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## Key findings

There were 176 recognised awarding organisations operating across England, Wales and Northern Ireland between April and June 2012. During this period, the Register of Regulated Qualifications<sup>1</sup> held 17,331 regulated qualifications that were available for certification.

### **Regulated qualifications (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma and its components)**

There were 60,828 achievements awarded in Northern Ireland, covering 1,327 individual qualifications offered by 73 different awarding organisations.

The awarding organisation with the most achievements was City & Guilds with 20,125 (33 per cent of achievements during April to June 2012).

The qualification with the greatest number of achievements in Northern Ireland in other regulated qualifications was the City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills – Application of Number with 2,753 achievements.

The type of qualification with the most achievements was the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) with 36,478 (representing 60 per cent of total achievements).

The sector subject area with the most achievements was preparation for life and work with 17,493 (representing 29 per cent of the total).

The level of qualification with the most achievements was level 2, which awarded 30,709 achievements (representing 50 per cent of the total in Northern Ireland).

### **Qualifications and Credit Framework qualifications**

There were 36,478 QCF achievements awarded in Northern Ireland, covering 934 individual QCF qualifications offered by 62 different awarding organisations.

The QCF qualification with the most achievements in Northern Ireland was the Chartered Institute in Environmental Health (CIEH) Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering with 2,488 achievements. The awarding organisation with the most achievements was again City & Guilds with 5,944 achievements (16 per cent of achievements in QCF qualifications during April to June 2012).

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<sup>1</sup> The Register of Regulated Qualifications contains details of organisations and qualifications regulated by Ofqual (<http://register.ofqual.gov.uk>).

The sector subject area with the most achievements in QCF qualifications was arts, media and publishing with 11,575 (representing 32 per cent of the total QCF achievements).

The level with the most achievements was level 2, which awarded 18,773 achievements (51 per cent of the total QCF achievements).

## Introduction

This Northern Ireland Qualifications Quarterly bulletin is published jointly by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) and the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA). In this bulletin we present achievements for all regulated qualifications in Northern Ireland (excluding GCSEs, GCEs<sup>2</sup> and the Diploma and its components,) for the quarter April to June 2012. For the purposes of this bulletin, these qualifications are termed regulated qualifications and include qualifications regulated by Ofqual and by CCEA.<sup>3</sup>

Each quarter awarding organisations submit data to Ofqual on the number of achievements for regulated qualifications (excluding GCSEs and GCEs) during the quarter. For Northern Ireland, we also collect this data on behalf of CCEA. Achievements are recorded in the quarter during which the final certificates are issued. This bulletin presents this data, giving information on the number of achievements recorded by awarding organisations, the sector subject area, qualification types and the level of achievements. All regulated qualifications are included, regardless of age of student, centre type and funding status of the qualification.

## Geographical coverage

This bulletin covers the achievements in regulated qualifications of all awarding organisations recognised by Ofqual and/or CCEA for Northern Ireland. There are four such awarding organisations based in Ireland. These are CCEA, Engineering Training Council Awards Limited (ETCAL), Open College Network Northern Ireland (OCNNI) and Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI).

The remaining awarding organisations recognised by Ofqual and/or CCEA to award qualifications in Northern Ireland have their headquarters elsewhere. This bulletin is the second quarterly edition.

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<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.jcq.org.uk/national_results/index.cfm) or at [www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data) .

<sup>3</sup> In Northern Ireland Ofqual regulates national vocational qualifications, vocationally related , QCF and occupational qualifications, free-standing mathematics qualifications, higher-level qualifications, English for speakers of other languages and basic skills. CCEA regulates GCE AS and A level, GCSEs, other general and entry level qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework.

## **Qualification type**

At the point of accreditation, regulated qualifications are classified into 18 qualification types. We recognise that the classification system is not ideal, as very similar qualifications may appear under different types, for example NVQs and the QCF, and some qualifications are miscoded. We are working with experts to investigate how this situation might be improved in the future. This bulletin presents figures on all types of qualification, except GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma.

This bulletin begins by presenting an overview of achievements during April to June 2012 in Northern Ireland by qualification, awarding organisation, sector subject area and level. Due to the size of the QCF, there is then further analysis of qualifications of this type in Northern Ireland.

## **Revisions**

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

## **Completeness of the data**

Data is sent to Ofqual 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 that the data is as complete as possible. For this quarter we received data from all awarding organisations and each organisation submitted data on achievements awarded in Northern Ireland.

Due to seasonal variation in the number of achievements over the year, it is only possible to make comparisons with data in the same quarter of the previous year. The collection of country-level data was introduced at the beginning of 2011, with a complete data set being achieved for the first time at the beginning of 2012, so currently it is not possible to make such comparisons.

## **Definitions**

Some of the key terms used in this bulletin are defined as follows:

- Accreditation – a process that reviews and confirms achievement to specific criteria and standards.
- Achievement – any award that is not graded as U, Absent or X

- Available qualification – a qualification eligible for an award
- Awarding organisation – organisations recognised to develop, deliver and award descriptions of qualifications.
- Active qualification – a qualification eligible for award to students, even if the qualification is no longer available for enrolment
- Certification – a formal acknowledgement of student achievement
- Recognition – an evidence-based process of achieving compliance with the criteria for recognition.

A glossary is available as a separate document in the statistical section of our website: [www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf) with further details on sector subject area classifications, qualification types and levels.

In this bulletin 'quarter' refers to calendar quarters. So quarter 1 (Q1) refers to January to March, quarter 2 (Q2) to April to June, quarter 3 (Q3) to July to September, and quarter 4 (Q4) to October to December.

We are continually striving to improve the quality and coverage of information in these quarterly updates, and we welcome any suggestions or comments regarding this bulletin. Our contact details are at the end of this document.

## Achievements this quarter

At the point of accreditation, all regulated qualifications are classified into 18 qualification types, including GCSE, GCE and Diploma types (see glossary<sup>4</sup> for a full listing).

There were 60,828 achievements awarded in Northern Ireland during April to June 2012 for all qualification types except GCSE, GCE and the Diploma. This number represents 4 per cent of all achievements awarded across England, Wales and Northern Ireland in the same period (see figure 1).

**Figure 1:** Number of achievements in regulated qualifications in Northern Ireland and in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, April to June 2012

Qualification type	Apr-Jun 2012			
	NI only		E, W & NI	
Qualifications and Credit Framework	36,478	60%	1,221,800	59%
Key skills	12,093	20%	163,550	8%
Other general Qualification	4,081	7%	43,700	2%
Vocationally related qualification	3,308	5%	195,000	9%
Basic skills	2,252	4%	151,200	7%
National vocational qualification	1,033	2%	22,550	1%
English for speakers of other languages	655	1%	61,250	3%
Entry level	571	1%	14,250	1%
Higher level	311	1%	2,500	0%
Functional skills	39	0%	192,050	9%
Occupational qualification	7	0%	700	0%
Free-standing mathematics qualification	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total number of achievements</b>	<b>60,828</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,068,450</b>	<b>100%</b>

(Key: England (E), Wales (W) and Northern Ireland (NI)). Figures for the three countries combined are rounded to the nearest 50. Note: country-level data was collected from 2011 onwards.

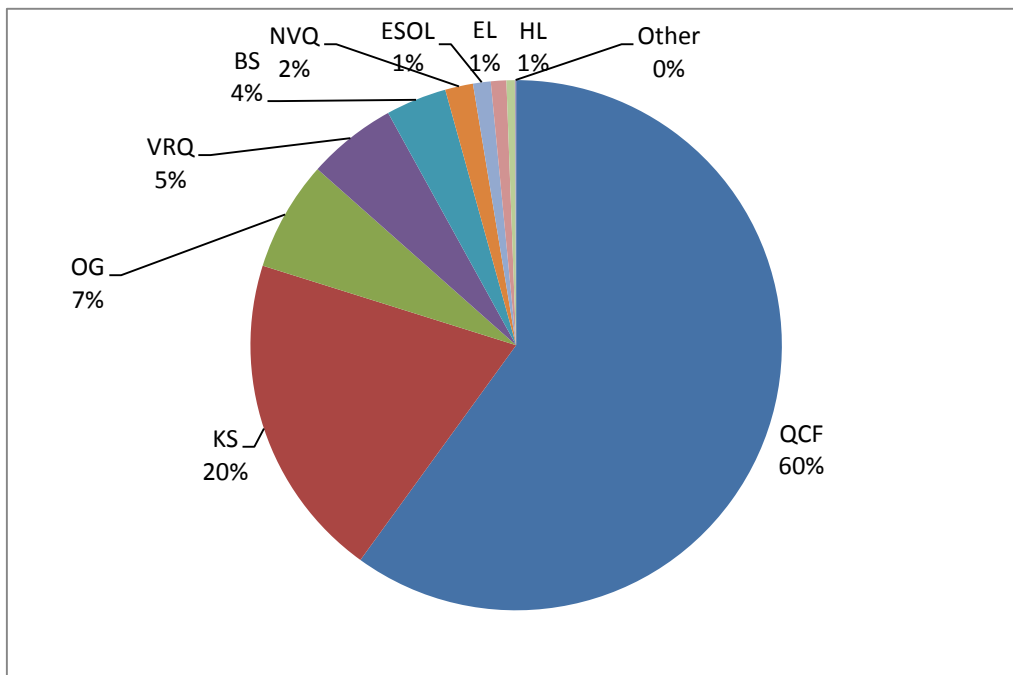
From Figure 1 above and figure 2 below, we can see that QCF qualifications dominate in Northern Ireland (60 per cent), and in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (59 per cent). The second most frequently awarded type of qualification was key skills, with 12,093 achievements, representing 20 per cent of all achievements in Northern Ireland.

<sup>4</sup> [www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf)



Key skills and other general qualifications have a greater percentage of the achievements in Northern Ireland than they do in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In contrast, across the three countries vocationally related, basic skills and functional skills qualifications have a greater proportion of the achievements than they do in Northern Ireland alone.

**Figure 2:** Achievements in Northern Ireland by qualification type, April to June 2012



(Key: Key skills (KS), vocationally related qualifications (VRQ), basic skills (BS), other general (OG), English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), entry level (EL), higher level (HL))

Figure 3 shows the 20 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements for Northern Ireland during the period.

**Figure 3:** The top 20 qualifications in Northern Ireland by number of achievements, April to June 2012

Qualification	Achievements, April to June 2012
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Application of Number	2,753
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	2,547
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2,488
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Information and Communication Technology	2,006
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Information and Communication Technology	1,826
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Application of Number	1,242
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	1,191
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	1,006
CCEA Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	948
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	928
CCEA Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Application of Number	816
CCEA Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Application of Number	729
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	714
CCEA Entry Level Certificate in Essential Skills - Adult Numeracy	676
CCEA Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	665
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Essential Skills - Adult Numeracy	539
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Contact Dermatitis Prevention (QCF)	510
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Essential Skills - Adult Literacy	504
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Employability and Personal Development (QCF)	485
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	454

The qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills – Application of Number (2,753). Seven of the top ten qualifications were Essential Skills qualifications. Table 2 in the appendix shows the 40 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements.

### **Awarding organisations**

In April to June 2012 there were 17,331 available qualifications (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, offered by 164 awarding organisations.

In Northern Ireland, there were 73 organisations awarding achievements across 1,327 qualifications.

The organisation awarding the most achievements in Northern Ireland during April to June 2012 was City & Guilds with 20,125 (33 per cent of all achievements in Northern Ireland). See figures 4 and 5.

Figures for all awarding organisations are shown in table 3 in the appendix.

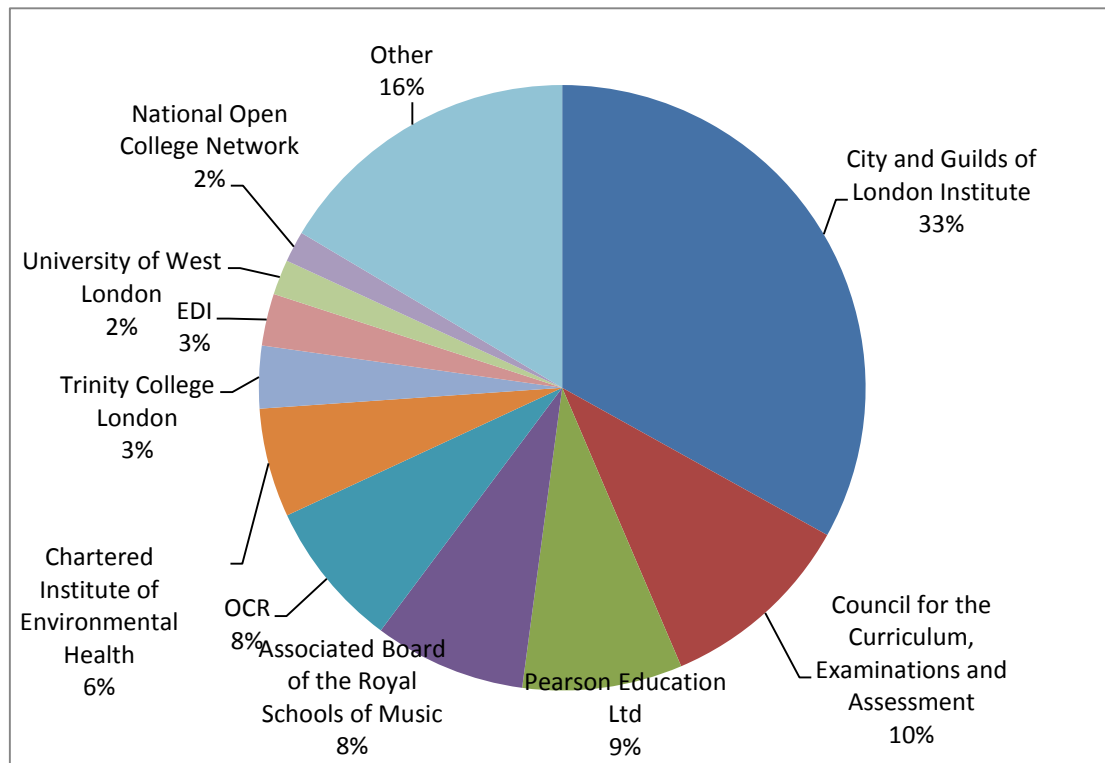
**Figure 4:** The 20 awarding organisations with the most achievements across all qualification types (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma) for Northern Ireland, April to June 2012

<b>Awarding organisation</b>	<b>Achievements, April to June 2012</b>
City and Guilds of London Institute	20,125
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	6,386
Pearson Education Ltd (Edexcel)	5,186
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	4,923
OCR	4,789
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	3,542
Trinity College London	2,028
EDI	1,691
University of West London	1,142
National Open College Network	1,006
Rock School Ltd	881
New Era Academy of Drama and Music (London) Ltd	849
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	701
VTCT	599
Cskills Awards	598
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	455
NCFE	449
British Safety Council	448
Institute of Leadership & Management	408
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	407

There are several awarding organisations whose levels of achievements differ significantly between Northern Ireland and England, Wales and Northern Ireland. CCEA (the awarding organisation with the second greatest number of achievements in Northern Ireland) is ranked 35<sup>th</sup> in the three-country totals and the New Era Academy of Drama and Music (12<sup>th</sup> in Northern Ireland) is outside the top 50 awarding organisations for all three countries combined. Four awarding organisations with a lesser presence in Northern Ireland than in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, are University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, Sports Leaders UK, Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited and LAMDA Examinations.

Figure 5 shows the percentage share of the achievements of the top ten awarding organisations compared with all other awarding organisations.

**Figure 5:** Achievements in Northern Ireland by awarding organisation, April to June 2012



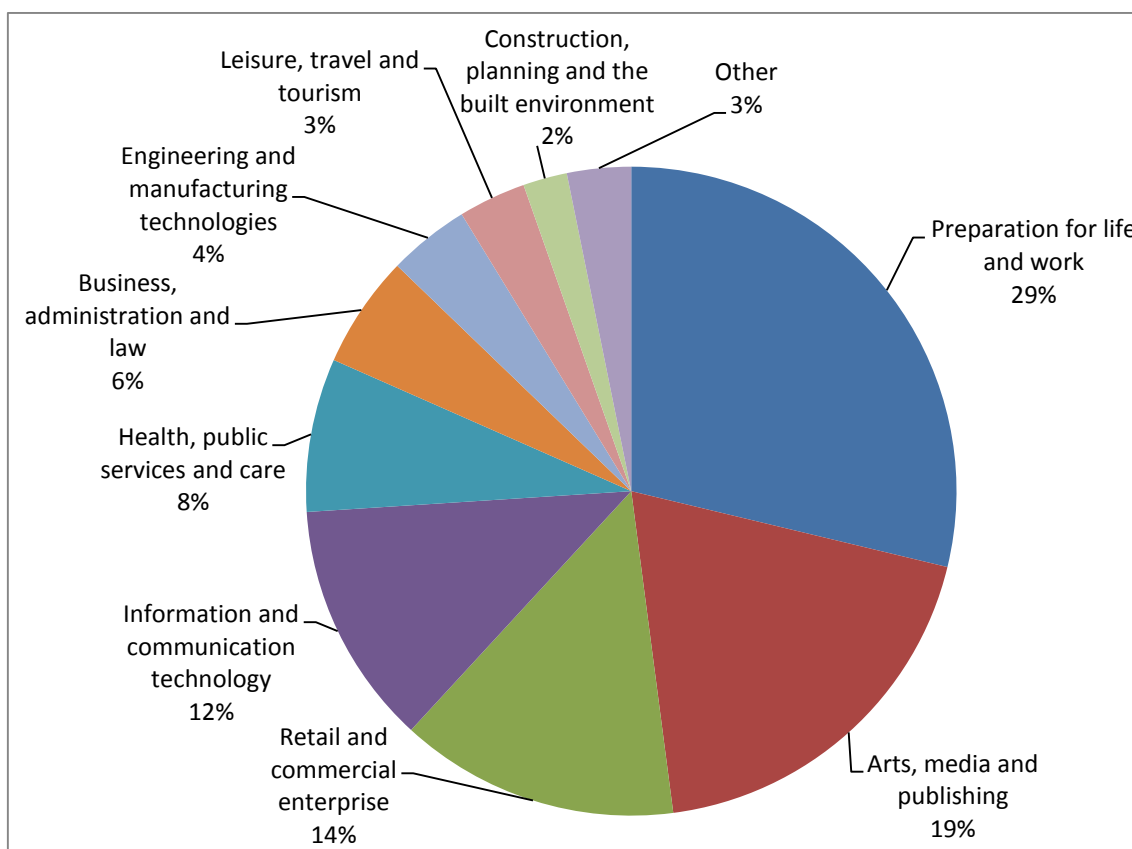
### Sector subject area

Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 15 sector subject area codes (see glossary<sup>5</sup> for further details).

The sector subject area that awarded the greatest number of achievements in Northern Ireland during April to June 2012 was preparation for life and work with 17,493. This represents 29 per cent of all achievements in Northern Ireland in the period. Second was arts, media and publishing with 11,665 achievements, representing 19 per cent of all achievements (see figure 6). Full details of the number of achievements for each sector subject area are given in table 4 in the appendix.

<sup>5</sup> [www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf)

**Figure 6:** Achievements in Northern Ireland by sector subject area, April to June 2012



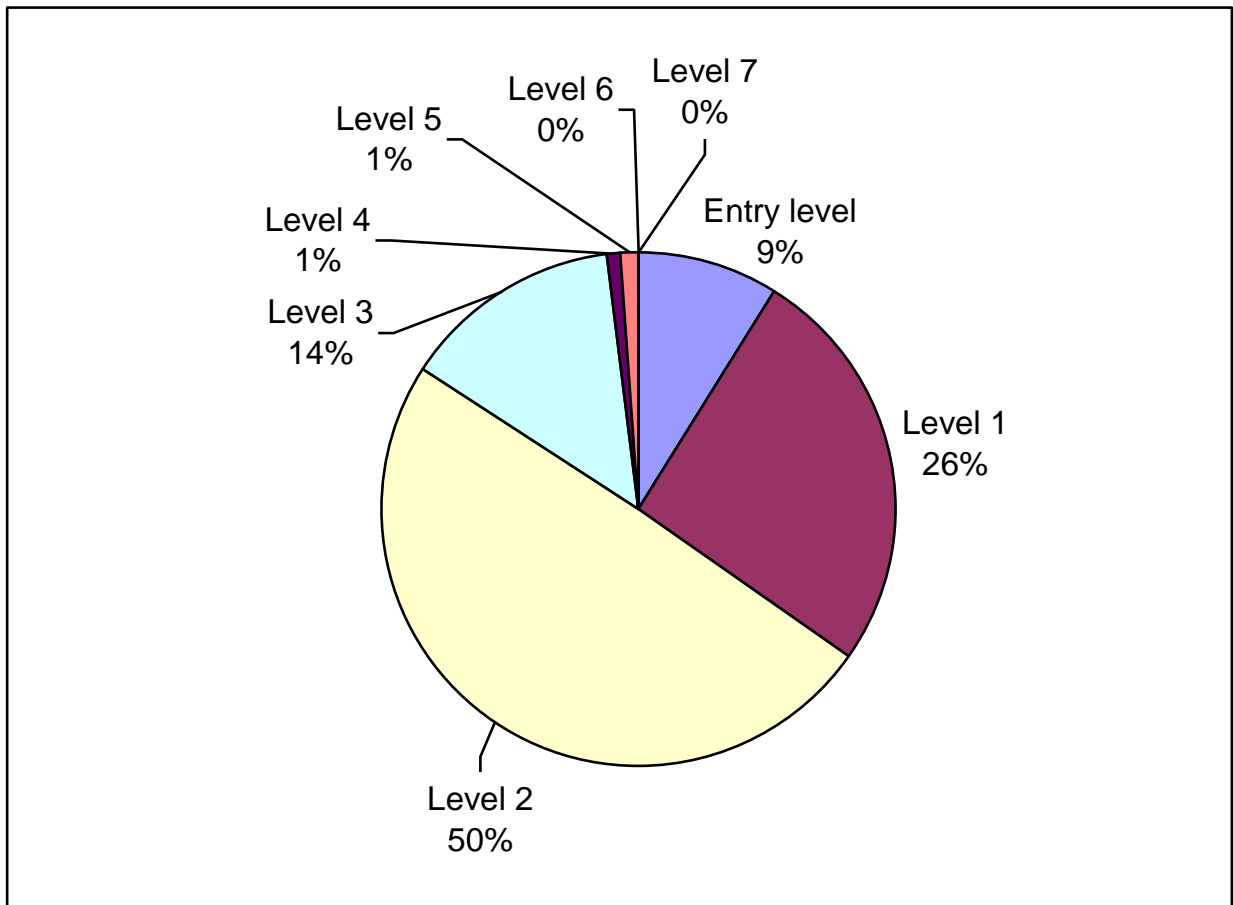
### Level of qualification

All regulated qualifications are assigned a level, ranging from entry, then 1 to 8 (see glossary<sup>6</sup> for full details).

In Northern Ireland, level 2 saw the greatest proportion of achievements with 30,709 in April to June 2012, representing 50 per cent of achievements (see figure 7). Full details of the number of achievements for each level are given in table 5 in the appendix.

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**Figure 7:** Achievements in Northern Ireland by level, April to June 2012



## **Qualifications and Credit Framework in Northern Ireland**

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

The QCF is a credit-based framework that enables students to accumulate and transfer credit towards a regulated qualification. It is designed to provide students, learning providers and employers with an inclusive and flexible regulated qualifications framework, containing units and qualifications that recognise the widest possible range of quality-assured student achievements. The QCF introduces a standard currency for student achievement across the qualifications systems through the award of credits. 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.

In April to June 2012, 36,478 QCF achievements were recorded at all levels in Northern Ireland. The QCF achievements covered 934 different qualifications, offered by 62 awarding organisations. In April to June 2012, achievements in QCF qualifications represented 60 per cent of the achievements in regulated qualifications in Northern Ireland.

The QCF qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, with 2,488. The 20 QCF qualifications with the greatest number of achievements are shown in figure 8 below. The top 40 QCF qualifications are detailed in table 6 in the appendix.

**Figure 8:** The 20 QCF qualifications with the most achievements in Northern Ireland, April to June 2012

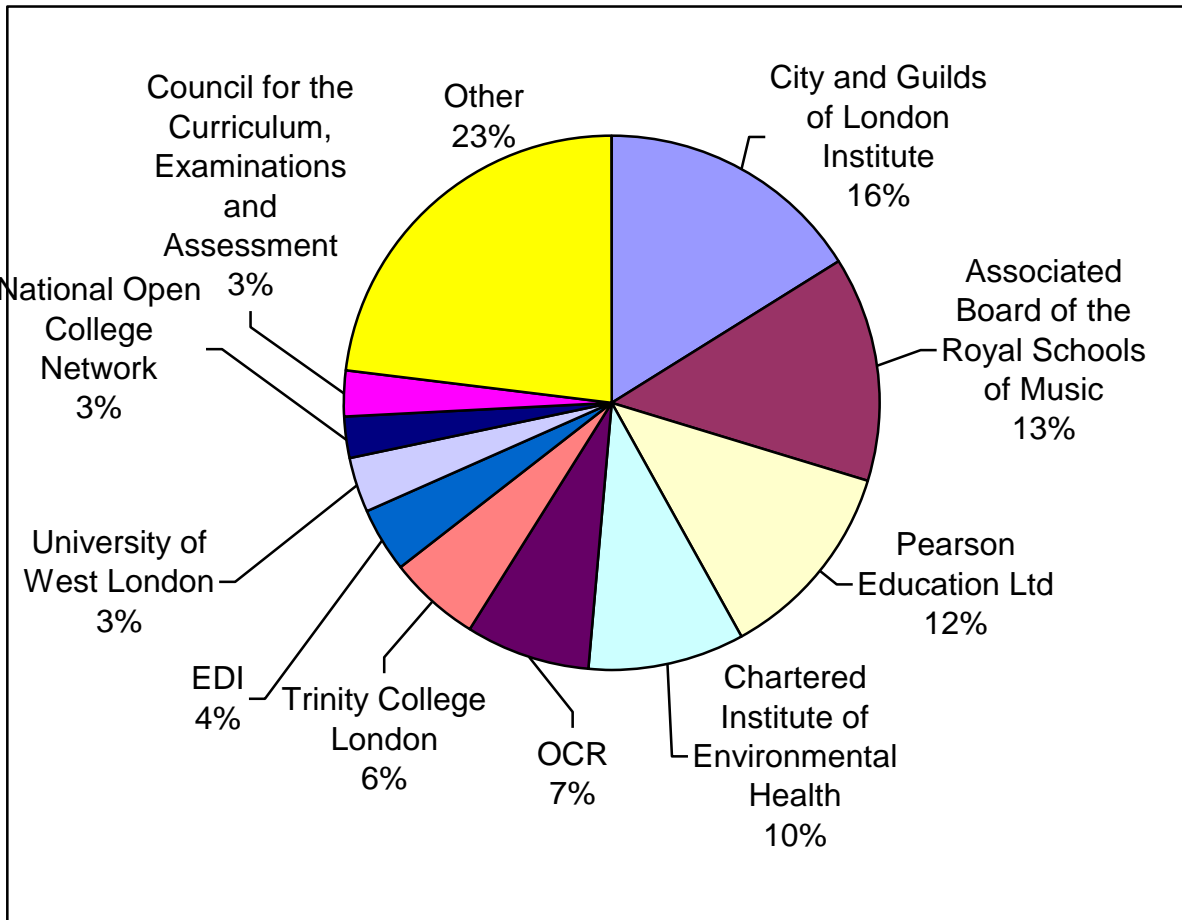
Qualification	Achievements, April to June 2012
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2,488
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	1,191
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	928
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	714
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Contact Dermatitis Prevention (QCF)	510
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Employability and Personal Development (QCF)	485
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	454
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (QCF)	369
BSC Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness (Entry 3) (QCF)	356
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	349
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5) (QCF)	339
RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	320
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	306
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Award in Principles of Customer Service in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism	301
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Welcoming Tourists and Visitors to their Destination in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	289
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	286
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Manufacturing (QCF)	280
TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	278
TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5) (QCF)	270
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Welcoming Tourists and Visitors to their Destination in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	268

The awarding organisation that recorded the greatest number of achievements for the QCF in Northern Ireland was City & Guilds with 5,944 (16 per cent of all QCF achievements).

The awarding organisations with the most achievements in QCF qualifications in Northern Ireland are shown in figure 9, and a list of the number of achievements for the top 40 awarding organisations is shown in table 7 in the appendix.

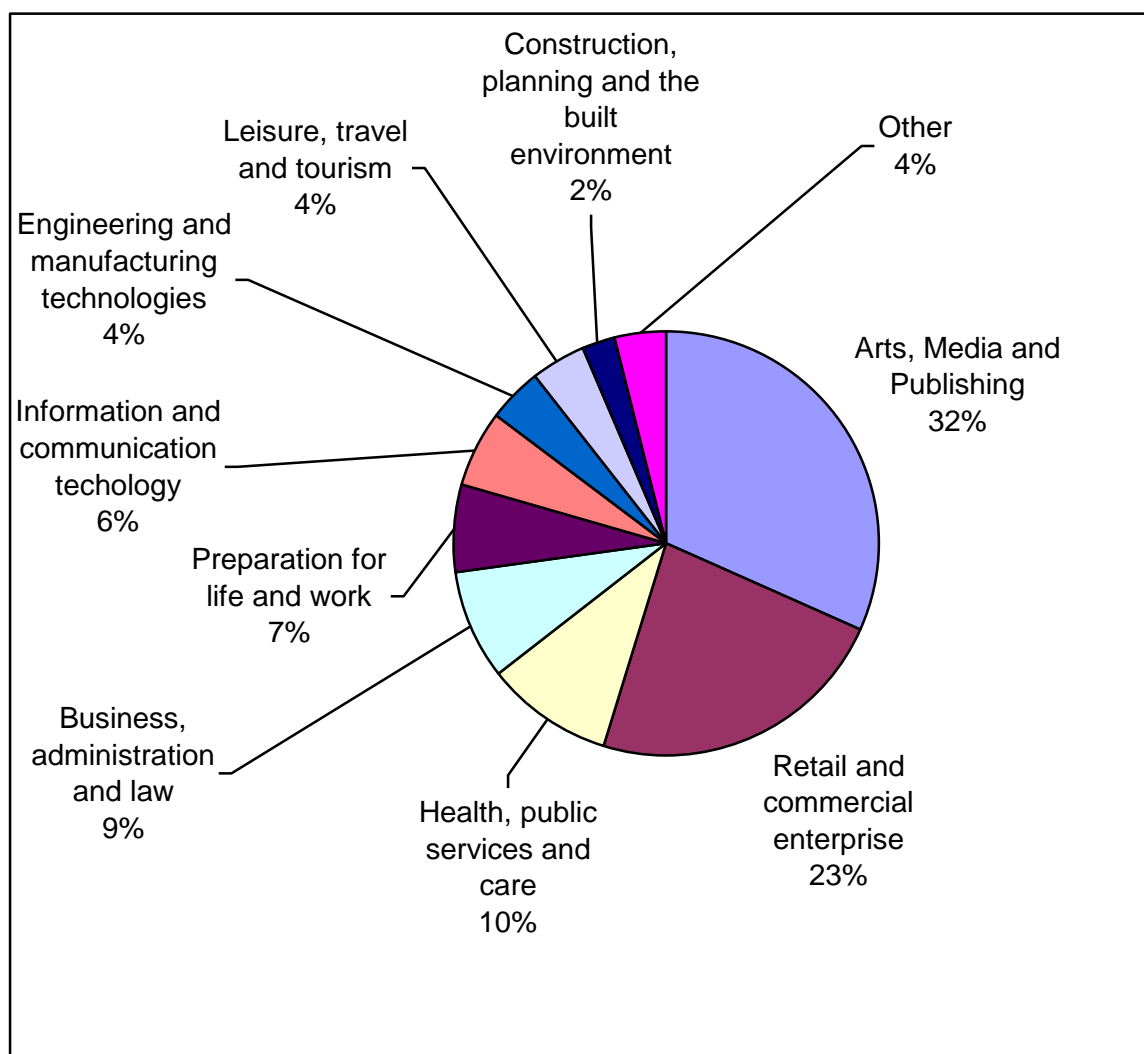


**Figure 9:** QCF achievements in Northern Ireland by awarding organisation, April to June 2012



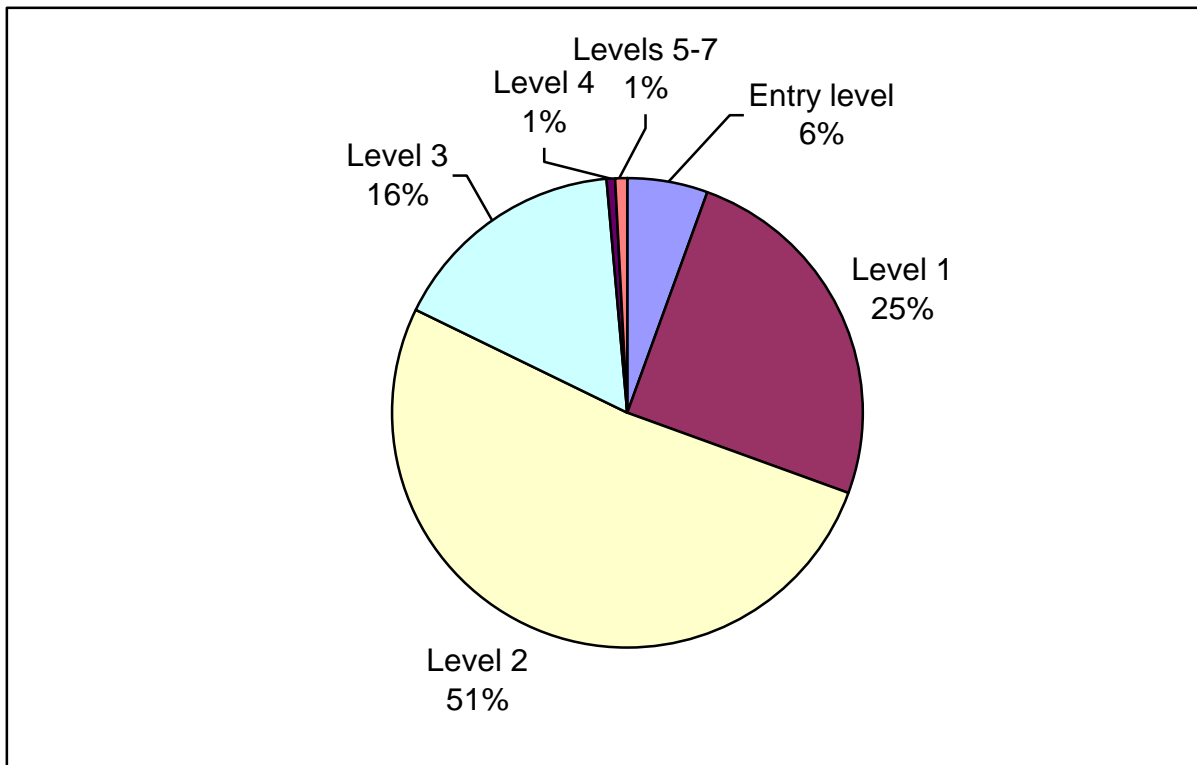
The sector subject area with the most achievements in the QCF was arts, media and publishing with 11,575 (representing 32 per cent of QCF achievements in April to June 2012). This area had the second greatest number of achievements for all regulated qualifications. The next area with next highest number of achievements was retail and commercial enterprise with 8,354 (representing 23 per cent of QCF achievements (see figure 10)). This sector subject area had the third highest number of achievements for all regulated qualifications. Full details of the number of achievements for each sector subject area are in table 8 in the appendix.

**Figure 10:** QCF achievements in Northern Ireland by sector subject area, April to June 2012



The majority of QCF achievements were at level 2 with 18,773, representing 51 per cent of QCF achievements in April to June 2012 (see figure 11). Full details of the number of achievements for each level are in table 9 in the appendix.

**Figure 11:** QCF achievements in Northern Ireland by level, April to June 2012



## Appendix

Table 1: Summary data, April to June 2012  
Northern Ireland

	Awarding organisations regulated	Awarding organisations offering qualifications	Awarding organisations awarding	Available qualifications	Qualifications with achievements	Total achievements awarded
April to June 2012	176	164	73	17,328	1,327	60,828

Table 2: Top 40 regulated qualifications (except GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma) by number of achievements, April to June 2012

Northern Ireland

Qualification	Achievements
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Application of Number	2,753
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City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy (QCF)	261
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Principles of Customer Service in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	255
OCR Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	249
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	243
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	239

Table 3: Top 40 awarding organisations by number of achievements in all regulated qualifications (except GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma), April to June 2012

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Rock School Ltd	881
New Era Academy of Drama and Music (London) Ltd	849
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	701
VTCT	599
Cskills Awards	598
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	455
NCFE	449
British Safety Council	448
Institute of Leadership & Management	408
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	407
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	387
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	350
Royal Society for Public Health	341
WSET Awards	277
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	274
Royal Academy of Dance	272
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	230
ETC Awards Limited	205
ABC Awards	136
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	129
Prince's Trust	117
Chartered Insurance Institute	107
Active IQ	102
Central YMCA Qualifications	98
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	91
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	89
FDQ Limited	75
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	72
International Association of Book-Keepers	68
First Aid Awards Ltd	68

Table 4: Sector subject area by number of achievements in all regulated qualifications (except GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma), April to June 2012  
Northern Ireland

	Achievements
14 - Preparation for life and work	17,493
09 - Arts, media and publishing	11,665
07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	8,455
06 - Information and communication technology	7,386
01 - Health, public services and care	4,650
15 - Business, administration and law	3,405
04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	2,464
08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	2,042
05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	1,334
12 - Languages, literature and culture	654
03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	645
02 - Science and mathematics	353
13 - Education and training	247
11 - Social sciences	35
10 - History, philosophy and theology	0

Table 5: Number of achievements in all regulated qualifications (except GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma) by level, April to June 2012  
Northern Ireland

Level	Achievements
Entry	5,205
1	15,567
2	30,709
3	8,466
4	343
5	498
6	15
7	25
8	0

Table 6: Top 40 QCF qualifications by number of achievements, April to June 2012  
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CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2,488
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TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	306
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Award in Principles of Customer Service in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism	301
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Welcoming Tourists and Visitors to their Destination in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	289
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	286
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Manufacturing (QCF)	280
TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	278
TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5) (QCF)	270
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Welcoming Tourists and Visitors to their Destination in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	268
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy (QCF)	261
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Principles of Customer Service in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	255
OCR Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	249
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	239
CCEA Entry Level Award in Modern Languages (Entry 2) (QCF)	234
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	234
ABRSM Level 2 Award in Graded Examination in Music Theory (Grade 5) (QCF)	231
RSL Level 1 Award in Popular Music Performance - Grade 1 (QCF)	228
OCR Level 2 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	218
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	215
TCL Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 6) (QCF)	196
CCEA Level 2 Award in Creative Craft (QCF)	192
OCR Level 2 Award in Text Processing (Business Professional) (QCF)	190
NCFE Level 1 Award in Alcohol Awareness (QCF)	189
CCEA Level 1 Award in Creative Craft (QCF)	188
ILM Level 3 Award in Leadership (QCF)	186
UWLQ Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	185
NCFE Level 2 Award in Understanding Stewarding at Spectator Events (QCF)	184
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport (QCF)	181
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Award in Paediatric First Aid (QCF)	179

Table 7: Top 40 organisations awarding QCF qualifications by number of achievements, April to June 2012

Northern Ireland

Awarding organisation	Achievements
City and Guilds of London Institute	5,944
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	4,923
Pearson Education Ltd (Edexcel)	4,489
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	3,542
OCR	2,738
Trinity College London	2,028
EDI	1,438
University of West London	1,142
National Open College Network	1,005
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	993
Rock School Ltd	881
New Era Academy of Drama and Music (London) Ltd	849
VTCT	598
Cskills Awards	502
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	455
British Safety Council	448
NCFE	447
Institute of Leadership & Management	408
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	407
Royal Society for Public Health	341
WSET Awards	277
Royal Academy of Dance	272
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	271
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	230
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	154
ABC Awards	135
ETC Awards Limited	130
Prince's Trust	117
Chartered Insurance Institute	107
Active IQ	102
Central YMCA Qualifications	93
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	91
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	89
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	72
International Association of Book-Keepers	68
FDQ Limited	68
First Aid Awards Ltd	68
Sports Leaders UK	65
Signature	64
IFS School of Finance	62



Table 8: Sector subject area by number of achievements in QCF qualifications, April to June 2012

Northern Ireland

	Achievements
09 - Arts, media and publishing	11,575
07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	8,354
01 - Health, public services and care	3,529
15 - Business, administration and law	3,118
14 - Preparation for life and work	2,430
06 - Information and communication technology	2,114
04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	1,530
08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	1,520
05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	895
03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	583
02 - Science and mathematics	291
12 - Languages, literature and culture	279
13 - Education and training	225
11 - Social sciences	35
10 - History, philosophy and theology	0

Table 9: Achievements in QCF qualifications by level, from April to June 2012

Northern Ireland

	Achievements
Entry	2,056
1	9,122
2	18,773
3	5,981
4	278
5	231
6	12
7	25
8	0

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