVQ in Engineering Maintenance	650	450
EDEXCEL Level 2 NVQ in Driving Goods Vehicles	1600	450
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving	500	400
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Food Manufacture	1100	400
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Mechanical Engineering Services - Plumbing (Domestic)	400	400
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Health	500	400
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	800	400
FDQ Level 2 NVQ in Food Manufacture	600	400
EDEXCEL Level 2 NVQ in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving	2850	400
EDI Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	850	350
City & Guilds Level 4 NVQ in Health and Social Care	500	350
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Hairdressing	1350	350
CSkills Awards Level 2 NVQ in Wood Occupations	1050	350
EAL Level 2 NVQ in Performing Manufacturing Operations	950	350
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Warehousing and Storage	950	350
OCR Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	1500	300
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools	750	300
City & Guilds Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management for Care Services	450	300
EDEXCEL Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management for Care Services	250	300
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Health	350	300
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Driving Goods Vehicles	950	300
EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Pharmacy Services	300	300

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of NVQ
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. All figures are included to the nearest 50
4. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25.

Table 4: National Vocational qualifications (NVQ) achievements, by awarding organisations, Oct-Dec 2011 (Oct-Dec 2010 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Awarding organisation	Number of achievements	
	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011
City and Guilds of London Institute	61,250	23,050
Pearson Education Ltd	37,750	9,250
EMTA Awards Limited	10,350	3,950
EDI	18,850	3,400
OCR	16,900	2,450
IMI Awards Ltd	2,300	1,850
Cskills Awards	11,100	1,400
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	5,750	1,200
PAA\QSET	600	600
Association of Accounting Technicians	1,900	500
FDQ Limited	1,000	400
1st4sport Qualifications	200	400
Institute of Leadership & Management	3,000	400
ETC Awards Limited	200	350
NCFE	1,800	250
Chartered Management Institute	800	200
WAMITAB	650	150
ABC Awards	150	150
Engineering Construction Industry Training Board	450	150
CABWI Awarding Body	350	100
Mineral Products Qualifications Council	350	100
VTCT	1,550	100
GQA Qualifications Limited	650	100
Signature	50	100
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	100	100
Central YMCA Qualifications	350	50
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	100	50
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons	300	50
Lantra Awards	250	50
Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation	50	50
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	50	0
Open University Awarding Body	100	0
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	50	0
Scottish Qualifications Authority trading as SQA	100	0
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	100	0
Active IQ	50	0
NPTC	0	0
The Pensions Management Institute	0	0

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of NVQ
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. All figures are included to the nearest 50
4. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25.

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Table 5: National Vocational qualifications (NVQ) achievements by sector subject area.
England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	01 - Health, public services and care	02 - Science and mathematics	03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	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	12 - Languages, literature and culture	13 - Education and training	14 - Preparation for life and work	15 - Business, administration and law	Total number of achievements
06-07	156,600	350	12,500	92,400	73,900	16,600	137,800	15,050	1,000	0	550	13,050	2,050	108,550	630,400
07-08	169,750	200	15,450	93,900	99,150	27,150	157,700	20,600	850	0	2,800	15,800	650	123,900	727,900
08-09	194,750	300	18,000	135,050	116,550	35,350	198,500	29,900	700	0	950	18,650	0	174,100	922,850
09-10	220,250	300	16,250	144,350	93,300	35,450	198,150	31,200	700	0	1,100	25,700	0	212,250	978,950
10-11	182,850	150	8,500	115,350	40,300	10,500	79,000	18,350	450	0	650	18,850	0	112,300	587,300
11-12	20,900	50	850	13,500	3,200	600	4,150	1,600	50	0	100	1,300	0	4,650	50,950
Oct-Dec 2006	38,500	100	2,900	18,300	13,200	3,050	19,050	2,650	200	0	150	2,850	850	19,500	121,300
Jan-Mar 2007	38,650	50	2,400	19,000	14,100	3,950	18,200	2,800	250	0	50	2,300	600	24,300	126,600
Apr-Jun 2007	34,650	100	2,650	21,950	17,550	3,300	23,750	2,850	250	0	150	2,200	300	19,950	129,600
Jul-Sep 2007	44,750	100	4,600	33,200	29,050	6,300	76,800	6,700	350	0	200	5,750	250	44,800	252,900
Oct-Dec 2007	35,600	50	3,250	17,200	19,050	5,050	20,700	2,850	150	0	150	2,650	300	21,650	128,650
Jan-Mar 2008	39,250	50	3,000	19,450	20,050	5,650	20,100	4,550	200	0	150	2,550	300	25,450	140,700
Apr-Jun 2008	43,000	50	3,500	21,550	24,000	6,200	35,550	5,200	200	0	850	3,350	0	27,100	170,600
Jul-Sep 2008	51,900	50	5,750	35,700	36,000	10,250	81,350	8,000	300	0	1,700	7,250	0	49,650	287,900
Oct-Dec 2008	40,800	50	4,000	24,200	24,600	6,450	25,500	6,350	200	0	150	3,100	0	28,750	164,150
Jan-Mar 2009	43,200	50	2,700	24,750	23,550	7,050	26,300	4,800	100	0	100	2,800	0	34,250	169,650
Apr-Jun 2009	47,550	50	4,500	32,350	29,800	7,600	47,000	6,550	150	0	150	3,800	0	36,900	216,450
Jul-Sep 2009	63,200	100	6,800	53,750	38,600	14,250	99,750	12,200	300	0	550	9,000	0	74,200	372,650
Oct-Dec 2009	51,750	50	4,100	33,300	20,100	8,550	35,850	7,800	150	0	200	4,800	0	45,400	212,050
Jan-Mar 2010	51,800	100	3,650	29,750	18,650	9,100	33,250	5,400	150	0	150	4,450	0	47,500	203,950
Apr-Jun 2010	52,800	50	3,600	30,600	21,200	7,150	38,650	7,200	200	0	250	6,000	0	45,800	213,450
Jul-Sep 2010	63,900	100	4,900	50,650	33,350	10,600	90,450	10,800	200	0	550	10,450	0	73,550	349,550
Oct-Dec 2010	49,000	50	1,650	26,300	16,000	4,250	26,800	5,450	100	0	100	4,200	0	45,700	179,600
Jan-Mar 2011	50,050	50	1,750	27,200	8,100	2,850	22,400	4,100	100	0	100	3,900	0	34,350	154,950
Apr-Jun 2011	45,000	0	2,750	26,600	6,700	1,950	16,450	3,550	100	0	150	4,950	0	20,350	128,550
Jul-Sep 2011	38,800	50	2,350	35,250	9,500	1,400	13,400	5,300	100	0	300	5,800	0	11,900	124,200
Oct-Dec 2011	20,900	50	850	13,500	3,200	600	4,150	1,600	50	0	100	1,300	0	4,650	50,950

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of NVQ
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years i.e. October to September
4. All figures are included to the nearest 50
5. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25
6. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Table 6: National Vocational qualifications (NVQ) achievements by level.
England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Total number of achievements
06-07	54,500	392,800	153,200	28,850	1,100	630,400
07-08	55,050	470,100	171,650	30,000	1,050	727,900
08-09	55,350	630,000	205,800	30,650	1,000	922,850
09-10	48,400	652,300	243,800	33,300	1,150	978,950
10-11	15,800	370,200	175,450	24,850	950	587,300
11-12	600	25,000	22,050	3,150	100	50,950
Oct-Dec 2006	8,650	76,650	29,700	6,050	250	121,300
Jan-Mar 2007	6,900	80,350	32,000	7,100	250	126,600
Apr-Jun 2007	10,050	82,800	30,950	5,500	300	129,600
Jul-Sep 2007	28,900	153,000	60,500	10,200	300	252,900
Oct-Dec 2007	6,550	85,950	30,750	5,250	200	128,650
Jan-Mar 2008	5,550	92,850	34,800	7,250	250	140,700
Apr-Jun 2008	12,600	112,100	38,850	6,750	300	170,600
Jul-Sep 2008	30,350	179,200	67,300	10,800	250	287,900
Oct-Dec 2008	6,100	115,200	36,400	6,150	300	164,150
Jan-Mar 2009	4,900	118,400	38,700	7,300	250	169,650
Apr-Jun 2009	13,500	150,000	46,850	5,950	150	216,450
Jul-Sep 2009	30,850	246,450	83,800	11,200	300	372,650
Oct-Dec 2009	5,150	147,850	51,800	6,900	350	212,050
Jan-Mar 2010	5,550	137,800	51,950	8,400	300	203,950
Apr-Jun 2010	10,300	142,500	53,500	6,850	300	213,450
Jul-Sep 2010	27,450	224,150	86,600	11,150	250	349,550
Oct-Dec 2010	3,550	121,050	48,200	6,500	300	179,600
Jan-Mar 2011	2,100	99,650	45,650	7,200	300	154,950
Apr-Jun 2011	3,200	77,850	41,400	5,850	250	128,550
Jul-Sep 2011	6,950	71,600	40,200	5,250	150	124,200
Oct-Dec 2011	600	25,000	22,050	3,150	100	50,950

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of NVQ. NVQ qualifications given as level 4 are in fact equivalent to achievement at levels 4, 5 and 6 when compared to other higher level qualifications. Similarly, level 5 NVQs are equivalent to achievement at levels 6, 7 and 8.
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years i.e. October to September
4. All figures are included to the nearest 50
5. ' - ' indicates a base value of less than 25
6. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Table 7: Vocationally-related qualifications (VRQ) achievements, 40 qualifications with the most achievements, Oct-Dec 2011 (Oct-Dec 2010 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Qualification	Number of achievements	
	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	3750	4700
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in the Requirements for Electrical Installations (BS 7671 June 2008)	7350	4050
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	1250	2100
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate for the Inspection and Testing of Electrical Equipment (Code of Practice for In-Service Inspection)	2050	1850
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in the Requirements for Electrical Installations (16 to 17th edition update BS7671 June 2008)	2150	1500
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership	17300	1400
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Fundamental Inspection, Testing and Initial Verification	750	1000
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Basic Plumbing Studies	1100	950
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology	1000	950
EAL Level 2 Certificate in Business-Improvement Techniques	250	950
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Health and Social Care	1350	800
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology	700	750
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in the Certification of Electrical Installations	700	700
IMI AL Level 3 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	550	650
OCR Level 3 Certificate of Professional Competence in National Road Haulage	400	600
STA Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work	750	600
City & Guilds Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Customer Service	850	550
STA Level 2 Certificate for the National Rescue Standard	650	550
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care	650	550
IMI AL Level 2 Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	650	550
EAL Level 2 Certificate for Domestic Electrical Installers	600	500
City & Guilds Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Basic Construction Skills	1150	500
1st4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching	2050	450
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Nutrition and Health	1150	450
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development	700	400
BCU AB Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport	150	400
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science	650	400
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Plumbing Studies	450	400
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Engineering	300	400
CYQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing	2050	350
OCR Level 2 National Certificate in ICT	300	350
EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Public Services	950	300
CISI Level 3 Certificate in Investments	3450	300
OCR Level 2 National Award in Science	450	300
NOCN Level 2 Award in Supporting People with a Learning Disability (Induction)	800	300
City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Brushcutting Operations	300	300
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development	750	250
1st4sport Level 1 Certificate in Coaching	6350	250
CYQ Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Exercise and Fitness Instructing	300	250

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of VRQ
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. All figures are included to the nearest 50
4. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25.

Table 8: Vocationally-related qualifications (VRQ) achievements, by awarding organisations, Oct-Dec 2011 (Oct-Dec 2010 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland		
Awarding organisation	Number of achievements	
	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011
City and Guilds of London Institute	33,600	21,250
OCR	15,250	9,650
Pearson Education Ltd	20,750	5,400
EMTA Awards Limited	1,900	2,100
Safety Training Awards	2,050	1,950
IMI Awards Ltd	2,350	1,950
Sports Leaders UK	25,300	1,650
Central YMCA Qualifications	5,050	1,550
NCFE	11,550	1,250
1st4sport Qualifications	9,050	1,250
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	3,650	1,000
EDI	12,350	950
ABC Awards	2,900	900
National Open College Network	2,650	550
British Canoe Union AB	200	550
Mountain Leader Training England	350	350
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	3,500	350
Institute of Administrative Management	600	300
Cskills Awards	750	300
Associated Sports Qualifications	350	250
ITEC	300	250
VTCT	2,400	200
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	250	200
IFS School of Finance	350	200
Chartered Institute of Housing	250	150
Chartered Management Institute	550	150
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	1,400	150
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	2,150	100
Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply	100	100
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	250	50
Chartered Institute of Marketing	0	50
Amateur Swimming Association	2,300	50
Institute of Sales and Marketing Management	50	50
Worshipful Company of Farriers	0	50
British Driving Society	50	50
GQA Qualifications Limited	50	50
Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK	50	50
Lantra Awards	150	50
Active IQ	1,150	50
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	400	50

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of VRQ
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. All figures are included to the nearest 50
4. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25.

Table 9: Vocationally-related qualifications (VRQ) achievements by sector subject area

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	01 - Health, public services and care	02 - Science and mathematics	03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	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
06-07	740,550	6,150	46,350	158,400	99,800	269,900	229,650	280,750	98,050	150	50	30,650	40,950	25,200	219,950	2,246,600
07-08	742,250	26,100	105,800	213,850	108,200	295,100	204,350	301,200	130,200	50	50	36,450	30,200	41,850	225,700	2,461,400
08-09	763,850	47,600	69,450	231,100	121,400	352,550	172,700	373,000	164,300	100	0	27,450	30,550	56,450	196,300	2,606,750
09-10	804,850	89,400	58,550	197,150	84,050	368,800	157,100	381,000	191,250	50	0	13,900	29,800	49,200	182,500	2,607,500
10-11	253,550	82,150	31,450	130,700	53,300	322,400	63,150	227,500	103,000	0	0	1,800	15,400	13,600	99,100	1,397,150
11-12	8,500	850	1,800	15,700	5,100	8,600	600	7,900	1,900	0	0	50	700	400	3,500	55,600
Oct-Dec 2006	162,250	100	8,300	24,850	13,800	54,300	46,150	46,350	7,750	0	0	700	6,100	2,600	38,250	411,450
Jan-Mar 2007	145,300	100	9,950	23,450	12,050	54,750	52,150	45,100	5,350	0	0	550	6,300	3,950	47,800	406,800
Apr-Jun 2007	166,500	1,450	11,300	33,550	19,600	64,300	52,050	67,600	18,050	0	0	3,350	8,400	5,350	56,450	507,900
Jul-Sep 2007	266,550	4,500	16,850	76,600	54,350	96,550	79,300	121,750	66,900	150	50	26,050	20,200	13,250	77,500	920,500
Oct-Dec 2007	157,400	100	10,550	30,600	13,850	38,100	43,900	53,650	6,750	0	0	6,100	6,450	8,200	34,850	408,500
Jan-Mar 2008	162,700	150	21,050	28,450	13,200	44,700	43,250	42,350	6,050	0	0	9,850	4,850	7,300	42,150	425,950
Apr-Jun 2008	190,300	13,650	38,400	50,500	20,150	85,100	53,250	81,800	31,250	0	50	2,700	6,450	8,200	61,300	643,100
Jul-Sep 2008	231,850	12,200	35,800	104,350	61,050	127,150	63,900	123,450	86,100	50	0	17,800	12,500	20,150	87,400	983,850
Oct-Dec 2008	152,550	300	11,050	44,950	14,200	34,200	36,650	62,500	8,300	0	0	7,900	7,000	8,500	28,050	416,150
Jan-Mar 2009	164,300	500	13,300	38,100	10,600	42,300	33,550	54,100	8,200	50	0	1,750	4,350	8,250	30,550	409,900
Apr-Jun 2009	195,500	23,950	15,300	50,750	42,500	111,100	45,250	107,250	41,650	50	0	2,650	4,800	12,750	62,300	715,850
Jul-Sep 2009	251,500	22,850	29,800	97,300	54,100	164,900	57,250	149,150	106,150	0	0	15,100	14,400	27,000	75,350	1,064,850
Oct-Dec 2009	177,750	550	11,600	34,850	11,700	26,350	29,750	64,200	10,450	0	0	5,300	6,200	10,350	25,700	414,750
Jan-Mar 2010	180,350	1,200	10,550	28,550	9,850	35,600	29,550	49,100	7,850	0	0	350	3,800	6,700	24,500	387,950
Apr-Jun 2010	191,050	40,250	10,000	43,300	24,850	143,200	36,400	111,600	53,150	0	0	1,250	4,900	12,900	53,250	726,100
Jul-Sep 2010	255,650	47,400	26,400	90,450	37,650	163,700	61,350	156,100	119,800	50	0	7,000	14,850	19,250	79,050	1,078,700
Oct-Dec 2010	111,450	1,350	7,150	25,850	8,150	15,650	25,650	55,150	5,800	0	0	550	4,100	4,350	20,600	285,750
Jan-Mar 2011	31,350	1,150	1,250	18,700	6,150	24,600	17,150	44,550	2,200	0	0	50	3,350	1,100	13,550	165,150
Apr-Jun 2011	40,600	34,650	8,200	27,550	14,300	128,900	8,900	56,300	30,350	0	0	200	2,350	4,250	28,400	384,950
Jul-Sep 2011	70,150	44,950	14,850	58,600	24,750	153,350	11,450	71,500	64,700	0	0	1,000	5,600	3,950	36,500	561,300
Oct-Dec 2011	8,500	850	1,800	15,700	5,100	8,600	600	7,900	1,900	0	0	50	700	400	3,500	55,600

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Table 10: Vocationally-related qualifications (VRQ) achievements by level

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total number of achievements
06-07	581,100	1,214,050	451,450	2,246,600
07-08	465,650	1,474,600	521,150	2,461,400
08-09	472,050	1,592,350	542,350	2,606,750
09-10	374,150	1,717,600	515,750	2,607,500
10-11	134,250	946,950	316,000	1,397,150
11-12	5,550	28,300	21,750	55,600
Oct-Dec 2006	155,000	193,650	62,800	411,450
Jan-Mar 2007	108,500	233,000	65,300	406,800
Apr-Jun 2007	118,000	306,250	83,650	507,900
Jul-Sep 2007	199,650	481,200	239,650	920,500
Oct-Dec 2007	84,200	254,150	70,150	408,500
Jan-Mar 2008	85,150	270,650	70,150	425,950
Apr-Jun 2008	106,350	416,950	119,800	643,100
Jul-Sep 2008	189,950	532,800	261,050	983,850
Oct-Dec 2008	88,250	244,750	83,150	416,150
Jan-Mar 2009	82,400	251,750	75,700	409,900
Apr-Jun 2009	119,950	476,050	119,850	715,850
Jul-Sep 2009	181,400	619,800	263,650	1,064,850
Oct-Dec 2009	70,550	270,400	73,800	414,750
Jan-Mar 2010	59,600	265,800	62,600	387,950
Apr-Jun 2010	92,050	531,150	102,900	726,100
Jul-Sep 2010	152,000	650,300	276,400	1,078,700
Oct-Dec 2010	48,550	181,900	55,300	285,750
Jan-Mar 2011	31,300	92,900	40,950	165,150
Apr-Jun 2011	24,850	299,550	60,550	384,950
Jul-Sep 2011	29,550	372,600	159,200	561,300
Oct-Dec 2011	5,550	28,300	21,750	55,600

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Table 11: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), 40 qualifications with the most achievements, Oct-Dec 2011 (Oct-Dec 2010 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Qualification	Number of achievements	
	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	0	50900
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	0	17450
Skillsfirst Level 2 Diploma in Retail Skills (QCF)	8750	15600
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	0	12700
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	0	12600
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	0	10600
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	200	10100
Skillsfirst Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	2150	8650
BSC Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work (QCF)	13000	8350
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	0	8250
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	5850	8000
HABC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	2350	8000
ASCENTIS Level 1 Award in Health and Safety (QCF)	1000	7900
BIIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	0	7750
NOCN Entry Level Award in Progression (Entry 3) (QCF)	4250	7700
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5) (QCF)	0	7200
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	6200	7150
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	4200	6750
BSC Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness (Entry 3) (QCF)	2700	6450
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity (QCF)	50	6400
ABRSM Level 2 Award in Graded Examination in Music Theory (Grade 5) (QCF)	0	5900
RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	4400	5750
1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Football (QCF)	3100	5750
NOCN Entry Level Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (Entry 3) (QCF)	2000	5700
IQL Level 2 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Supervision and Rescue (QCF)	0	5550
NOCN Level 1 Award in Progression (QCF)	4750	4750
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of Medicines (QCF)	0	4700
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Manufacturing (QCF)	0	4400
HABC Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	2550	4250
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	1900	3900
OCR Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	1350	3600
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	300	3600
Signature Level 1 Award in British Sign Language (QCF)	2100	3500
EDEXCEL Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	550	3450
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Contact Dermatitis Prevention (QCF)	3150	3400
Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership (QCF)	200	3350
TCL Level 1 Award in the Arts (QCF)	2650	3300
ABRSM Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 6) (QCF)	0	3250
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Award in Safe Learning in the Workplace (QCF)	0	3200
EDI Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	1000	3200

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Notes:

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Table 12: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), 40 awarding organisations with the most number of achievements, Oct-Dec 2011 (Oct-Dec 2010 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Awarding organisation	Number of achievements	
	Oct-Dec	Oct-Dec
	2010	2011
City and Guilds of London Institute	38,500	91,900
Pearson Education Ltd	21,900	85,050
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	2,550	82,550
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	0	75,200
EDI	9,800	45,850
National Open College Network	27,450	39,550
NCFE	4,500	36,150
OCR	8,950	34,250
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	14,750	30,050
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	11,450	27,500
Ascentis	6,300	18,900
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	12,200	16,000
Sports Leaders UK	500	15,850
British Safety Council	15,650	15,350
Cskills Awards	5,300	14,100
BIIAB	7,400	13,950
1st4sport Qualifications	4,150	12,250
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	11,300	11,800
Royal Society for Public Health	5,700	9,100
Institute of Leadership & Management	7,350	9,000
Rock School Ltd	0	8,000
EMTA Awards Limited	950	7,350
LAMDA Examinations	4,850	6,850
Trinity College London	8,400	5,850
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	0	5,550
Central YMCA Qualifications	200	5,250
Signature	2,800	5,150
Chartered Management Institute	5,000	5,150
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	2,200	4,500
VTCT	850	4,450
Chartered Insurance Institute	1,250	4,300
IMI Awards Ltd	2,000	4,100
Association of Accounting Technicians	100	4,000
ABC Awards	1,550	3,950
Lifetime Awarding	1,100	3,800
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	150	2,850
Graded Qualifications Alliance	0	2,750
WSET Awards	0	2,550
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	0	2,500
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	450	2,500

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Table 13: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) achievements, by sector subject area

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	01 - Health, public services and care	02 - Science and mathematics	03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	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
06-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	50	350	900
07-08	400	0	0	50	0	500	50	0	2,950	0	0	0	11,950	950	16,800	33,700
08-09	7,450	0	0	8,000	16,150	2,850	31,200	250	14,250	0	0	2,200	20,650	20,800	104,800	228,600
09-10	51,200	150	27,650	43,600	46,950	73,050	138,700	8,050	66,300	0	400	18,950	35,250	134,100	126,850	771,100
10-11	337,050	30,550	75,900	162,850	113,000	180,650	544,700	224,600	340,500	32,500	400	43,850	56,350	373,700	312,100	2,828,700
11-12	110,100	950	17,300	49,950	27,150	37,850	165,250	57,200	122,850	550	250	8,000	12,900	95,300	98,000	803,550
Oct-Dec 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Mar 2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	50
Apr-Jun 2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	300	400
Jul-Sep 2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	50	450
Oct-Dec 2007	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	550	0	300	1,250
Jan-Mar 2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	50	1,600	4,650
Apr-Jun 2008	100	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,300	250	4,950	8,650
Jul-Sep 2008	300	0	0	0	0	100	50	0	2,950	0	0	0	5,150	650	9,950	19,150
Oct-Dec 2008	950	0	0	100	150	150	150	0	3,050	0	0	0	3,500	350	11,000	19,350
Jan-Mar 2009	1,350	0	0	1,550	900	200	6,400	0	3,200	0	0	50	4,200	2,850	21,600	42,250
Apr-Jun 2009	1,750	0	0	2,250	3,100	250	12,550	50	3,950	0	0	2,100	4,550	3,350	31,050	64,950
Jul-Sep 2009	3,400	0	0	4,100	12,050	2,250	12,100	200	4,050	0	0	50	8,400	14,300	41,150	102,050
Oct-Dec 2009	5,400	0	150	4,500	3,350	5,300	20,150	550	3,400	0	0	550	5,050	13,150	23,300	84,950
Jan-Mar 2010	9,250	0	3,800	6,800	3,300	13,600	27,900	600	12,150	0	200	2,750	7,800	19,500	27,350	135,000
Apr-Jun 2010	14,050	50	8,950	11,950	8,900	23,300	41,700	2,050	17,850	0	100	3,900	9,750	28,100	32,100	202,650
Jul-Sep 2010	22,450	100	14,750	20,350	31,400	30,850	48,900	4,900	32,850	0	150	11,800	12,650	73,350	44,050	348,500
Oct-Dec 2010	46,150	50	6,800	9,050	8,400	21,750	54,500	11,550	39,850	0	100	3,550	7,650	38,650	26,750	274,750
Jan-Mar 2011	67,650	0	6,100	42,150	13,700	37,750	125,950	22,250	37,400	0	100	2,000	11,300	35,400	53,600	455,400
Apr-Jun 2011	83,850	10,200	25,700	43,950	28,550	44,700	144,350	64,000	88,700	2,050	100	6,450	13,950	80,400	84,250	721,250
Jul-Sep 2011	139,400	20,350	37,300	67,700	62,350	76,450	219,850	126,800	174,550	30,450	100	31,850	23,450	219,250	147,450	1,377,300
Oct-Dec 2011	110,100	950	17,300	49,950	27,150	37,850	165,250	57,200	122,850	550	250	8,000	12,900	95,300	98,000	803,550

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Table 14: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) achievements by level

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Entry Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Total number of achievements
06-07	-	-	-	500	350	-	-	-	-	900
07-08	400	1,750	8,250	15,250	7,100	850	50	50	-	33,700
08-09	16,400	41,300	91,150	46,950	22,000	9,100	100	1,600	50	228,600
09-10	76,500	193,850	354,800	113,000	15,900	12,300	2,400	2,250	150	771,100
10-11	199,500	718,900	1,496,750	347,000	36,000	20,150	6,350	3,800	200	2,828,700
11-12	49,250	210,250	434,350	91,200	9,900	5,150	1,100	2,250	50	803,550
Oct-Dec 2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-Mar 2007	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	50
Apr-Jun 2007	-	-	-	100	300	-	-	-	-	400
Jul-Sep 2007	-	-	-	400	50	-	-	-	-	450
Oct-Dec 2007	-	50	350	500	350	-	-	-	-	1,250
Jan-Mar 2008	50	1,150	350	1,700	1,250	100	50	-	-	4,650
Apr-Jun 2008	150	100	2,150	5,200	900	150	-	-	-	8,650
Jul-Sep 2008	250	450	5,400	7,800	4,600	600	-	50	-	19,150
Oct-Dec 2008	200	1,150	6,050	6,550	4,600	750	-	100	-	19,350
Jan-Mar 2009	3,600	5,350	16,750	9,400	4,400	2,300	-	400	-	42,250
Apr-Jun 2009	4,950	10,700	29,300	12,450	5,200	2,000	-	350	-	64,950
Jul-Sep 2009	7,650	24,100	39,050	18,550	7,850	4,050	100	800	-	102,050
Oct-Dec 2009	5,850	17,800	41,000	14,500	2,450	2,750	200	300	50	84,950
Jan-Mar 2010	14,450	31,850	62,250	20,250	3,450	2,400	-	350	50	135,000
Apr-Jun 2010	17,450	45,000	101,750	30,500	4,200	2,900	200	650	-	202,650
Jul-Sep 2010	38,750	99,250	149,800	47,700	5,800	4,250	1,950	900	50	348,500
Oct-Dec 2010	17,200	80,950	135,600	30,500	5,650	3,250	900	550	100	274,750
Jan-Mar 2011	28,550	94,700	270,600	48,750	7,100	4,150	700	700	50	455,400
Apr-Jun 2011	48,600	173,400	405,300	78,650	8,400	4,700	1,350	850	-	721,250
Jul-Sep 2011	105,100	369,850	685,200	189,050	14,850	8,050	3,400	1,700	100	1,377,300
Oct-Dec 2011	49,250	210,250	434,350	91,200	9,900	5,150	1,100	2,250	50	803,550

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Table 15: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) achievements by qualification size

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Size			Total number of achievements
	award	certificate	diploma	
06-07	550		350	900
07-08	24,850	5,150	3,700	33,700
08-09	154,200	33,950	40,450	228,600
09-10	505,700	177,850	87,550	771,100
10-11	1,637,650	735,500	455,500	2,828,700
11-12	488,550	220,700	94,300	803,550
Oct-Dec 2006				
Jan-Mar 2007	50			50
Apr-Jun 2007	100		300	400
Jul-Sep 2007	400		50	450
Oct-Dec 2007	550	400	300	1,250
Jan-Mar 2008	3,500	950	200	4,650
Apr-Jun 2008	7,500	1,100	100	8,650
Jul-Sep 2008	13,300	2,750	3,100	19,150
Oct-Dec 2008	12,500	3,350	3,500	19,350
Jan-Mar 2009	32,000	4,100	6,150	42,250
Apr-Jun 2009	47,550	8,450	9,000	64,950
Jul-Sep 2009	62,200	18,050	21,800	102,050
Oct-Dec 2009	64,000	15,050	5,900	84,950
Jan-Mar 2010	105,550	23,500	5,950	135,000
Apr-Jun 2010	133,300	53,950	15,450	202,650
Jul-Sep 2010	202,850	85,350	60,250	348,500
Oct-Dec 2010	185,200	59,100	30,400	274,750
Jan-Mar 2011	330,150	85,100	40,100	455,400
Apr-Jun 2011	446,000	191,200	84,050	721,250
Jul-Sep 2011	676,300	400,050	300,900	1,377,300
Oct-Dec 2011	488,550	220,700	94,300	803,550

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

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2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual data is for academic years i.e. October to September
4. Awards have a credit value between 1 and 12
5. Certificates have a credit value between 13 and 36
6. Diplomas have a credit value of 37 and above
7. All figures are included to the nearest 50
8. ' - ' indicates a base value of less than 25
9. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Table 16: Occupation qualification achievements, 30 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements, Oct-Dec 2011 (Oct-Dec 2010 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Qualification	Number of achievements	
	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011
City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	1300	450
EDEXCEL Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	700	300
NCTJ Level 3 Certificate in Journalism	500	200
City & Guilds Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	400	200
OCR Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	450	150
EDI Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	300	50
EDEXCEL Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	200	50
OCR Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	100	50
RHS Level 3 Advanced Certificate in Horticulture	200	50
EAL Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	100	50
CMI Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates using a Range of Methods	50	50
EDI Level 2 National Award in Music Business (Recording Industry)	0	50
City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates' Performance through Observation	100	50
EDI Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	100	50
NCFE Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates using a Range of Methods	50	0
PAA/VQSET Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	0	0
EDI Level 2 National Award in Cultural and Heritage Venue Operations	0	0
CIPD Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	50	0
EAL Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process	50	0
VTCT Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates Using a Range of Methods	0	0

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. This table includes all levels of occupational qualifications
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations
3. All figures are included to the nearest 50
4. '-' indicates a base value of less than 25.

Table 17: Occupation qualification achievements, by awarding organisation, Oct-Dec 2011 (Oct-Dec 2010 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Awarding organisation	Number of achievements	
	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,800	700
Pearson Education Ltd	950	350
OCR	550	250
NCTJ Training	500	200
EDI	400	200
Royal Horticultural Society	1,500	50
EMTA Awards Limited	100	50
Chartered Management Institute	50	50
NCFE	50	50
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	50	0
PAA\QSET	0	0
VTCT	50	0
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	50	0
IMI Awards Ltd	0	0
ETC Awards Limited	0	0
GQA Qualifications Limited	0	0
Open University Awarding Body	0	0
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	0	0

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

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Table 18: Occupational qualification achievements by sector subject area

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	01 - Health, public services and care	03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	09 - Arts, media and publishing	12 - Languages, literature and culture	13 - Education and training	14 - Preparation for life and work	15 - Business, administration and law	Total number of achievements	
06-07		0	3,550	50	0	0	23,050	100	50	26,800
07-08		0	1,700	0	900	0	21,800	50	0	24,450
08-09		0	1,950	0	1,500	0	22,750	50	200	26,450
09-10	100	0	450	0	1,350	0	21,250	0	50	23,200
10-11		0	2,300	0	1,250	0	13,900	0	0	17,500
11-12		0	50	0	300	0	1,650	0	0	2,000
Oct-Dec 2006		0	1,450	0	0	0	5,600	0	0	7,100
Jan-Mar 2007		0	0	0	0	0	5,650	0	0	5,700
Apr-Jun 2007		0	450	0	0	0	5,500	0	0	6,000
Jul-Sep 2007		0	1,650	0	0	0	6,300	50	0	8,000
Oct-Dec 2007		0	0	0	0	0	4,850	0	0	4,900
Jan-Mar 2008		0	0	0	0	0	4,900	0	0	4,950
Apr-Jun 2008		0	450	0	300	0	5,600	0	0	6,350
Jul-Sep 2008		0	1,200	0	600	0	6,450	50	0	8,300
Oct-Dec 2008		0	250	0	300	0	5,250	0	0	5,800
Jan-Mar 2009		0	0	0	100	0	5,150	0	0	5,250
Apr-Jun 2009		0	400	0	300	0	5,450	50	200	6,350
Jul-Sep 2009		0	1,300	0	800	0	6,950	0	50	9,100
Oct-Dec 2009		0	100	0	200	0	5,600	0	0	5,950
Jan-Mar 2010		0	0	0	50	0	5,050	0	50	5,150
Apr-Jun 2010		0	350	0	400	0	4,900	0	0	5,650
Jul-Sep 2010	50	0	0	0	650	0	5,700	0	0	6,450
Oct-Dec 2010		0	1,500	0	550	0	4,150	0	0	6,200
Jan-Mar 2011		0	0	0	150	0	3,850	0	0	4,050
Apr-Jun 2011		0	350	0	150	0	3,100	0	0	3,600
Jul-Sep 2011		0	400	0	400	0	2,800	0	0	3,600
Oct-Dec 2011		0	50	0	300	0	1,650	0	0	2,000

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Table 19: Occupational qualification achievements by level

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total number of achievements
06-07	3,200	19,500	4,100	26,800
07-08	1,700	18,650	4,150	24,450
08-09	1,600	20,550	4,300	26,450
09-10	400	18,550	4,250	23,200
10-11	2,100	12,100	3,250	17,500
11-12	50	1,500	400	2,000
Oct-Dec 2006	1,250	4,850	1,000	7,100
Jan-Mar 2007	50	4,700	950	5,700
Apr-Jun 2007	450	4,500	1,050	6,000
Jul-Sep 2007	1,450	5,400	1,150	8,000
Oct-Dec 2007	50	4,000	850	4,900
Jan-Mar 2008	-	4,000	950	4,950
Apr-Jun 2008	400	4,950	1,000	6,350
Jul-Sep 2008	1,250	5,700	1,350	8,300
Oct-Dec 2008	50	4,750	1,000	5,800
Jan-Mar 2009	-	4,200	1,000	5,250
Apr-Jun 2009	350	5,000	1,000	6,350
Jul-Sep 2009	1,200	6,600	1,250	9,100
Oct-Dec 2009	50	4,850	1,050	5,950
Jan-Mar 2010	50	4,100	1,000	5,150
Apr-Jun 2010	300	4,400	950	5,650
Jul-Sep 2010	50	5,150	1,250	6,450
Oct-Dec 2010	1,300	3,950	950	6,200
Jan-Mar 2011	50	3,200	800	4,050
Apr-Jun 2011	350	2,500	750	3,600
Jul-Sep 2011	400	2,450	750	3,600
Oct-Dec 2011	50	1,500	400	2,000

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