

Statistical Release

Annual Qualifications Market Report England, Wales and Northern Ireland 2012/13 Academic Year

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Key points

This release presents information on the suppliers of qualifications, the numbers of qualifications regulated by Ofqual and the certificates in those qualifications received by learners for the academic year 2012/13. It covers all recognised awarding organisations and the regulated qualifications they offer. The key findings are:

- The number of available qualifications increased by 3,000 (15 per cent) from 2011/12 to nearly 24,000 in 2012/13. The majority of this increase came from qualifications other than GCSE and A level.
- The number of certificates increased by 4 per cent to 17.9 million between 2011/12 and 2012/13. Certificates were awarded in 54 per cent of available qualifications.
- The overall qualifications market remains highly concentrated, with 20 awarding organisations accounting for over 90 per cent of all certificates.
- Health, Public Services and Care is now the second largest sector following an increase in the number of certificates of 28 per cent in 2012/13. (Preparation for life and work is the largest sector).
- Certificates in functional skills increased significantly (31 per cent) between 2011/12 and 2012/13. From 1st October 2012 functional skills qualifications replaced key skills as a mandatory component of all apprenticeship frameworks.
- In schools in England, certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level fell by 9 per cent to 1.6 million in 2012/13.

Introduction

Ofqual regulates qualifications, exams and assessments in England, and vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland. Under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, one of Ofqual's objectives is to improve public confidence in regulated qualifications and assessments by raising awareness and understanding of the qualifications.

This release presents data about the suppliers and the users of qualifications in this market, in a similar way to previous editions of the Annual Qualifications Market Report.

It reports in detail on the number of recognised awarding organisations offering qualifications, the qualifications that were available in the period covered, and the certificates in them. The report also covers participation rates in education and training for 16-19 year olds in England, including government-funded qualifications taken in schools and school sixth forms and the qualifications taken in the further education and skills sector.

In a change to format this year, the report does not cover some of the information covering external drivers in the market, awarding organisation type, legal status and income that were included in previous market reports. Later this year Ofqual expects to publish a companion report to this statistical release covering those excluded areas together with further analysis of the market for qualifications and its future direction.

The certificate data in this release covers England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the exception of the section on further education and the skills sector (page 60) where the data is for England only.

To help you interpret the content, a glossary of terms is available towards the end of this release.

Key statistics

The total number of awarding organisations remained unchanged from the previous year at 176 with few leaving or joining the regulated market in 2012/13.

The number of available qualifications increased by 3,000 (15 per cent) from 2011/12 to nearly 24,000 in 2012/13. Qualifications developed to meet the design requirements of the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) showed the largest annual increase from 13,000 to 17,000 (31 per cent) with functional skills also showing a big increase (14 per cent from 203 to 232). This increase in functional skills is consistent with the changes in funding making them a mandatory component of all apprenticeship frameworks from October 2012.

For 2012/13 there were nearly 13,000 qualifications in which at least one certificate was awarded, accounting for 54 per cent of available qualifications. (Last year certificates were awarded in 56 per cent of qualifications.) As with the annual increase in available qualifications, qualifications on the QCF and functional skills showed the largest increases. The number of qualifications on the QCF in which at least one certificate was awarded increased from 7,000 to 9,000 (31 per cent). The number of functional skills qualifications increased from 154 to 183 (19 per cent). Between 2011/12 to 2012/13 the number of certificates awarded increased by 4 per cent to 17.85 million.

A high proportion of qualification certificates are concentrated in relatively few qualifications. For vocational qualifications and academic subjects excluding GCSE and A level and AS, 17 per cent of qualifications accounted for 90 per cent of certificates. For GCSE, A level and AS 29 per cent of qualifications accounted for 90 per cent of certificates.

Ninety per cent of certificates are in qualifications offered by 20 awarding organisations. Awarding organisation market shares by certificates in GCSE, A level and AS have been largely unchanged.

Health, public services and care is now the second largest sector in terms of 2012/13 certificates (with over 1 million awarded in 2012/13) following a large increase in the number of certificates since 2010/11. A number of new qualifications assessing first aid became available this year which contributed to this increase. The preparation for life and work sector remained the largest in terms of number of certificates (with over 3 million awarded in 2012/13).

Certificates in qualifications other than GCSE, A level and AS in schools in England fell by 9 per cent in 2012/13 from 1.8 to 1.6 million. Changes in funding and performance measures have contributed to this fall.

The number of adult learners (those 19 years and older) participating in further education in England in the 2012/13 academic year increased from 3.1 million to 3.3 million (4 per cent); the first annual increase since 2008/09.

In the further education and skills sector the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) – which records all Skills Funding Agency (SFA) or Education Funding Agency (EFA) funded qualifications – recorded nearly 5 million certificates; an increase in certificates of over 400,000 (over 9 per cent) between 2012 and 2013. The majority of this increase came from Employer Responsive provision¹ and Adult Learner Responsive provision² with increases of 31 per cent and 8 per cent respectively.

The SFA and EFA funded 96 per cent of certificates in the further education and skills sector. Funding through routes other than the SFA and EFA accounted for a small proportion of certificates.

¹ Employer Responsive funding covers learning delivered by colleges and training providers either wholly or partially in the employer's workplace and classroom learning delivered by training organisations.

² Adult Learning funding covers classroom learning for students aged 19 or over who are undertaking full or part-time courses in the day or evening, including provision for full Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications, as well as other types of courses such as provision for the unemployed.

Awarding organisations

Any organisation that wants to offer regulated qualifications has to be recognised by Ofqual. Since July 2011, any new awarding organisation needs to meet Ofqual's *Criteria for Recognition*³ and, once recognised, they need to continue to meet Ofqual's *General Conditions of Recognition*.⁴

Number of recognised awarding organisations

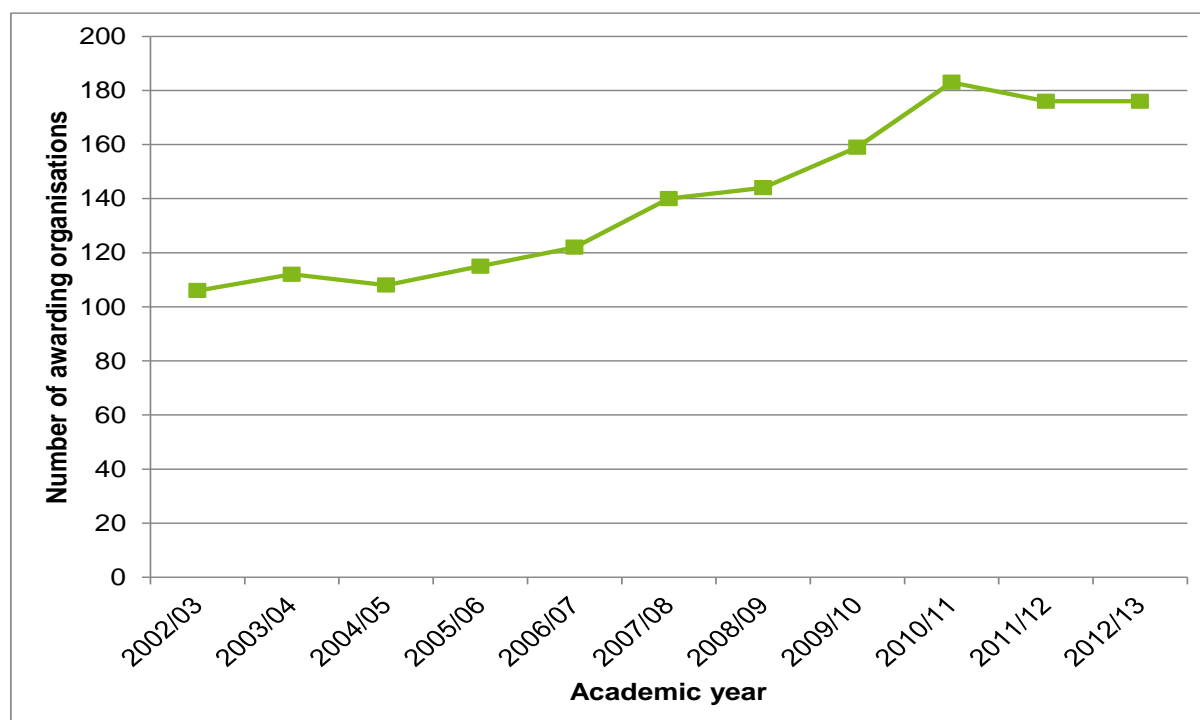
Figure 1 shows that since 2011 the upward trend in the number of awarding organisations between 2002/03 to 2010/11 has changed. One factor behind this change was the introduction of Ofqual's new recognition process which introduced criteria for recognition and a process for exit and surrender of recognition.

At the end of September 2013 the number of recognised awarding organisations (176) remained unchanged from the year before. Three awarding organisations – Association of Certified Project Accountants (ACPA), Focus Awards Limited (Focus Awards) and Training Qualifications UK Ltd (TQUK) were recognised out of 50 applications (from 38 organisations), and two organisations – the Market Research Society (MRS) and the University of East London Global Examinations Board (UELGB) – surrendered their recognition between October 2012 and September 2013. Pearson Education Limited (Pearson) acquired EDI in June 2011 and this is counted as one awarding organisation in this year's report.

³ <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+/http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2011-05-16-criteria-for-recognition.pdf>

⁴ www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2013-09-02-general-conditions-of-recognition-september-2013.pdf

Figure 1: The number of awarding organisations recognised by Ofqual to deliver regulated qualifications on 30th September each year, 2003–2013.⁵



Source: Ofqual

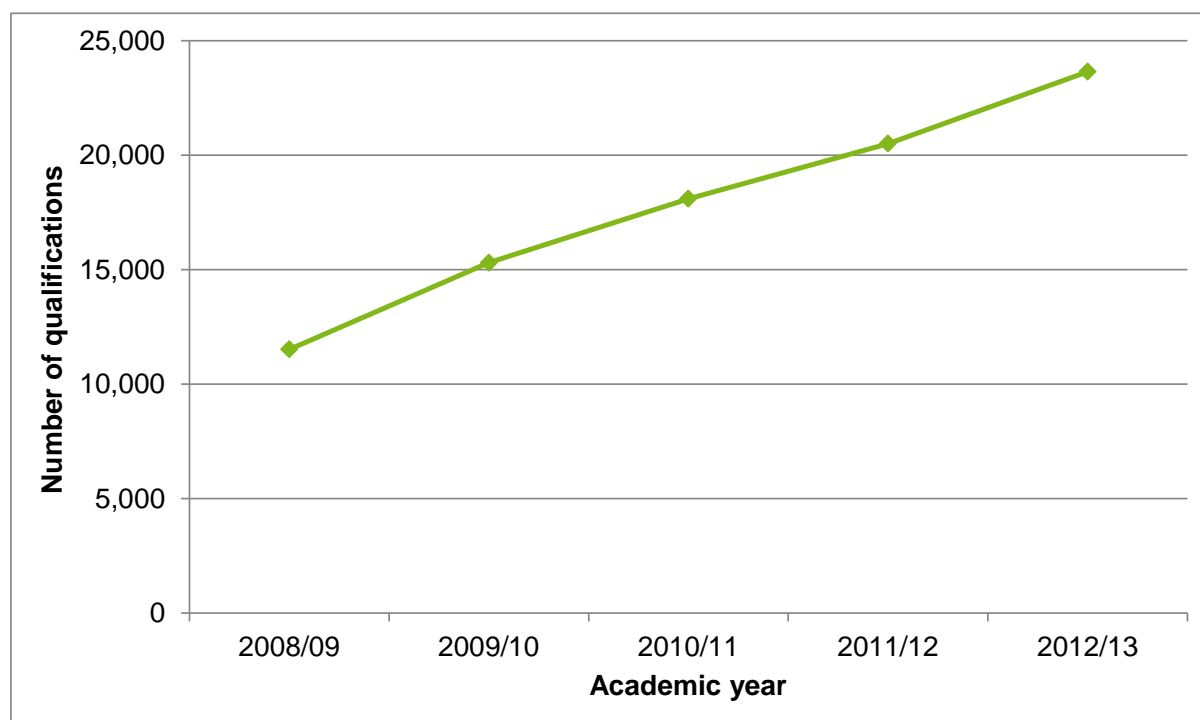
Regulated qualifications

Figure 2 shows the number of available⁶ qualifications during the 2012/13 academic year increased by more than 3,000, bringing the total to nearly 24,000. The number of available qualifications has doubled in the last five years. That a qualification is available means that it only has to be available for one day during the year covered. On average the number of qualifications available is around 18,000 on any given day.

⁵ Note: There have been changes to the data reported in last year's report due to a review of dates of recognition and surrender taken from Ofqual's Regulatory Information Technology Systems (RITS).

⁶ Qualifications are available until they pass their certification end date or they have made an award in the academic year being considered.

Figure 2: Number of available regulated qualifications by academic year from 2008/09 to 2012/13



Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Trends in the number of qualifications by qualification type

Figure 3 shows the number of available qualifications from 2011/12 to 2012/13 for each qualification type⁷ as recorded on the Register of Regulated Qualifications (referred to as the Register). (Table 11 in the appendix shows the number of qualifications for 2008/09 to 2012/13.) It shows that qualifications developed to meet the design requirements of the QCF had the largest annual increase (31 per cent to 16,770), with functional skills also showing a big increase (14 per cent to 232). This increase in functional skills is consistent with the changes in funding making them a mandatory component of all apprenticeship frameworks from October 2012.

⁷ Further details on qualification types can be found at www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf

Figure 3: The number of regulated qualifications of each type from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Qualification type	Number of qualifications available to certificate			
	2011/12	2012/13	Percentage change	
Advanced Extension Award	1	1	0	
Basic Skills	89	80	-10	
Diploma	196	196	0	
English for Speakers of Other Languages	187	193	3	
Entry Level	338	301	-11	
Free Standing Mathematics Qualification	20	14	-30	
Functional Skills	203	232	14	
GCE A Level	280	284	1	
GCE AS Level	273	276	1	
General Certificate of Secondary Education	635	593	-7	
Higher Level	491	419	-15	
Key Skills	377	368	-2	
National Vocational Qualification	1,422	1,133	-20	
Occupational Qualification	87	85	-2	
Other General Qualification	798	824	3	
Principal Learning	216	201	-7	
Project	18	18	0	
QCF	12,764	16,770	31	
Vocationally-Related Qualification	2,105	1,654	-21	
Total	20,500	23,642	15	

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Available qualifications with certificates

Figure 4 shows that for 2012/13 nearly 13,000 qualifications recorded at least one certificate and accounted for 54 per cent of available qualifications. This is lower than in 2011/12 with 56 per cent. (Table 12 in the Appendix shows the number of qualifications for the period 2008/09 to 2012/13.) Qualifications developed to meet the design requirements of the QCF accounted for over 70 per cent of qualifications with certificates.

The number of qualifications with certificates increased by 11 per cent between 2011/12 and 2012/13, which is lower than the 15 per cent increase in the number of qualifications on the Register. There is generally a lag between a qualification appearing on the Register and the first certificate in that qualification.

The number of qualifications with certificates in the QCF increased by 31 per cent between 2011/12 and 2012/13. The 19 per cent increase in the number of functional

skills qualifications with certificates is consistent with the changes in funding making them a mandatory component of all apprenticeship frameworks from October 2012⁸.

Figure 4: The number of regulated qualifications of each type for which certificates were awarded by academic year from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Qualification type	Number of qualifications with certificates		Percentage change	
	2011/12	2012/13		
Advanced Extension Award	1	1	0	
Basic Skills	66	56	-15	
Diploma	109	79	-28	
English for Speakers of Other Languages	140	146	4	
Entry Level	239	218	-9	
Free Standing Mathematics Qualification	11	7	-36	
Functional Skills	154	183	19	
GCE A Level	257	254	-1	
GCE AS Level	262	260	-1	
General Certificate of Secondary Education	426	436	2	
Higher Level	221	172	-22	
Key Skills	217	202	-7	
National Vocational Qualification	923	596	-35	
Occupational Qualification	61	34	-44	
Other General Qualification	520	512	-2	
Principal Learning	96	70	-27	
Project	15	9	-40	
QCF	6,846	8,989	31	
Vocationally-Related Qualification	1,000	586	-41	
Total	11,564	12,810	11	

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Trends in certificates – the long tail

Table 1 shows that relatively few qualifications have large numbers of certificates. There were over 22,000 qualifications other than GCSE and A level and over 1,000 qualifications in GCSE/A level available on the Register for the 2012/13 academic year. Of these, 53 per cent of qualifications other than GCSE and A level and 81 per cent of qualifications in GCSE/A level had certificates.

Of the qualifications that registered no certificate during the year, some qualifications would have passed their expiry date and no longer been available to new students (although available for certification). Others would have become available during the

⁸ From 1st October 2012 functional skills qualifications replaced key skills, as a mandatory component of all apprenticeship frameworks: www.apprenticeships.org.uk/Partners/KeySkillsExtension.aspx

year but students might not have registered or may not have completed the qualifications. Of those qualifications other than GCSE and A level with no certificates, over 40 per cent were over three years old.

Table 1: Number of qualifications by number of certificates in 2012/13

Number of certificates	Qualifications other than GCSE and A level		GCSE and A level qualifications	
	Number	Proportion (%)	Number	Proportion (%)
More than 100,000	2	0	9	1
50,000 - 99,999	9	0	20	2
10,000 - 49,999	165	1	136	12
5,000 - 9,999	205	1	99	9
1,000 - 4,999	1,098	5	300	26
500 - 999	788	4	112	10
250 - 499	982	4	94	8
100 - 249	1,583	7	68	6
50 - 99	1,303	6	37	3
10 – 49	2,943	13	50	4
1 – 9	2,783	12	25	2
Zero	10,628	47	203	18
Total	22,489	100%	1,153	100%

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Note: Qualifications includes all subjects and variants offered in the year or part of the year, by all awarding organisations.

Table 2 highlights that a high proportion of certificates are concentrated in relatively few qualifications. Half of all certificates in available⁹ qualifications other than GCSE and A level come from 253 qualifications¹⁰ and three quarters of all certificates come from just 7 per cent of all qualifications that registered a certificate in 2012/13.

For qualifications in GCSE and A level this concentration is slightly less pronounced with 13 per cent of qualifications accounting for 75 per cent of total certificates.

⁹ This list is limited to qualifications that were available in 2012/13 and does not include qualifications that expired in the previous academic year but were awarded certificates in 2012/13.

¹⁰ A list of the 253 qualifications other than GCSE and A level that account for half of all certificates can be found in Table 32.

Table 2: Number of qualifications required for each percentage of total certificates in 2012/13

Percentage of certificates (%)	Qualifications other than GCSE and A level		Qualifications in GCSE and A level	
	Number	Proportion (%)	Number	Proportion (%)
25	59	0	8	1
50	253	2	41	4
75	839	7	124	13
90	2,008	17	275	29
100	11,860	100	950	100

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Note: Qualifications includes all subjects and variants offered in the year or part of the year, by all awarding organisations.

Certificates for all qualifications

Overall picture

Figure 5 shows the total numbers of certificates for the last five academic years. Between 2008/09 to 2012/13, the number of certificates increased by 15 per cent to 17.88 million.

Between 2011/12 to 2012/13 certificates increased by 4 per cent. Certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level increased by 4 per cent, and GCSE certificates also increased by 4 per cent. Certificates in A level and AS qualifications increased by less than 1 per cent.

Figure 5: Number of certificates in qualifications broken down into GCSE, A level and AS and qualifications other than GCSE and A level from 2008/09 to 2012/13



Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Note: 'Other' refers to qualifications other than GCSE and A level (see Table 32).

The main reason for the increase in total certificates over the past five years has been a 27 per cent increase in the number of certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level. The majority of this increase is due to new QCF qualifications and functional skills. The increase in certificates in qualifications in the preparation for life and work sector subject area accounts for 36 per cent of the increase in certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level.

Awarding organisation share of certificates

Figure 6 shows the trends in the total number of certificates for all qualifications for the 20 awarding organisations which reported the highest volume of certificates for 2011/12 to 2012/13. (Table 13 in the appendix shows the number of certificates for the period 2008/09 to 2012/13.) These organisations have awarded over 90 per cent of all certificates in the past five years.

The five largest awarding organisations by number of certificates – Pearson, AQA Education (AQA), OCR, City & Guilds of London Institute (City & Guilds) and WJEC-CBAC – have awarded over 75 per cent of certificates in each year, for the past five years. Among these five, OCR awarded fewer certificates in 2012/13 than in 2011/12 (13 per cent lower). Over the five-year period OCR awarded 16 per cent fewer. Over the same period Pearson had an increase in certificates of around 50 per cent.

Figure 6: The 20 awarding organisations with the most certificates in all qualifications from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Awarding organisation	Number of certificates		Percentage change
	2011/12	2012/13	
Pearson Education Ltd	4,658,400	4,957,300	6
AQA Education	3,701,900	3,778,900	2
OCR	2,702,300	2,361,900	-13
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,406,100	1,432,600	2
WJEC-CBAC	1,065,500	1,131,300	6
NCFE	313,300	455,500	45
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	300,800	309,800	3
National Open College Network	221,900	298,000	34
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	288,400	273,100	-5
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	215,500	215,600	0
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	146,800	187,800	28
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	159,000	170,900	7
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	146,500	123,900	-15
Trinity College London	124,000	123,200	-1
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	107,500	117,300	9
Cambridge International Examinations	35,500	110,200	>200
Cskills Awards	104,800	95,900	-8
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	72,500	91,600	26
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	81,800	88,000	8
Sports Leaders UK	84,400	84,400	0
Total	15,936,900	16,407,200	3

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Note: Pearson Education Ltd includes awards from Pearson EDI.

Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE) and Cambridge International Examinations are now in the 20 largest awarding organisations by number of certificates. CACHE had a significant increase in the number of certificates in qualifications relating to the knowledge and skills needed when working with children and young people. These qualifications were required by those taking Children and Young People's Apprenticeships.

Fourteen of the 20 largest awarding organisations by number of certificates reported an increase in the number of certificates between 2011/12 and 2012/13. Of these, NCFE had the largest increase in absolute terms (over 140,000 certificates; 45 per cent) with its qualification in Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of End of Life Care (QCF) showing the biggest increase. In addition NCFE's increase in certificates was also linked to a range of short vocational courses offered in schools.

Cambridge International Examinations had the largest percentage increase – growing by 210 per cent to 110,200. This increase has mainly come from their first language English qualification.

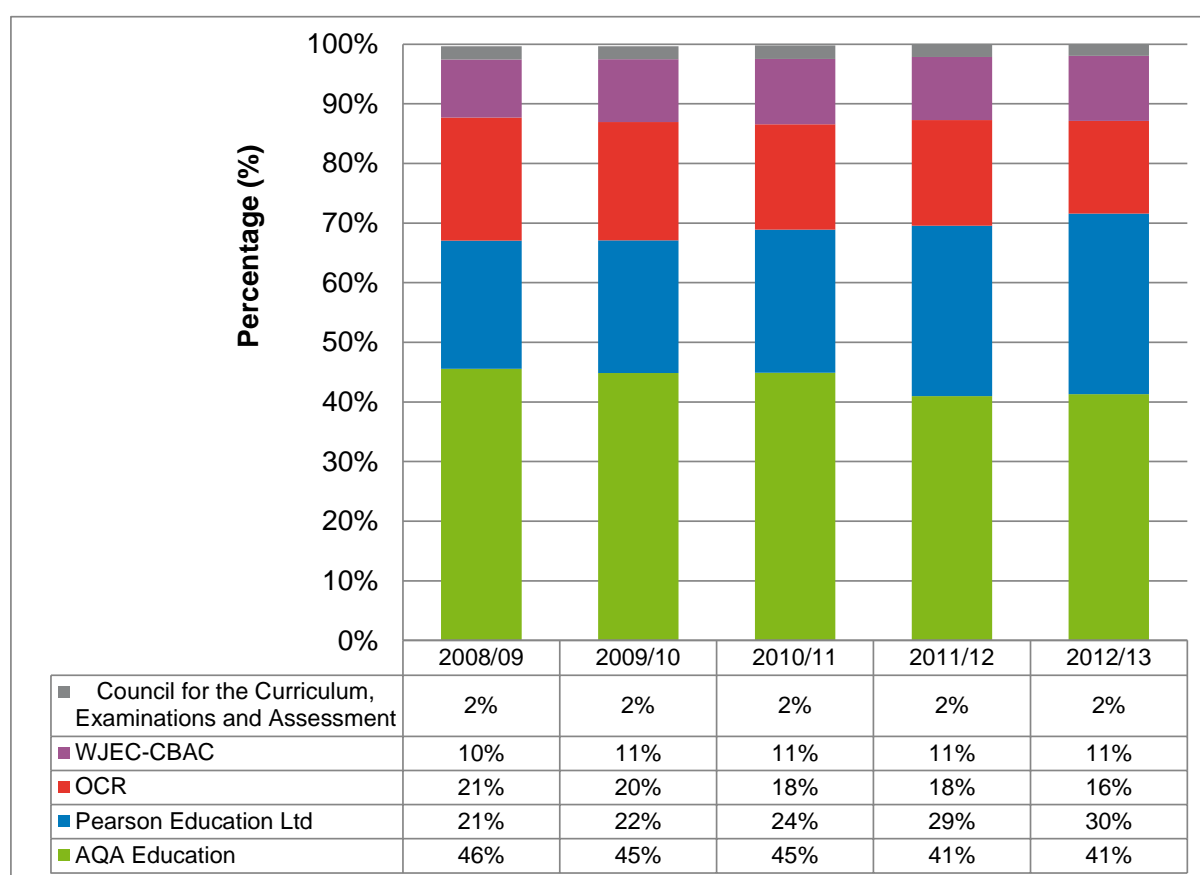
Six of the 20 largest awarding organisations by number of certificates reported a reduction in the number of certificates between 2011/12 and 2012/13. Of these four Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) had the biggest reduction of 15 per cent owing to issuing fewer certificates for key skills qualifications. The single largest contributor to this change was the reduction in certificates in its Level 2 Key Skills in Improving Own Learning and Performance qualification. Key skills qualifications were being phased out and increasingly replaced by functional skills qualifications. Functional skills qualifications are requirements of apprenticeship frameworks and replaced key skills qualifications from October 2012.

Of these 20 awarding organisations, Cambridge International Examinations and Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance (HABC) showed the largest percentage increase in the number of certificates between 2008/09 to 2012/13; whilst Cskills Awards showed the largest reduction. HABC's increase was mainly driven by a number of new qualifications that first awarded within the period. This included a Level 2 Award for Upskilling Door Supervisors and a Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (the latter gives students a licence to practise).

Certificates in GCSE qualifications

Figure 7 shows that the GCSE market has been relatively static. In 2012/13 the biggest annual change was a 1 per cent increase in market share for Pearson and a 2 per cent reduction for OCR. AQA had the highest market share over the entire period. The largest three organisations account for over 80 per cent of all certificates awarded. Note that ICAAE had a share too small (500 certificates in 2012/13) to appear on this graph.

Figure 7: GCSE certificate data split by awarding organisation from 2008/09 to 2012/13



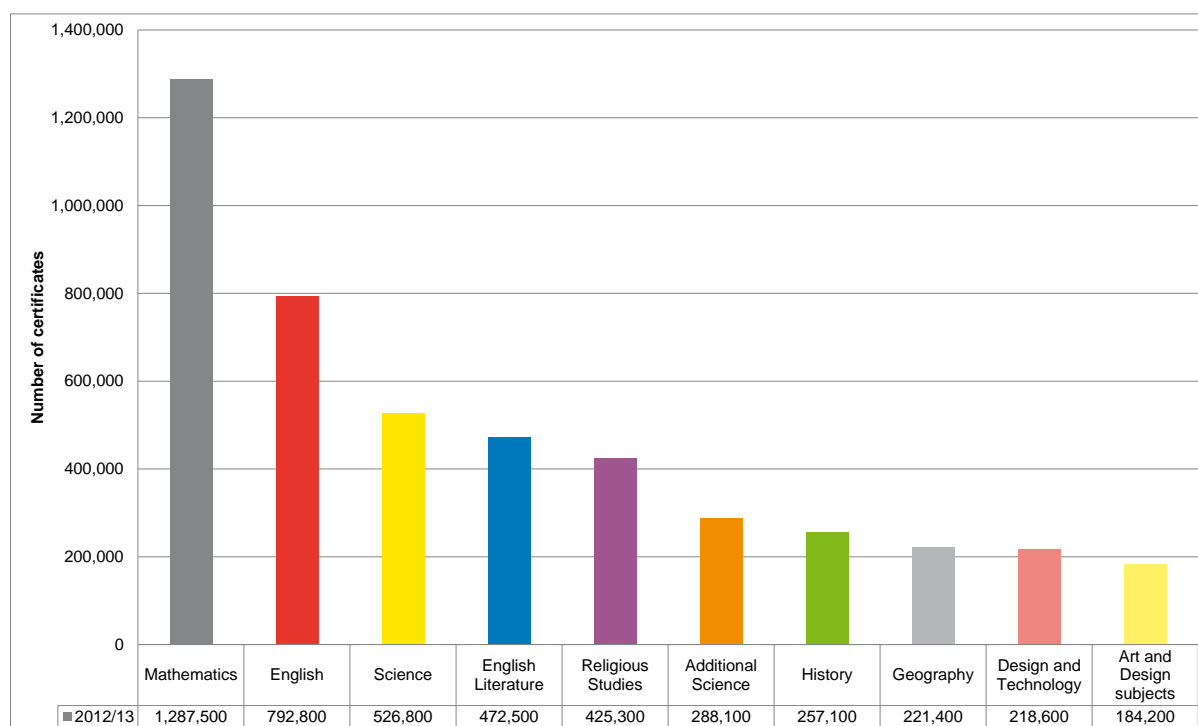
Source: JCQ data

Certificates in GCSE subjects

Figure 8 shows the distribution of certificates across different subjects for GCSE qualifications in 2012/13. The ten subjects with the highest number of certificates remained the same as in 2011/12. GCSEs in biology, French, chemistry and physics are the next subjects outside those in Figure 8. Certificates awarded in maths (1.3 million) were considerably higher than English (0.8 million) in 2012/13. This reflected

the extent of double entry in the summer of 2012/13 – 44 per cent in maths 11 per cent in English.¹¹

¹¹ Source: awarding organisations – Ofqual analysis

Figure 8: Distribution of GCSE certificates by subject for 2012/13

Source: JCQ data

Note: In 2012/13 there were 1.7m certificates in other GCSE subjects.

Total certificates in 2012/13 relative to 2008/09 are relatively static but this does not illustrate considerable variability at subject level. Of the ten largest subjects by number of certificates, there has been an increase in the number of certificates in maths, history, geography and art & design. Outside these ten subjects there has been increase in the number of certificates in biology, chemistry, physics and Spanish, reflecting the change in demand of subjects due to the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)¹² performance measure introduced by the government.

The distribution of GCSE qualifications across awarding organisations

Table 14 in the appendix highlights the variability of subject market shares between awarding organisations. AQA's market share in virtually all of its subjects in which it has certificates is in the top two by awarding organisation. The exceptions are health and social care and history. Pearson also has a significant proportion of its subjects

¹² The EBacc is a performance measure for schools. For more information see www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/qualifications/englishbac/a0075975/the-english-baccalaureate

in the top two, with nine exceptions which include English and English literature, science and additional science.

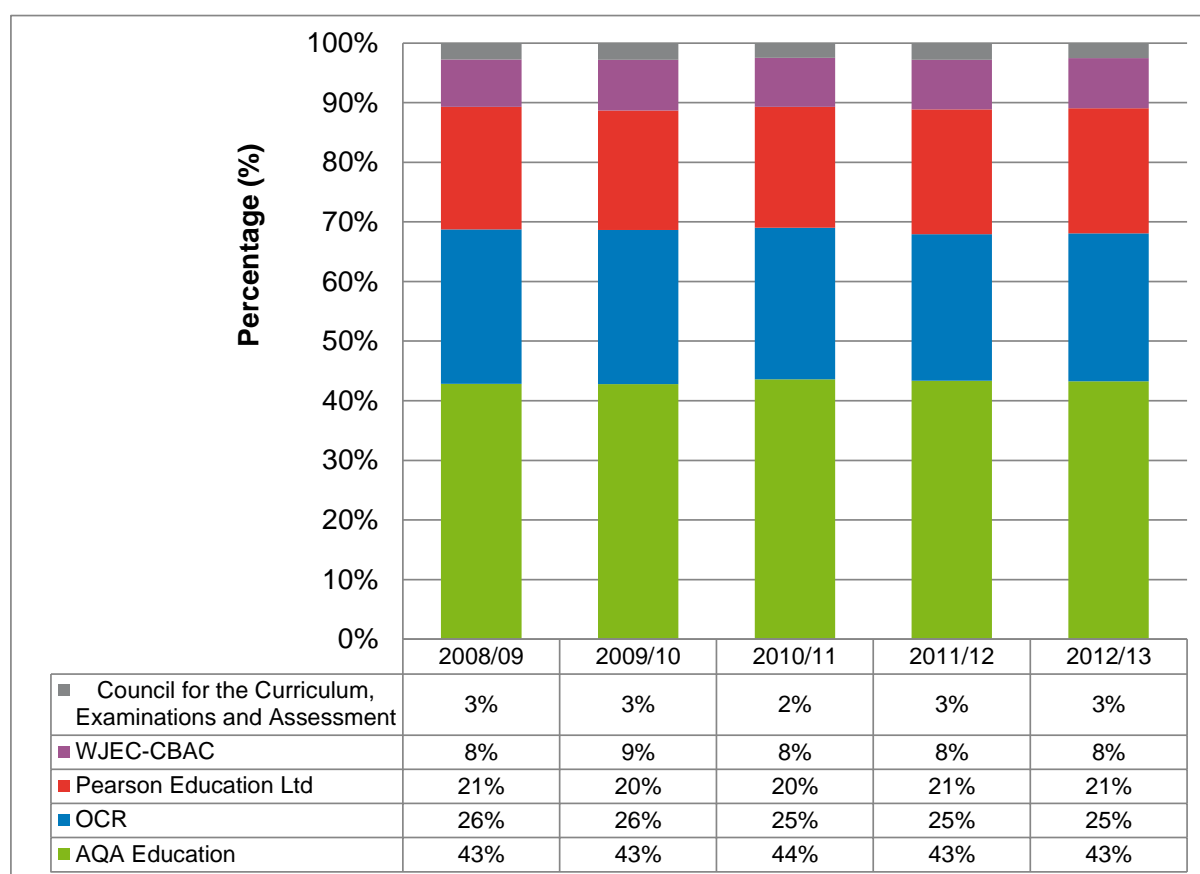
Some of the key changes between 2011/12 and 2012/13 are increased market shares for AQA in biology, chemistry, physics and additional science with reductions for OCR.

Certificates in A level and AS qualifications

A levels are currently¹³ made up of advanced subsidiary (AS) units and A2 units. This section shows data and trends in the distribution of certificates of AS and A levels across awarding organisations. It also highlights high-volume AS and A level qualifications for 2012/13.

Certificates at AS

Figure 9: AS certificate data split by awarding organisation from 2008/09 to 2012/13



Source: JCQ data

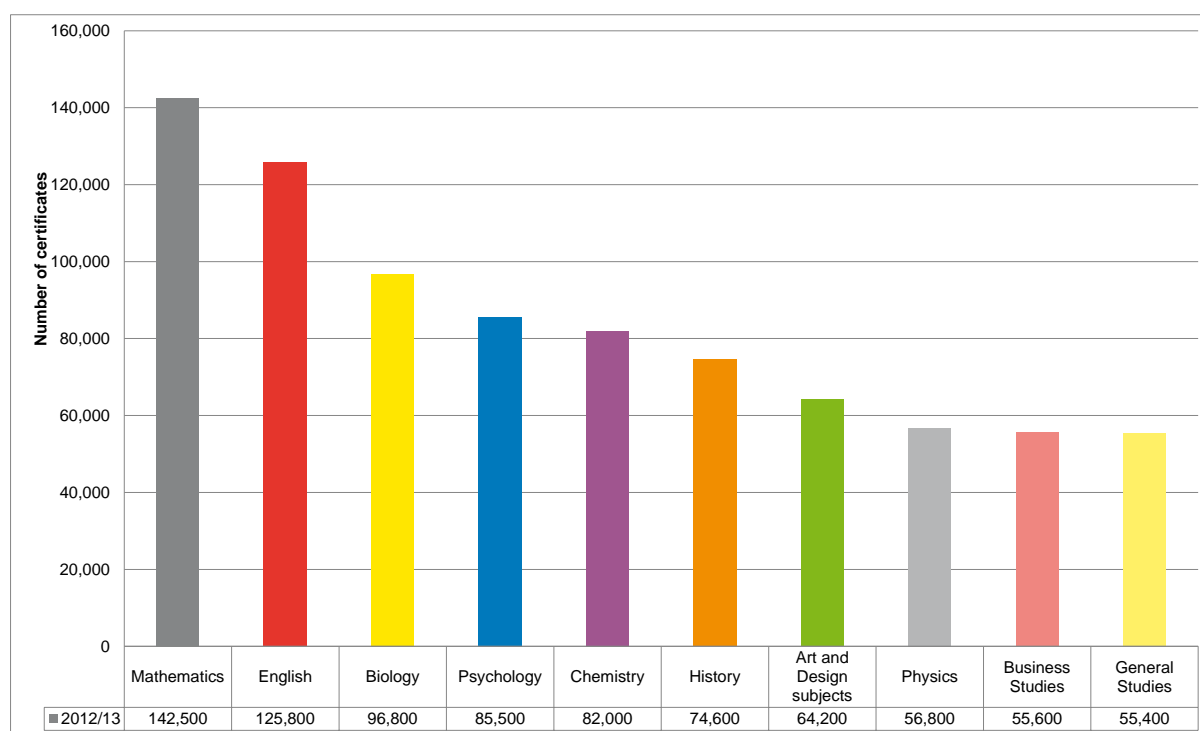
¹³ Under the A level reforms, AS qualifications will be standalone qualifications and will no longer contribute to A levels.

Figure 9 shows that changes in market share across awarding organisations over the period 2008/09 to 2012/13 have been negligible. AQA has the highest market share in 2012/13 at 43 per cent which is similar to the share it has in the GCSE market. The largest three organisations account for around 90 per cent of all certificates awarded.

Certificates in AS subjects

Figure 10 shows certificates by subject for AS qualifications in 2012/13. The ten largest subjects by number of certificates, and their rankings by certificate, are largely unchanged since last year. However, this year, certificates in physics were higher than those in business studies.

Figure 10: AS certificates by subject in 2012/13

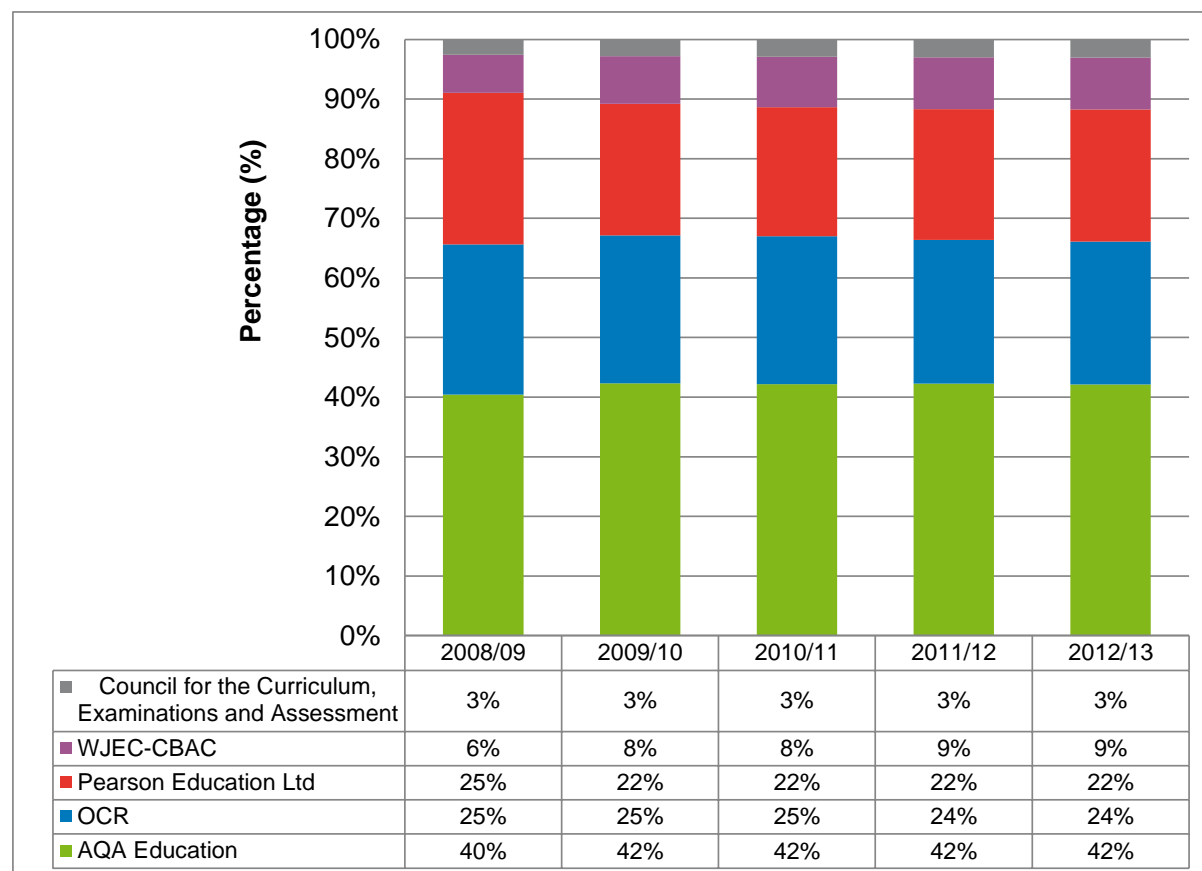


Source: JCQ data

Note: In 2012/13 there were 510,000 certificates in other AS subjects.

Certificates at A level

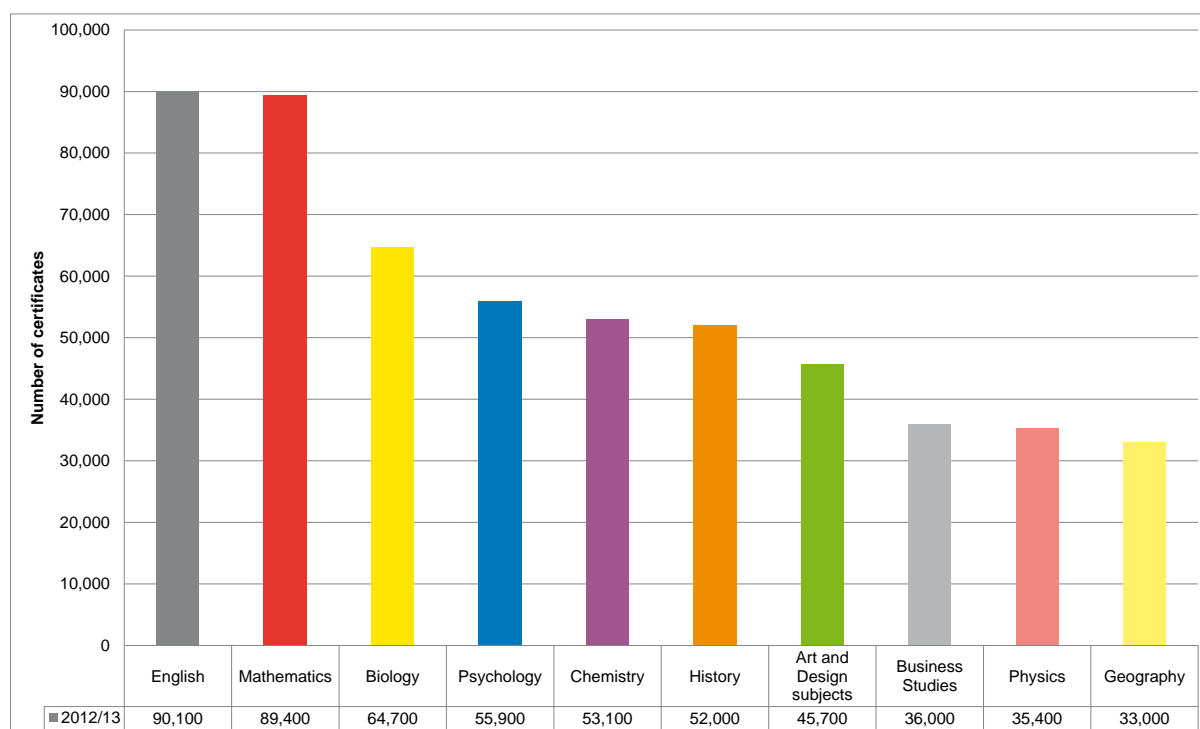
Figure 11 shows that changes in market share across awarding organisations over the period 2008/09 to 2012/13 have been negligible. AQA consistently awarded the largest proportion of certificates over the period with its market share in 2012/13 at 42 per cent.

Figure 11: A level certificate data split by awarding organisation from 2008/09 to 2012/13

Source: JCQ data

Certificates in A level subjects

Figure 12 shows certificates by subject for A level qualifications in 2012/13. The ten largest subjects by number of certificates, and their rankings by certificate, are largely unchanged since last year. However, this year certificates in chemistry were higher than those in history. The number of certificates in chemistry increased by 7 per cent in 2012/13: the biggest subject increase in these ten largest qualifications. Within these ten subjects the only decline in the number of certificates was in art & design and business studies.

Figure 12: A level certificates by subject in 2012/13

Source: JCQ data

Note: In 2012/13 there were 334,000 certificates in other A level subjects.

Certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level

This section shows certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level¹⁴ by sector skills area, by qualification level and qualification type.

Distribution of certificates for qualifications other than GCSE and A level by awarding organisations

Unlike A level, AS and GCSE, where the largest three organisations (AQA, Pearson and OCR) account for the majority of certificates, other qualifications are not as concentrated. This is due to the number of awarding organisations specialising in niche qualifications within few sectors.

¹⁴ A full list of qualifications other than GCSE and A level is at Table 32.

Figure 13: Distribution of certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level in 2012/13 (ten largest awarding organisations by number of certificates)

Awarding organisation	2011/12	2012/13	Percentage change
Pearson Education Ltd	2,429,200	2,548,900	5
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,406,100	1,432,600	2
OCR	1,072,800	821,300	-23
NCFE	313,300	455,500	45
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	300,800	309,800	3
National Open College Network	221,900	298,000	34
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	288,400	273,100	-5
WJEC-CBAC	225,400	244,600	9
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	146,800	187,800	28
AQA Education	233,500	186,700	-20
Others	2,236,500	2,508,900	12
Total	8,874,700	9,267,200	4

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Note: Pearson Education Ltd includes awards from Pearson EDI.

Figure 13 shows certificates by awarding organisation for 2012/13, and the change in the number of certificates between 2011/12 and 2012/13 for the ten awarding organisations with the highest number of certificates. Pearson has over a quarter of all certificates. OCR's share of certificates fell by 3 per cent last year. The largest ten organisations account for nearly three-quarters of all certificates.

NCFE and NOCN had significant increases in the number of certificates of 45 per cent and 34 per cent respectively. NCFE's increase was due to certificates in qualifications in two sector skills areas: Health, Public Services and Care, and Preparation for Life and Work. NOCN's increase in certificates resulted from qualifications in the preparation for life and work sector skills area. OCR had the biggest reduction in certificates (23 per cent) last year, and has reduced the number of qualifications it offers. The reduction was mainly in certificates of key skills, basic skills and OCR National in ICT qualifications which no longer attract funding.

In the last five years the total number of certificates increased from 7.3 million to 9.2 million (27 per cent). A key factor in this increase was the introduction of the QCF where certificates increased from 220,000 in 2008/09 to 6.2 million in 2012/13. Changes in the accountability framework that recognised certain vocational qualifications taken in schools for performance table purposes is also likely to have been a factor in driving the increase in certificates. Pearson has the highest number of certificates. The number of certificates it awarded over the period increased by over one million (72 per cent). Pearson accounted for 54 per cent of the increase in certificates, with increases in certificates in QCF qualifications being the largest factor. NCFE and NOCN have significant increases in the number of certificates awarded between 2008/09 and 2012/13 (134 per cent and 93 per cent respectively). The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) has seen the largest reduction over the five years.

Cambridge International Examinations (Cambridge International) is in the 20 largest awarding organisations by number of certificates this year whilst Skillsfirst Awards has dropped out. Cambridge International's increase is due to schools switching from GCSE qualifications to Level 1/2 qualifications (known as IGCSEs) and entering IGCSE as well as GCSE, particularly in English.

Certificates by sector skills area

Figure 14 shows the number of certificates by the 15 sector skills areas for 2011/12 to 2012/13. (Table 18 in the appendix shows the number of certificates for the period 2008/09 to 2012/13.)

Figure 14: Number of certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level in each sector skills area from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Sector subject area	Number of certificates		Percentage change	
	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013		
01 - Health, Public Services and Care	799,400	1,025,200	28	
02 - Science and Mathematics	227,400	280,800	23	
03 - Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	119,200	119,700	0	
04 - Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	420,600	441,000	5	
05 - Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	240,100	243,200	1	
06 - Information and Communication Technology	652,800	632,300	-3	
07 - Retail and Commercial Enterprise	787,900	754,200	-4	
08 - Leisure, Travel and Tourism	530,700	549,000	3	
09 - Arts, Media and Publishing	889,100	897,700	1	
10 - History, Philosophy and Theology	46,600	41,400	-11	
11 - Social Sciences	4,200	4,700	12	
12 - Languages, Literature and Culture	398,300	466,300	17	
13 - Education and Training	96,800	106,500	10	
14 - Preparation for Life and Work	3,013,000	3,006,400	0	
15 - Business, Administration, Finance and Law	648,600	698,900	8	
Total	8,874,700	9,267,200	4	

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

The preparation for life and work sector skills area continues to provide the highest volume in terms of certificates with over three million in 2012/13, representing just under one-third of all certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level. Seven of the 20 largest qualifications by number of certificates other than GCSE and A level come from this sector skills area. In 2012/13 there were nearly one million certificates in the QCF in this sector. Outside of the QCF, functional skills and key skills qualifications provided the most certificates in the sector.

Health, Public Services and Care is now the second largest sector, a 28 per cent increase in certificates last year meant it was the fastest growing sector. A number of new qualifications assessing first aid became available this year – offered by Qualsafe Awards (QA), First Aid Awards Ltd (FAA), HABC, and CIEH – and students have begun to receive certificates in these qualifications this year, which partially explains the recent growth.

Science and maths was the fastest growing sector over the five-year period, with nearly a threefold increase in certificates. The year on year increase in this sector was largely due to a greater number of certificates in Level 2 BTEC Applied Science qualifications and Level 1/Level 2 qualifications in Maths.

Distribution of certificates across awarding organisations by sector skills area for qualifications other than GCSE and A level

Although there are over 170 awarding organisations providing regulated qualifications, most of them do not provide qualifications across many sector skills areas.

Table 3 shows the distribution of 93 per cent of all certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level across the largest five awarding organisations by number of certificates in 2012/13 for each sector skills area.

Table 3: The five awarding organisations with the most certificates in each sector skills area in 2012/13

Sector subject area	Awarding organisation	Number of certificates	Percentage of certificates	% change from 2011/2012 to 2012/2013
01 - Health, public services and care	Pearson Education Ltd	306,250	30%	11
	NCFE	153,850	15%	99
	Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	115,750	11%	27
	City and Guilds of London Institute	103,700	10%	14
	Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	69,450	7%	25
02 - Science and Mathematics	Pearson Education Ltd	177,800	63%	21
	OCR	44,600	16%	-3
	AQA Education	43,550	16%	91
	Cambridge International Examinations	10,550	4%	100
	WJEC-CBAC	3,300	1%	-34
03 - Agriculture, horticulture and	City and Guilds of London Institute	64,400	54%	2
	Pearson Education Ltd	17,250	14%	4
	Equestrian Qualifications Limited	10,750	9%	-4
	Ascentis	9,350	8%	-30
	ABC Awards	4,850	4%	51
04 - Engineering and manufacturing	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	94,950	22%	11
	City and Guilds of London Institute	86,650	20%	-19
	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	81,150	18%	24
	Pearson Education Ltd	73,050	17%	8
	IMI Awards Ltd	47,600	11%	4
05 - Construction, planning and the	Cskills Awards	95,450	39%	-9
	City and Guilds of London Institute	89,750	37%	8
	Pearson Education Ltd	37,600	15%	-8
	Ascentis	10,050	4%	48
	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	2,950	1%	166
06 - Information and communication	OCR	296,300	47%	-17
	Pearson Education Ltd	166,850	26%	3
	BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	83,900	13%	8
	City and Guilds of London Institute	40,950	6%	0
	Ascentis	19,350	3%	794
07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	City and Guilds of London Institute	216,800	29%	8
	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	189,000	25%	-4
	Pearson Education Ltd	138,850	18%	14
	Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	50,400	7%	13
	VTCT	50,050	7%	-1
08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	Pearson Education Ltd	204,450	37%	2
	Sports Leaders UK	84,200	15%	0
	1st4sport Qualifications	61,600	11%	0
	Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	45,700	8%	44
	Central YMCA Qualifications	30,250	6%	5
09 - Arts, media and publishing	Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	273,050	30%	-5
	Pearson Education Ltd	220,900	25%	1
	Trinity College London	89,900	10%	8
	Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	56,350	6%	-8
	LAMDA	54,450	6%	0
10 - History, philosophy and theology	National Open College Network	29,050	70%	-11
	OCR	5,050	12%	-20
	Cambridge International Examinations	3,500	8%	12
	AQA Education	2,900	7%	-3
	Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	650	2%	-19
11 - Social sciences	Cambridge International Examinations	2,350	50%	24
	AQA Education	1,550	33%	106
	OCR	300	6%	44
	Signature	300	6%	-38
	WJEC-CBAC	200	4%	-78
12 - Languages, literature and culture	University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	133,900	31%	6
	OCR	109,100	25%	-17
	Cambridge International Examinations	59,650	14%	425
	AQA Education	54,050	12%	4
	Pearson Education Ltd	21,300	5%	339
13 - Education and training	City and Guilds of London Institute	33,900	32%	-2
	Pearson Education Ltd	20,000	19%	5
	Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	13,450	13%	20
	OCR	11,750	11%	1
	NCFE	7,900	7%	50
14 - Preparation for life and work	Pearson Education Ltd	890,000	30%	-1
	City and Guilds of London Institute	675,650	22%	1
	WJEC-CBAC	228,250	8%	14
	OCR	226,350	8%	-40
	NCFE	224,000	7%	31
15 - Business, administration, finance	Pearson Education Ltd	274,600	39%	8
	OCR	82,450	12%	-12
	City and Guilds of London Institute	74,000	11%	22
	Institute of Leadership & Management	40,150	6%	1
	Association of Accounting Technicians	36,200	5%	9

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Note: Pearson Education Ltd includes awards from Pearson EDI.

Only three awarding organisations appear in more than half of the 15 sector skills areas in Table 3. Pearson appears in 13, City & Guilds in 9 and OCR in 8.

In each sector skills area, the three largest awarding organisations by number of certificates account for more than 50 per cent of certificates. In three sector skills areas, the two largest awarding organisations account for 90 per cent or more of the certificates. The two largest awarding organisations by number of certificates account for 50 per cent or more of the certificates in 13 sector skills areas, and over 80 per cent in two sector skills areas. In eight of the sector skills areas, the most dominant awarding organisation awarded over one-third of certificates, and over 50 per cent in four.

Figure 15: The number of awarding organisations and certificates in each sector skills area in 2012/13

Sector subject area	certificates	No. of awarding organisations	No. of awarding organisations with certificates	Change in number with certificates 2011/12 to 2012/13
01 - Health, public services and care	1,025,200	82	59	↓
02 - Science and mathematics	280,600	19	9	—
03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	119,700	35	22	↑
04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	441,000	62	42	↑
05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	243,200	33	26	↑
06 - Information and communication technology	632,200	38	25	↑
07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	754,200	71	48	↑
08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	549,000	51	41	↑
09 - Arts, media and publishing	897,700	40	33	↑
10 - History, philosophy and theology	41,400	12	10	↑
11 - Social sciences	4,700	12	7	↑
12 - Languages, literature and culture	436,500	27	16	↑
13 - Education and training	106,500	73	52	↑
14 - Preparation for life and work	3,006,100	75	56	↑
15 - Business, administration, finance and law	698,900	95	70	↑

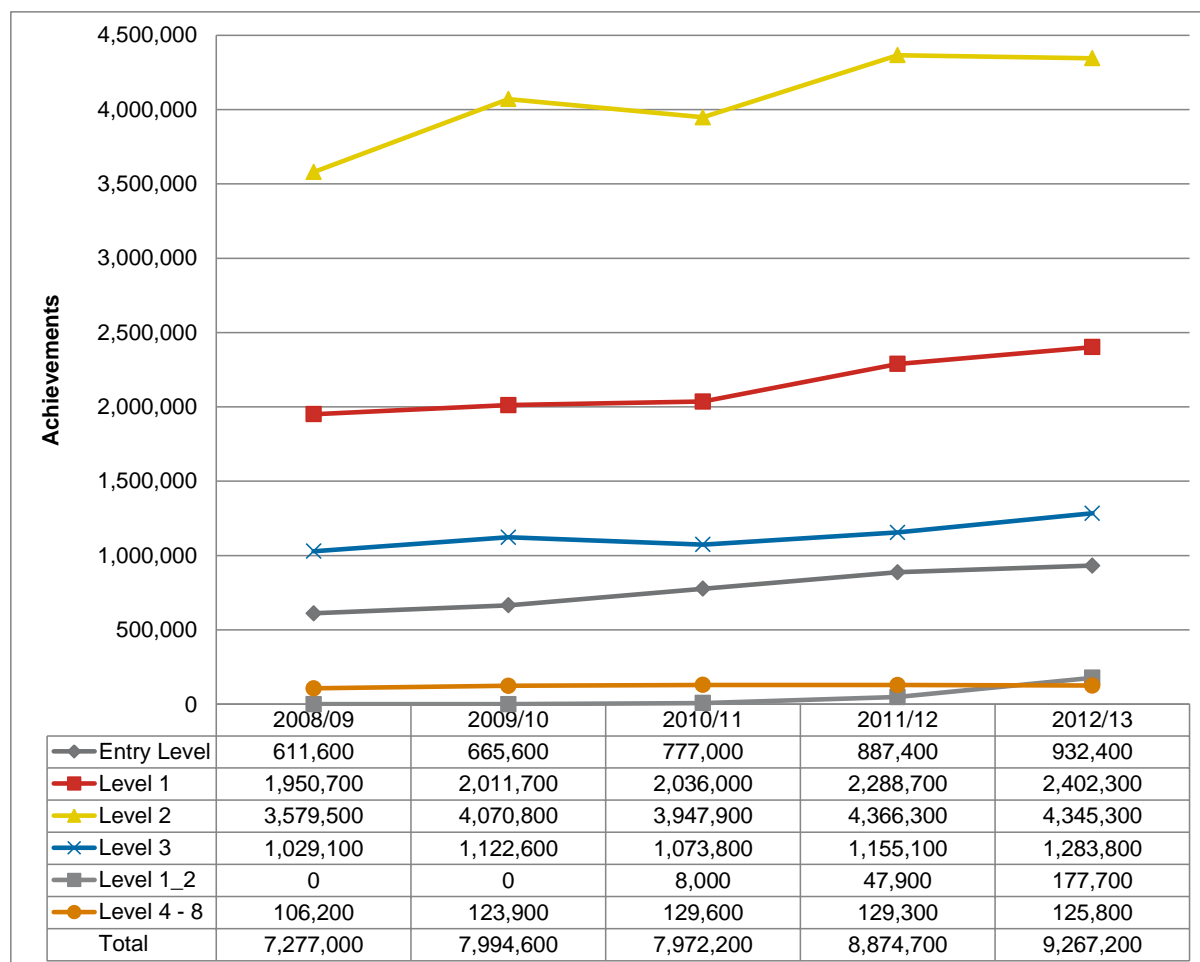
Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

The business, administration, finance and law sector skills area has the greatest number of awarding organisations with certificates. There are 56 awarding organisations with certificates in the preparation for life and work sector skills area which is the largest sector skills area by certificates.

Certificates by qualification level

This section compares qualification certificates across qualification levels. Qualification levels are explained on Ofqual's website.¹⁵

¹⁵ Level comparisons can be found at www.ofqual.gov.uk/help-and-advice/comparing-qualifications

Figure 16: Number of certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level by level from 2008/09 to 2012/13

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Level 2 qualification certificates account for 47 per cent of all certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level. The number of certificates awarded in Level 1_2 qualifications (known as Level 1/2 Certificates or IGCSEs), which are taken as an alternative to GCSEs, increased by nearly 300 per cent last year.

Certificates by qualification type

A list of the different types of qualifications other than GCSE and A level can be found in Table 32, and a definition is in the glossary of terms. Figure 17 shows the certificates for all qualifications other than GCSE and A level by type. Table 19 in the appendix shows the number of certificates for the period 2008/09 to 2012/13.

Figure 17: Number of certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level by qualification type from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Qualification type	Number of certificates		Percentage change	
	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013		
Advanced Extension Award	400	300	-25	
Basic Skills	512,900	101,800	-80	
Diploma	10,900	2,800	-74	
English for Speakers of Other Languages	275,900	287,600	4	
Entry Level	114,700	102,500	-11	
Free Standing Mathematics Qualification	22,900	23,100	1	
Functional Skills	664,700	864,600	30	
Higher Level	16,800	7,600	-55	
Key Skills	659,200	545,600	-17	
National Vocational Qualification	128,800	28,700	-78	
Occupational Qualification	4,600	600	-87	
Other General Qualification	536,700	668,900	25	
Principal Learning	17,200	5,200	-70	
Project	49,800	43,900	-12	
QCF	5,283,300	6,235,800	18	
Vocationally-Related Qualification	575,800	348,200	-40	
Total	8,874,700	9,267,200	4	

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

The significant upward trend has continued in both the number of QCF qualifications, and certificates in those qualifications, since many awarding organisations have revised their qualifications in the NQF¹⁶ to meet the requirements of the QCF¹⁷. The focus of the Skills Funding Agency since August 2010 to fund vocational qualifications in the QCF has been a major influence in this trend. Certificates in QCF qualifications account for over two-thirds of all certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level. Functional skills qualifications is the largest qualification type in the NQF by certificates. Their increased demand reflects the change in funding that has also led to the decrease in basic skills and key skills qualification certificates.

¹⁶ More information on qualification frameworks can be found at: www.ofqual.gov.uk/qualifications-and-assessments/qualification-frameworks

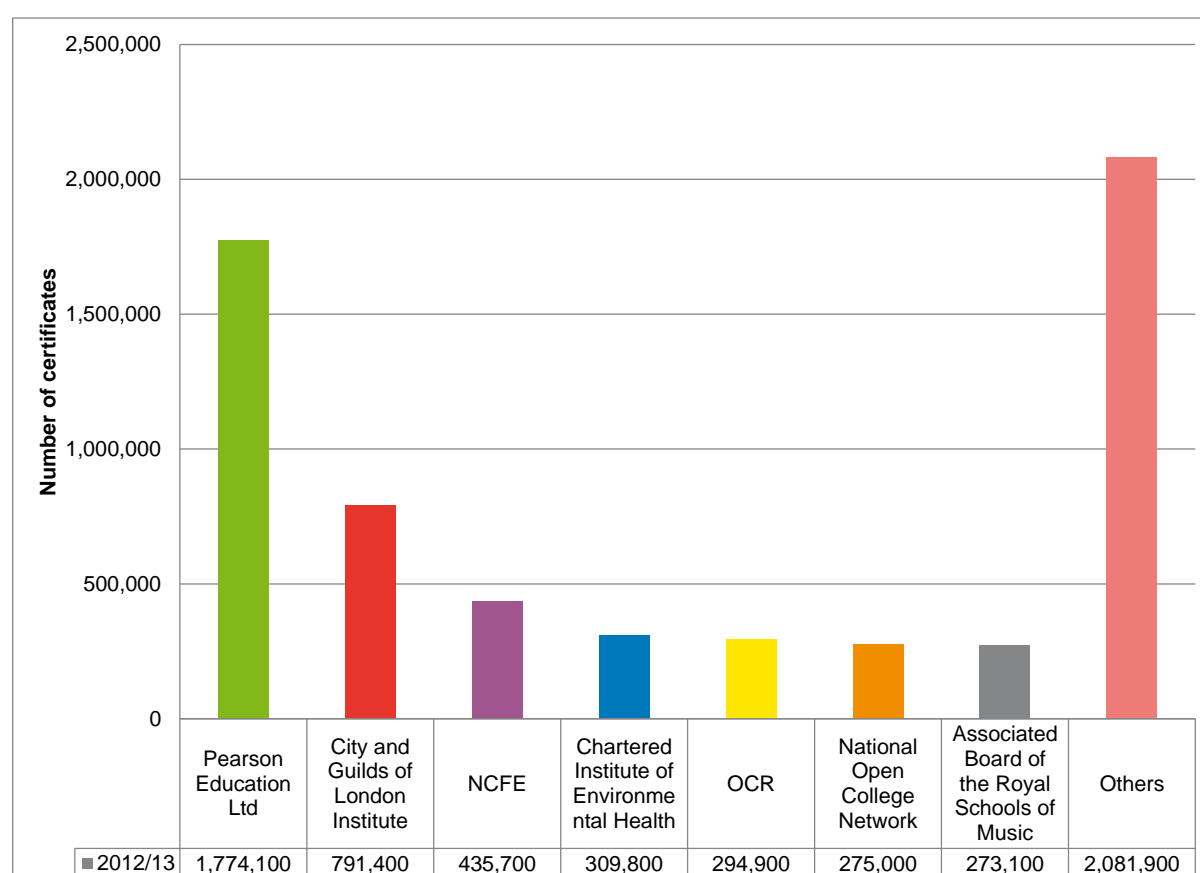
¹⁷ Ofqual issued a consultation paper on reform to the QCF on 24th July 2014 which can be found at: <http://comment.ofqual.gov.uk/removing-regulatory-arrangements-for-the-qcf>

Certificates in qualifications within the QCF

Distribution of certificates in qualifications within the QCF by awarding organisations

Figure 18 shows the distribution of certificates across the awarding organisations for 2012/13.

Figure 18: Certificates in the QCF by awarding organisation, showing the seven awarding organisations with the most certificates in 2012/13



Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Note: Pearson Education Ltd includes awards from Pearson EDI.

The QCF accounts for over two-thirds of certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level. The seven largest awarding organisations by number of certificates account for 67 per cent of certificates, a slight increase from 63 per cent last year.

Figure 19: The seven largest awarding organisations by QCF qualification certificates from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Awarding organisation	October - September 2012	October - September 2013	Percentage change	
Pearson Education Ltd	1,531,300	1,774,100	16	
City and Guilds of London Institute	626,700	791,400	26	
NCFE	273,200	435,700	59	
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	300,800	309,800	3	
OCR	287,900	294,900	2	
National Open College Network	198,300	275,000	39	
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	288,400	273,100	-5	
Others	1,776,800	2,081,900	17	
Total	5,283,300	6,235,800	18	

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Whilst the number of certificates in QCF qualifications increased in 2012/13, the increase was smaller than the year before. Certificates increased by 18 per cent from 5.3 million in 2011/12 to 6.2 million in 2012/13. Table 20 in the appendix shows the number of certificates for the period 2008/09 to 2012/13 and shows that Pearson had an increase of nearly 1.8 million certificates over the last five years (28 per cent of the total increase).

Number of certificates in the QCF by sector skills area

Figure 20 shows the number of qualification certificates within each of the 15 sector skills areas for 2011/12 and 2012/13. Table 21 in the appendix shows the number of certificates for the period 2008/09 to 2012/13.

Figure 20: Number of certificates in the QCF by sector skills area from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Sector subject area	October - September 2012	October - September 2013	Percentage change	
01 - Health, Public Services and Care	689,800	982,000	42	
02 - Science and Mathematics	128,100	156,500	22	
03 - Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	106,800	112,400	5	
04 - Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	309,100	397,800	29	
05 - Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	201,300	230,800	15	
06 - Information and Communication Technology	257,400	321,500	25	
07 - Retail and Commercial Enterprise	759,400	751,200	-1	
08 - Leisure, Travel and Tourism	481,800	526,300	9	
09 - Arts, Media and Publishing	861,800	887,000	3	
10 - History, Philosophy and Theology	32,600	29,000	-11	
11 - Social Sciences	500	300	-40	
12 - Languages, Literature and Culture	88,800	75,000	-16	
13 - Education and Training	87,300	103,900	19	
14 - Preparation for Life and Work	674,100	985,200	46	
15 - Business, Administration, Finance and Law	604,600	676,800	12	

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Although certificates increased in nearly all sector skills areas, some were at much faster rates than others. Preparation for life and work is now the largest sector skills area in the QCF, increasing by over 300,000 certificates (an increase of 46 per cent) in the last year.

Number of certificates in the QCF by level

Figure 21 shows certificates by level within the QCF framework for 2011/12 and 2012/13. It shows that there were increases in the number of certificates awarded in all levels of qualifications, with over half of the certificates at Level 2 last year. (Table 22 in the appendix show the number of certificates for the period 2008/09 to 2012/13).

Figure 21: Number of qualification certificates in the QCF by NQF Level from 2011/12 to 2012/13

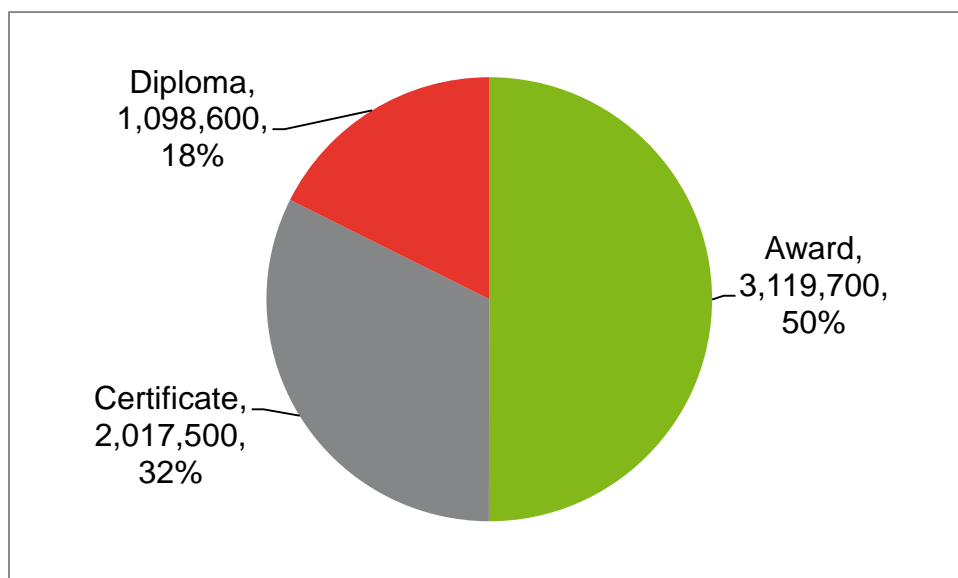
Level	October - September	Percentage	October - September	Percentage
	2012	2012	2013	2013
Entry Level	321,300	6.1	395,500	6.3
Level 1	1,271,100	24.1	1,543,800	24.8
Level 2	2,776,100	52.5	3,150,400	50.5
Level 3	811,900	15.4	1,030,900	16.5
Level 4 - 8	103,000	1.9	115,300	1.8
Total	5,283,300		6,235,800	

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

QCF certificates by size: award, certificate and diploma

Qualifications that use the QCF rules are made up of units. Each unit has a credit value which tells you how many credits are awarded when a unit is completed. Units build up to qualifications. There are three different types of qualification in the QCF: award, certificate and Diploma. You can achieve an Award with 1 to 12 credits; for a Certificate you will need 13 to 36 credits and for a Diploma you will need at least 37 credits. Figure 22 shows the distribution across these types of qualification.

Figure 22: Number of qualification certificates in the QCF by type of qualification in 2012/13



Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Award level remains the most commonly achieved qualification. This can be used as a stepping stone to a larger qualification. The proportions remain largely unchanged from last year.

The 20 largest QCF qualifications by certificates

The CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety and Catering remains the QCF qualification with the most certificates. All except one of the 20 largest qualifications are at either Level 1 or 2. This can be seen in Figure 49 in the appendix. NCFE's Level 1 Award in Learning to Learn was a 'new entry' to the 20 largest qualifications this year. The ten largest QCF qualifications by number of certificates also appear in the list of 20 largest qualifications other than GCSE and A level earlier in the report (Figure 48 in the appendix).

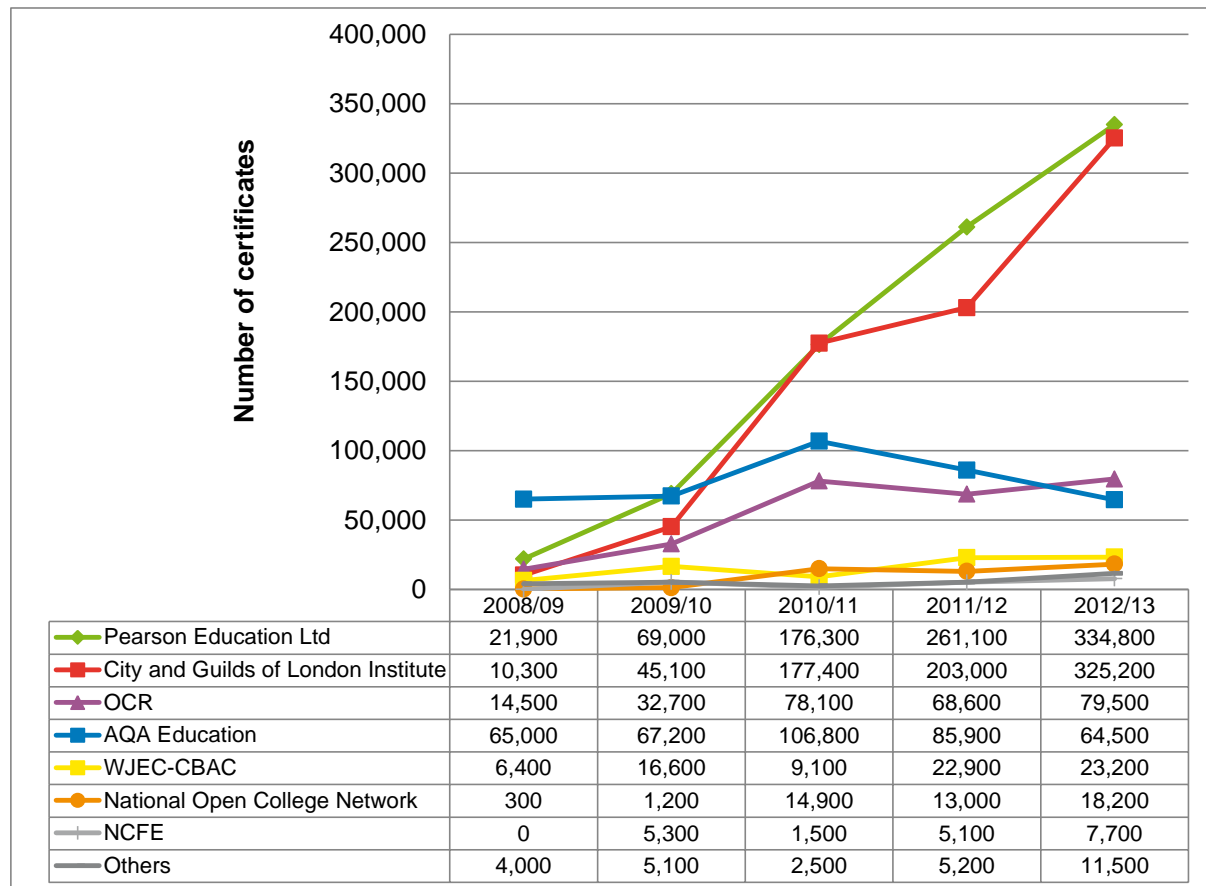
Certificates in functional skills qualifications

Functional skills qualifications assess the practical skills that allow people to use English, maths, and information and communication technology (ICT) in real-life contexts, and are currently included in apprenticeship frameworks.

There are 16 awarding organisations that awarded certificates in functional skills in 2012/13. Pearson and City & Guilds awarded three-quarters of all functional skills certificates last year.

Figure 23 shows the increase in the number of certificates awarded in functional skills qualifications over the past five years. Certificates before the 2010/11 academic year were for pilot functional skills qualifications.

Figure 23: Certificates for the seven largest functional skills awarding organisations from 2008/09 to 2012/13



Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Note: Pearson Education Ltd includes awards from Pearson EDI.

Certificates in both Pearson and City & Guilds functional skills qualifications have increased by over 300,000 since 2008/09.

Demand for qualifications: participation in education and training

The demand for qualifications comes from those who use them: namely students, parents, employers, and further and higher education institutions. Although demand originates with these users, the immediate purchasers of qualifications are generally schools, colleges and independent training providers who offer qualifications as part of the learning package they provide to their students.

This section explores the level of participation in education and training provided by schools, colleges and independent training providers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Participation in education

This part of the report looks at the trends in participation in education for those students taking qualifications up to the age of 18. There are many factors influencing the level of participation. Some examples are government policy, such as increasing the level of post-16 education by raising the participation age, increased employer demand for particular skills and qualifications, cohort sizes influenced by birth rates, and the costs of studying for qualifications.

Although there is a link between the level of participation in education and training and the number of qualifications achieved, this may not be proportionate to the participation rate since the number of qualifications an individual takes can vary. Changes in the demand for different types and size of qualifications, as well as access to funding may influence choices by students, schools, colleges and employers.

16-18 participation in England

The Department for Education (DfE) collects data for participation rates in England. It includes the three years of education and training after the age of 16 which the state funds. It includes students who are studying for degrees, although they are not included in any qualification data since Ofqual does not regulate degrees.

Figure 24 shows the number of 16- to 18-year-olds in education and training in 2011 and 2012. (Table 23 in the appendix shows the participation numbers for the period 2007 to 2012.) The estimates relate to a snapshot of activities at the end of the calendar year, and are based on academic age, defined as 'age at the start of the academic year'.

Figure 24: Number of 16- to 18-year-olds participating in education and training in England in 2011 and 2012

	Number of students at end of calendar year		Percentage change	
	2011*	2012		
Full-time education	1,362,400	1,349,500	-1	
Work Based Learning (WBL)	110,200	111,300	1	
Employer Funded Training (EFT)	68,300	74,400	9	
Other Education and Training (OET) ¹	113,600	110,800	-2	
Total Education and training ²	1,653,900	1,645,300	-1	
Not in any education or training - in employment	134,500	141,100	5	
Not in any education, employment or training (NEET)	193,000	181,400	-6	
Population	1,981,400	1,967,800	-1	

Source: DfE SFR 18/2014¹⁸

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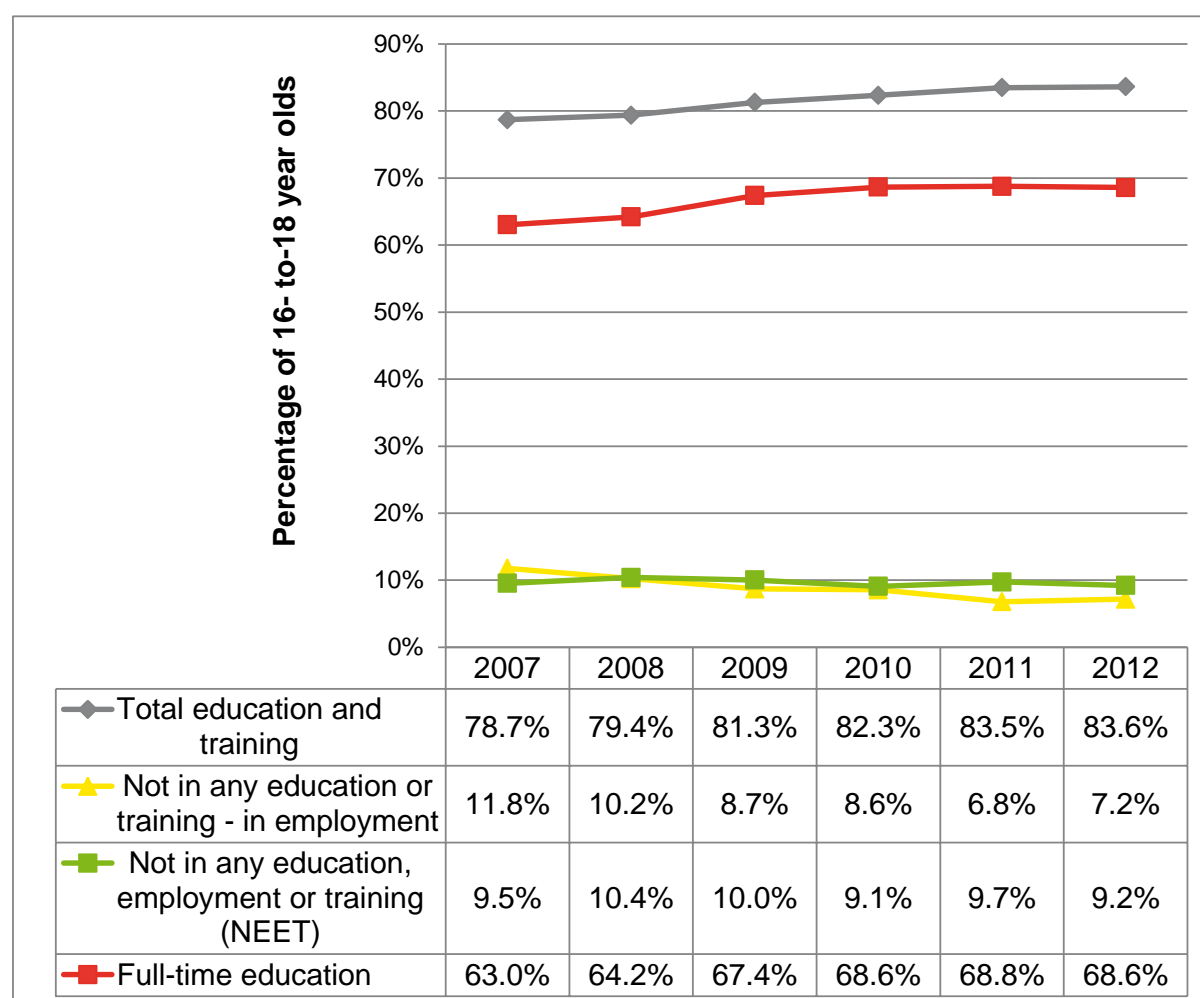
1. Includes part-time education not funded by employers or through WBL; also full- or part-time education in independent FE and HE institutions.
2. Total of all full-time education and WBL (less WBL in full-time education) plus EFT and OET.

* Revised – final figures

The fall of 1 per cent in the number of students in full-time education in 2012 was slightly larger than the fall in population of 0.7 per cent, due to changes in the number of students in employment and employer-funded training. There was a change in trend in the number of 16- to 18-year olds in employment, with an increase of 5 per cent in 2012, against a fall of 32 per cent over between 2008 and 2012. Employer-funded training increased by 9 per cent in 2012, against a fall of 10 per cent between 2008 to 2012.

Figure 25 shows the participation rate of 16- to 18-year-olds in education and training in England.

¹⁸ www.gov.uk/government/publications/participation-in-education-training-and-employment-age-16-to-18

Figure 25: Percentage of 16- to 18-year-olds in education and training in England

Source: DfE SFR 18/2014

Figure 25 shows a slight increase in the participation rate for 16- to 18-year olds in education and training. The annual increase in 2012 was smaller than in each of the years from 2007. DfE states the fall in full-time education was driven mainly by a large fall at age 18 (-4.3 per cent), most of which was due to lower participation in higher education institutions.

Participation by gender

DfE collects data that allows a comparison of participation by gender

Figure 26: Number of 16- to 18-year-old females and males participating in education in England in 2011 and 2012**Females**

End of calendar year	Number of students at end of calendar		Percentage change	
	2011*	2012		
Full-time education	690,800	683,000	-1	
Total Education and training	816,500	810,800	-1	
Not in any education, employment or training (NEET)	86,300	79,800	-8	
Population	965,400	956,500	-1	

Males

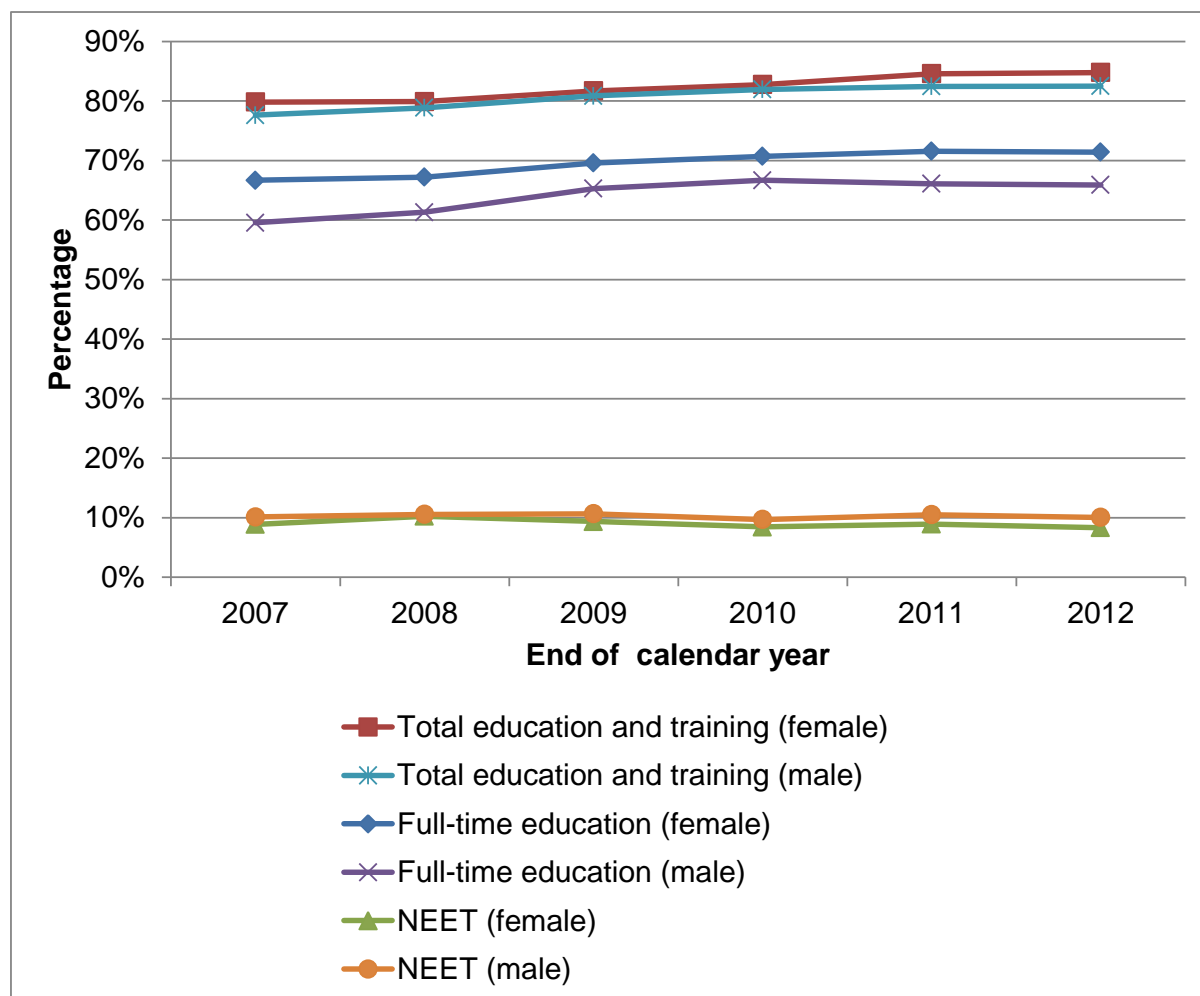
End of calendar year	Number of students at end of calendar		Percentage change	
	2011*	2012		
Full-time education	671,600	666,500	-1	
Total Education and training	837,700	834,500	0	
Not in any education, employment or training (NEET)	106,700	101,600	-5	
Population	1,016,000	1,011,400	0	

Source: DfE SFR 18/2014

*Revised - final figures

In 2012, for the second consecutive year, the fall in full-time male participation of 0.8 per cent was larger than the fall in cohort (0.5 per cent). The fall in full-time female participation at 1.1 per cent was slightly larger than the cohort fall of 0.9 per cent. The fall in students who are not in any education, employment or training (NEET) was larger for females (7.5 per cent) than for males (4.8 per cent) in 2012. (Table 24 in the appendix shows the participation numbers for the period 2007 to 2012).

Figure 27 shows the trend in participation rates of 16- to 18-year-olds in England by gender.

Figure 27: Percentage of 16- to 18-year-olds participating in education and training in England

Source: DfE SFR 18/2014

There are more females than males in full-time education and the gap remained the same at 5.5 per cent in 2012. This gap has narrowed from 7.1 per cent in 2007. The gap in NEETs remains at 1.7 per cent more males than females.

Attainment by 19-year-olds

DfE also collects data on the attainment of 19-year-olds to Level 2 and Level 3, based on those who were in the state sector at academic age 15. Table 4 shows the percentage of 19-year-olds in England qualified to Level 2 or higher by qualification type and cohort.

Table 4: Percentage of 19-year-olds in England qualified to Level 2 attainment¹⁹ or higher, by qualification type and cohort

Cohort (19 in...)	Number in cohort	Percentage achieving Level 2 by 16; all qualifications	Percentage achieving Level 2 post-16, by qualification type:						Number with a Level 2 by age 19	Percentage achieving a Level 2 by age 19**
			5 GCSEs	Apprenticeship*	Vocational qualification outside of Apprenticeship	GNVQs or a combination of GNVQs and GCSEs	Level 3 qualifications	Combination of qualifications		
2004	614,564	49.6	1.4	3.0	5.2	3.5	3.7	0.3	410,141	66.7
2005	618,397	50.4	1.4	3.7	6.5	3.2	3.8	0.3	428,018	69.2
2006	633,117	52.2	1.3	4.1	7.3	2.5	3.4	0.2	450,449	71.1
2007	653,657	53.0	1.5	4.4	9.5	1.9	3.1	0.2	480,898	73.6
2008	647,457	55.3	1.4	4.2	11.0	1.2	3.1	0.2	494,314	76.3
2009	658,408	57.5	1.5	4.0	12.2	0.5	2.8	0.1	517,722	78.6
2010	665,139	58.9	1.4	4.1	13.2	-	3.2	0.1	538,869	81.0
2011	661,689	61.0	1.5	4.0	13.1	-	3.7	0.2	551,793	83.4
2012	640,619	64.0	1.5	3.7	12.0	-	3.8	0.2	545,371	85.1
2013	640,930	67.2	1.3	2.9	10.6	-	4.0	0.2	552,473	86.2

Source: DfE SFR 10/2014²⁰

* The Apprenticeship figures include those achieving a full Level 2 qualification while on an apprenticeship framework (not necessarily completing the framework) and may also include some cases where qualifications have been achieved on other Work Based Learning/Employer Responsive routes.

** Due to independent rounding, the sum of the different qualification types may not equal the total percentage achieving Level 2 by age 19.

These qualification type figures are based on the qualifications held at 19 prioritised in the order shown in the tables, rather than strictly the first qualification achieved that meets the Level 2/3 threshold.

¹⁹ Level 2 attainment equates to certificate of five or more GCSEs at grades A*– C or equivalent.

²⁰ www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-attainment-at-19-years

Table 4 shows the rise in the proportion of students attaining Level 2 or higher by age 19 was driven by the rise in attainment by age 16, up 3.2 per cent between 2012 and 2013. The proportion of students attaining Level 2 by taking vocational qualifications continued to fall, whether that was outside of apprenticeships (from 12 to 10.6 per cent) or within apprenticeships (from 3.7 to 2.9 per cent).

Table 5 shows the percentage of 19-year-olds qualified to Level 3 or higher by qualification type and cohort in England.

Table 5: Percentage of 19-year-olds qualified to Level 3 attainment,²¹ by qualification type and cohort in England

Cohort (19 in...)	Number in cohort	Qualification Type attained					Number with a Level 3 by age 19**	Percentage achieving a Level 3 by age 19**
		A levels, Applied A levels	AS	Advanced Apprenticeship*	Vocational qualification outside of Apprenticeship	International Baccalaureate		
2004	614,564	37.1	1.5	0.5	3.0	x	259,304	42.2
2005	618,397	37.0	1.5	0.7	6.4	0.0	282,247	45.6
2006	633,117	36.4	1.5	1.0	7.7	0.2	296,818	46.9
2007	653,657	35.9	1.6	1.0	9.4	0.3	315,089	48.2
2008	647,457	35.2	1.7	1.1	11.5	0.3	322,148	49.8
2009	658,408	35.7	1.7	1.2	12.5	0.3	338,443	51.4
2010	665,139	36.0	1.6	1.5	14.3	0.5	358,584	53.9
2011	661,689	37.2	1.6	1.7	15.3	0.5	374,331	56.6
2012	640,619	37.7	1.6	1.9	16.0	0.6	371,416	58.0
2013	640,930	38.0	1.7	1.6	17.0	0.6	378,569	59.1

Source: DfE SFR 10/2014²²

* The Apprenticeship figures include those achieving a full Level 3 qualification while on an apprenticeship framework (not necessarily completing the framework) and may also include some cases where qualifications have been achieved on other Work Base Learning/Employer Responsive routes.

** Includes a small number of individuals achieving via a combination of qualifications. Due to this and independent rounding, the sum of the different qualification types may not equal the total achieving Level 3 by age 19.

These qualification type figures are based on the qualifications held at 19 prioritised in the following order, A levels, IB, AS, Advanced Apprenticeship, vocational qualification outside of apprenticeship, rather than strictly the first qualification achieved that meets the Level 3 threshold.

²¹ Level 3 attainment equates to a certificate of two or more A levels or equivalent.

²² www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-attainment-at-19-years

The previous table highlights the trend of a greater proportion of students achieving Level 3 attainment by age 19. Vocational qualifications outside apprenticeships accounted for 17 per cent of Level 3 attainment by 2013—a notable increase from 3 per cent in 2004.

16-18 participation in Wales

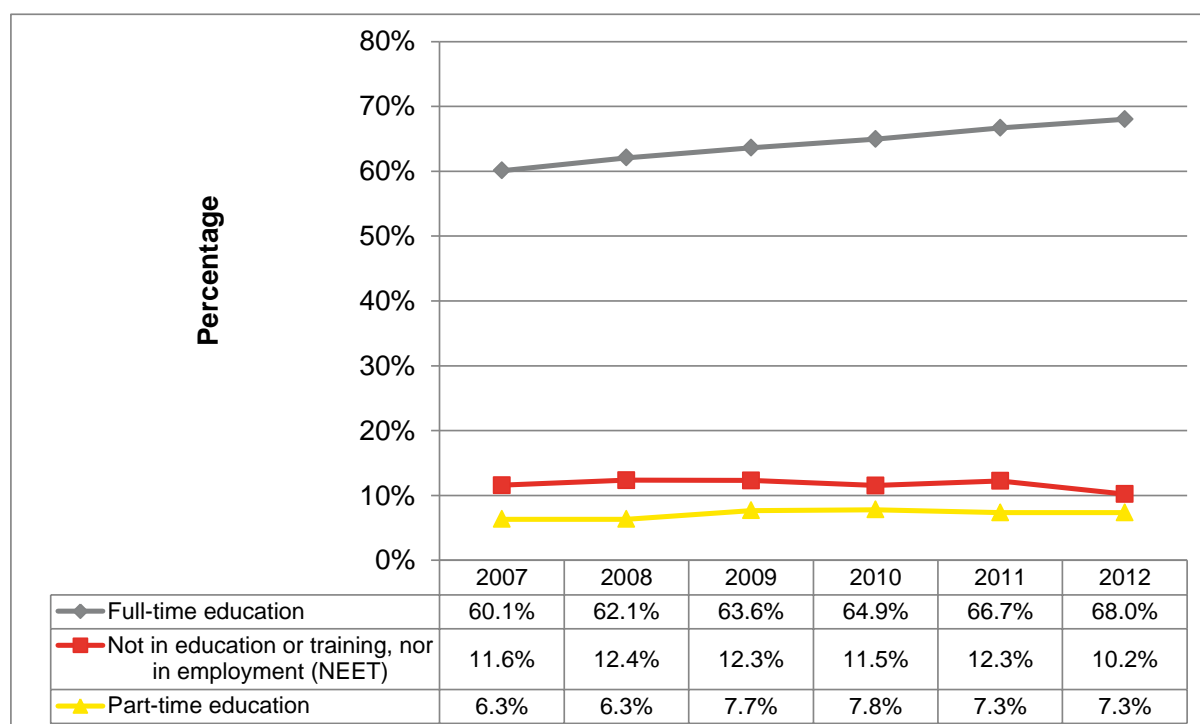
The Welsh Assembly Government publishes data on participation rates of 16- to 18-year-olds in education. The different sources of data do not allow direct comparisons between England and Wales.

Figure 28: Number of 16- to 18-year-olds in education and training in Wales in 2011 and 2012

	2011	2012 (prov)	Percentage change
Full-time education	76,750	77,190	1
Part-time education	6,470	5,980	-8
Work based learning	8,450	8,340	-1
Not in education or training, nor in employment (NEET)	14,100	11,600	-18
Population	115,100	113,500	-1

Source: statswales.wales.gov.uk

Figure 28 shows a slight increase in the number of 16- to 18-year-olds in full-time education (1 per cent increase to 77,190). (Table 25 in the appendix shows the participation numbers for the period 2005 to 2012). There was also a large fall of 18 per cent in NEETs in 2012.

Figure 29: Percentage of 16- to 18-year-olds in education in Wales

Source: statswales.wales.gov.uk

The trend in increasing full-time education changed last year with a fall to 58.5 per cent in 2012. This was partly due to an increase in part-time education.

Participation by 16- and 17-year-olds in Northern Ireland

Participation data for Northern Ireland was published by the Department of Education Northern Ireland (DENI) until 2011. The data presented in Table 6 relates to the 16-17 age group (rather than the 16-18 age group published for England and Wales).

Table 6: Percentage of 16- and 17-year-olds participating in full-time education in schools and further education colleges in Northern Ireland

Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Males	85.0	83.7	82.6	83.6	88.0
Females	95.1	92.3	91.1	88.8	92.1
Total	89.9	87.9	86.8	86.1	90.0

Source: Department for Education Northern Ireland (DENI)²³

²³ www.deni.gov.uk/index/32_statistical_publications_participationrates_pg.htm

Government-funded participation and certificates in further education in England

This section shows data on student participation and certificates for government-funded²⁴ students participating in further education in 2012/13. It includes students who are studying a course in a further education college, training provider or within their local community; and employees undertaking an apprenticeship or other qualification in the workplace. This does not include students in school sixth forms, privately-funded training at further education colleges and independent training organisations.

²⁴ Funded by the Skills Funding Agency and the Education Funding Agency.

Table 7: Student participation and certificates in further education in England by level of qualification

	2010/11			2011/12			2012/13		
	Under 19	19 and older	All ages	Under 19	19 and older	All ages	Under 19	19 and older	All ages
Total learner participation	1,101,700	3,163,200	4,264,900	1,066,900	3,149,700	4,216,600	1,039,600	3,280,600	4,320,200
Level 2	543,760	1,273,300	1,817,060	543,630	1,320,000	1,863,630	527,140	1,239,200	1,766,340
Level 3	520,810	542,900	1,063,710	516,440	542,600	1,059,040	520,640	594,300	1,114,940
Level 4+	2,010	36,600	38,610	2,330	39,200	41,530	2,940	50,000	52,940
No Level Assigned	613,800	888,300	1,502,100	587,340	798,900	1,386,240	573,020	818,500	1,391,520
Total learner achievements	826,200	2,265,100	3,091,300	851,000	2,258,500	3,109,500	843,400	2,453,900	3,297,300
Level 2	346,470	788,900	1,135,370	357,970	775,200	1,133,170	347,440	769,900	1,117,340
Level 3	338,320	282,600	620,920	352,350	249,000	601,350	376,440	273,300	649,740
Level 4+	1,130	20,400	21,530	1,200	21,500	22,700	1,440	24,200	25,640
No Level Assigned	421,580	764,100	1,185,680	402,960	685,900	1,088,860	398,920	710,100	1,109,020

Source: Skills Funding Agency Statistical First Release: SFA/SFR23 and government statistical data set²⁵

Notes:

1. These tables include apprenticeships, workplace learning, community learning and education and training provision which includes general further education colleges including tertiary, sixth form colleges, special college - agricultural and horticultural colleges and art and design colleges, specialist colleges and external institutions.
2. Figures for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier years due to the introduction of the Single Individualised Learner Record data collection system. Learners undertaking courses in more than one mode of provision will be counted once in each applicable mode of provision but only once in the total learners.

²⁵ www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-further-education-and-skills





There were 4.3 million students participating in further education in England in 2012/13, three-quarters of whom were adult learners (students aged 19 or over). The increase in adult learners of 4.2 per cent between 2011/12 and 2012/13 was the first since the 2008/09 academic year. There were 3.3 million students achieving a government-funded further education qualification in 2012/13, with adult learner certificates increasing by 8.7 per cent between 2011/12 and 2012/13. The most common level for both participation and certificate remains Level 2.

Qualifications in schools and school sixth forms

This section of the report considers qualifications in schools, including qualifications other than GCSEs and A levels. The types of schools included are: secondary comprehensive or middle community, voluntary aided/controlled; secondary selective community, voluntary aided/controlled; secondary modern community, voluntary aided/controlled; secondary comprehensive or middle foundation; secondary selective foundation; secondary modern foundation; independent; and academies.

GCSE certificates in schools

















Figure 30: GCSE certificates in schools from 2011/12 to 2012/13

GCSE certificates	Number of certificates		Percentage change	
	2011/12	2012/13		
Total certificates in all schools in England	5,421,300	5,650,700	4	
Total certificates in all schools in Wales	331,500	330,000	0	
Total certificates in all schools in Northern Ireland	181,700	179,600	-1	
Total	5,934,500	6,160,300	4	

Source: JCQ data

Schools in England have seen a recovery in the number of certificates at GCSE in the past couple of years from their low in 2010/11. Certificates awarded in Wales and Northern Ireland reduced slightly by 0.5 per cent and 1 per cent respectively in 2012/13 on the year before, and fell by 4 per cent and 5 per cent respectively over the last five years.

Figure 31: The 15 GCSE subjects with the most certificates in schools from 2011/12 to 2012/13

GCSE	Number of certificates		Percentage change	
	2011/12	2012/13		
Mathematics	1,105,200	1,207,400	9	
English	667,700	726,000	9	
Science	551,700	513,300	-7	
English Literature	458,800	469,100	2	
Religious Studies	456,200	422,400	-7	
Additional Science	283,600	285,200	1	
History	217,400	254,900	17	
Geography	184,000	220,000	20	
Design and Technology	238,900	216,800	-9	
Art and Design subjects	174,000	178,500	3	
French	153,100	176,500	15	
Biology	161,500	174,300	8	
Chemistry	156,600	167,000	7	
Physics	155,100	161,900	4	
Physical Education	118,000	116,100	-2	
Total certificates in all schools	5,934,500	6,160,300	4	

Source: JCQ data

Figure 31 shows that the largest increases in certificates last academic year were in geography (20 per cent), history (17 per cent) and French (15 per cent), reflecting the change in demand of subjects due to the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) performance measure introduced by the government. The subjects with the largest decreases last year were design and technology (9 per cent), religious studies (7 per cent) and science (7 per cent). The fall in science was due to more separate sciences being studied, as reflected in the increases in biology, chemistry and physics of 8 per cent, 7 per cent and 4 per cent.

Table 27 in the appendix shows that over five years certificates have increased in art and design subjects by over 250 per cent and have fallen in design and technology by 38 per cent. The trend to study separate sciences is reflected in the increase in biology, chemistry and physics of 80 per cent, 84 per cent and 80 per cent respectively in the last five years, and the fall in additional science of 27 per cent.

AS and A level certificates in schools

Figure 32: AS certificates in schools from 2011/12 to 2012/13

AS certificates	Number of certificates		Percentage change
	2011/12	2012/13	
Total certificates in all schools in England	836,700	856,000	2
Total certificates in all schools in Wales	36,800	36,300	-1
Total certificates in all schools in Northern Ireland	50,500	47,600	-6
Total	923,900	939,900	2

Source: JCQ data

















Figure 33: A level certificates in schools from 2011/12 to 2012/13

A level certificates	Number of certificates		Percentage change
	2011/12	2012/13	
Total certificates in all schools in England	553,200	550,500	0
Total certificates in all schools in Wales	30,300	29,000	-4
Total certificates in all schools in Northern Ireland	36,400	36,300	0
Total	619,800	615,800	-1

Source: JCQ data

In England there was an increase in AS certificates of 2 per cent between 2011/12 and 2012/13 and 24 per cent between 2008/09 and 2012/13. There was little change in A level certificates over both these periods. In Wales there was a reduction in certificates for both AS and A levels between 2011/12 and 2012/13 of 1 and 4 per cent respectively, and falls 2 per cent and 8 per cent respectively between 2008/09 and 2012/13. In Northern Ireland the number of certificates awarded in AS qualifications fell by 6 per cent between 2011/12 and 2012/13. A levels were largely unchanged.

Figure 34: The 15 AS subjects with the most certificates in schools from 2011/12 to 2012/13

AS	Number of certificates		Percentage change	
	2011/12	2012/13		
Mathematics	97,614	102,410	5	
English	85,786	84,305	-2	
Biology	69,090	71,706	4	
Chemistry	56,194	60,878	8	
Psychology	54,074	55,823	3	
History	53,963	55,316	3	
Physics	41,272	43,870	6	
Art and Design subjects	39,352	39,196	0	
General Studies	40,787	38,002	-7	
Business Studies	36,537	37,730	3	
Geography	35,444	37,120	5	
Economics	27,374	29,785	9	
Religious Studies	28,336	29,293	3	
Sociology	25,836	27,396	6	
Media / Film / TV Studies	26,474	26,276	-1	
Total certificates in all schools	923,900	939,900	2	

Source: JCQ data

Figure 34 shows that the science subjects have had big increases in the number of certificates awarded between 2011/12 and 2012/13. This trend is also apparent over five years (see Table 29 in the appendix). Factors influencing this trend would be an increase in the uptake of separate sciences at GCSE, increase in participation age and guidance provided by Russell universities over ‘facilitating subjects’²⁶ which are more frequently required to enter these universities. The subject showing the biggest increase over one year was economics of 9 per cent, with the next two, chemistry and physics, showing 8 and 6 per cent respectively. There was a reduction in the number of certificates awarded in general studies (7 per cent) and English (3 per cent).

Table 29 in the appendix shows that over five years the certificates awarded in mathematics and chemistry increased by around 60 per cent. Other subjects with large increases in the number of certificates awarded were physics, economics and biology of 44 per cent, 50 per cent and 42 per cent respectively. Certificates awarded in general studies reduced by 8 per cent over five years, and is the only high-volume subject to show reductions over one and five years, due to changes in funding, and being a less valuable subject for entrance to university.

²⁶ More information on facilitating subjects can be found at www.russellgroup.ac.uk/informed-choices

Figure 35: The 15 A level subjects with the most certificates in schools from 2011/12 to 2012/13

A level	Number of certificates		Percentage change	
	2011/12	2012/13		
Mathematics	62,033	64,110	3	
English	59,819	60,218	1	
Biology	45,838	46,714	2	
History	38,825	38,888	0	
Chemistry	36,514	38,448	5	
Psychology	35,200	35,263	0	
Art and Design subjects	30,495	28,737	-6	
Physics	25,922	26,874	4	
Geography	25,560	26,339	3	
Business Studies	25,058	24,469	-2	
Economics	18,292	20,004	9	
General Studies	22,266	19,736	-11	
Religious Studies	19,193	19,719	3	
Media / Film / TV Studies	18,941	17,441	-8	
Sociology	17,579	17,199	-2	
Total certificates in all schools	619,800	615,800	-1	

Source: JCQ data

Economics and chemistry had the biggest increases in number of certificates awarded last academic year of 9 per cent and 5 per cent respectively. The biggest reductions in the number of certificates awarded were in general studies, media/film/TV studies and art and design subjects of 11 per cent, 8 per cent and 6 per cent respectively.

Over five years the biggest increases were in geography and chemistry of 80 per cent and 53 per cent respectively. The largest reductions were in general studies, business studies and media/film and TV studies of 37 per cent, 14 per cent and 12 per cent respectively.

Certificates in schools in qualifications other than GCSE and A level

Table 8 shows the number of certificates in schools by type of qualification. It does not capture certificates in the non-regulated qualifications such as some IGCSEs.

Table 8: The number of certificates in schools by type of qualification from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Qualification type	Number of certificates					
	England		Wales		Northern Ireland	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
Basic Skills	100,700	34,000	100	0	0	0
English for Speakers of Other Languages	8,000	7,600	100	200		
Entry Level	70,800	50,900	12,800	6,800	2,600	2,000
Free Standing Mathematics Qualification	17,400	17,500	100	100		
Functional Skills	84,500	57,600			100	0
Higher Level	0	0			0	0
Key Skills	48,800	35,000	48,300	56,100	2,900	2,700
National Vocational Qualification	600	100	0	0		
Occupational Qualification	0	0				
Other General Qualification	189,800	243,700	137,400	100,000	4,800	12,400
Principal Learning	3,700	900	0	0		
Project	12,400	8,900	300	200		0
QCF	864,700	899,400	34,500	50,700	9,600	12,400
Vocationally-Related Qualification	367,600	250,000	9,300	9,600	1,800	1,800
Total	1,769,700	1,606,100	243,000	223,600	21,800	31,300

Source: Ofqual school's data (provisional)

Note: Blank cells represent no certificates; cells with zero certificates are less than 50.

There were over 1.8 million certificates for qualifications other than GCSE and A level in schools in 2012/13. Changes in funding and performance measures may have led to the first reduction in England for these qualifications of 9 per cent last year. Wales also showed a decrease of 8 per cent, with Northern Ireland increasing by 44 per cent.

Distribution of certificates by awarding organisations

There were 60 awarding organisations providing regulated qualifications to schools in 2012/13. Table 9 shows the distribution of certificates across these awarding organisations.

Table 9: Distribution of certificates across awarding organisations for qualifications other than GCSE and A level in schools from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Awarding organisation	Number of certificates					
	England		Wales		Northern Ireland	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
1st4sport Qualifications	700	700	0	0		
ABC Awards	1,700	1,600				
Active IQ	400	400	0			
Agored Cymru			500	1,400		
AIM Awards	100	2,300				
Amateur Swimming Association	0	100				
apt awards		100				
AQA - City & Guilds	12,800	7,500	0	0		0
AQA Education	116,400	81,300	700	600	600	600
Ascentis	61,600	70,300		100		
Association of Accounting Technicians	100	100				
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	73,400	59,000	3,100	1,800	900	1,300
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	13,100	13,000	100	100	100	0
British Safety Council	14,300	3,800	1,300	200	1,200	100
Cambridge International Examinations	34,400	108,000	200	200		
Central YMCA Qualifications	200	200				
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	0	0				
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	11,000	10,400	300	200		
Chartered Institute of Legal Executives	0	0				
Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK	100	100				
Chartered Institute of Marketing	0	0				
Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply					0	

Awarding organisation	Number of certificates					
	England		Wales		Northern Ireland	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
Chartered Management Institute	0	0				
City and Guilds of London Institute	8,500	8,200	400	800		
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	3,900	3,800	200	200	100	100
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment					10,100	18,000
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	100	100				
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	100	100				
ETC Awards Limited					0	
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	200	300	0	0		
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	0	0				
GQA Qualifications Limited	0	0				
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	200	200		0		
IFS School of Finance	10,500	10,700	300	1,000	100	100
IMI Awards Ltd	800	900	0	0		
Institute of British Sign Language		100				
Institute of Leadership & Management	0	0				
International Association of Book-Keepers	1,600	1,700	100	0	300	300
International Baccalaureate Organisation	37,800	34,900	2,000	2,100		
IoL Educational Trust	0	0				
ITC First Aid Ltd		0				
LAMDA	4,600	4,400	300	300		
Laser Learning Awards		400				
Lifetime Awarding	1,600	10,200				
National Open College Network	36,400	13,200	2,500	3,300	100	0
NCFE	79,100	45,300	1,400	1,000		
New Era Academy of Drama and Music (London) Ltd	700	700	0			
OCR	469,000	389,700	19,600	28,800	2,900	3,300

Awarding organisation	Number of certificates					
	England		Wales		Northern Ireland	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
Open Awards	0	200				
Open College Network West Midlands Region		0				
Pearson Education Ltd	658,800	615,600	25,600	37,200	4,400	6,300
Prince's Trust	200	100		100	100	200
Qualsafe Awards		0				
Royal Horticultural Society		0				
Scottish Qualifications Authority trading as SQA	500					
Signature	0	1,800		0	0	
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	0	0				
Sports Leaders UK	54,100	53,800	400	600	200	200
The Learning Machine	2,300	5,800				
Trinity College London	19,800	17,500	1,400	1,200	600	700
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	5,100	5,100	0	0		
University of the Arts London	0					
VTCT	800	1,000	0	100	0	0
WJEC-CBAC	32,000	21,000	182,600	142,300	100	0
Total	1,769,700	1,606,100	243,000	223,600	21,800	31,300

Source: Ofqual school's data (provisional)

Note: Blank cells represent no certificates; cells with zero certificates are less than 50.

Pearson awarded over a third of the 1.9 million certificates recorded in qualifications other than GCSE and A level, with OCR providing a further 23 per cent, although its number of certificates fell by 14 per cent last year. There was a distinct difference between Northern Ireland and the other countries, as the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment does not operate outside Northern Ireland, where it is the largest awarding organisation. Changes in funding and performance measures in England may lead to further falls in the number of qualifications other than GCSE and A levels taken in schools.

Table 10: The 20 qualifications other than GCSE and A level with the most certificates in schools from 2011/12 to 2012/13

Qualification	Number of certificates					
	England		Wales		Northern Ireland	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	140,400	127,700	3,400	4,500	200	400
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	70,900	86,300	1,700	4,100	300	400
Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in First Language English	6,300	68,000	0	0		
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport (QCF)	48,900	53,600	1,400	1,500	300	400
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	75,500	44,900	2,100	2,300	200	200
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Sport (QCF)	35,700	36,500	1,400	1,900	100	200
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	39,300	38,100	200	300	100	100
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Business (QCF)	25,800	27,500	1,000	1,200	100	300
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	19,300	19,600	2,300	5,500	300	600
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (QCF)	23,600	22,900	700	800	200	200
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Art and Design (QCF)	20,200	19,200	700	1,000	0	100
WJEC Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number		0	16,700	19,400		
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in IT (QCF)	7,600	17,000	400	600	400	600
WJEC Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Communication		0	14,000	17,400		
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Sport (QCF)	17,200	16,100	500	600	0	0
Ascentis Level 1 Award In Internet Safety For IT Users (QCF)	2,000	16,700		0		
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)	14,600	15,900	500	500		

Qualification	Number of certificates					
	England		Wales		Northern Ireland	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
WJEC Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology		0	14,000	16,100		
OCR Level 2 National Short Course Award in ICT	10,900	15,300	600	700	0	0
Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Literature (English)	11,900	16,000	0			
Total	1,769,700	1,606,100	243,000	223,600	21,800	31,300

Source: Ofqual school's data (provisional)

Note: Blank cells represent no certificates; cells with zero certificates are less than 50.

The OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT continued to be the most commonly achieved qualification in schools, but it was not the most commonly achieved qualification in both Northern Ireland and Wales, where numbers of all these qualifications were low in comparison to England. Ten of Pearson's BTEC qualifications were in the 20 largest qualifications by number of certificates.

The qualifications in Table 10 represent 39 per cent of all certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level in schools. Changes to the list of qualifications for inclusion in school performance tables from 2015 onwards mean that most of these qualifications will no longer be taken in schools or will have been re-designed to be included in performance tables.

Further education and the skills sector

Qualification certificates by funding streams

This section of the report uses the Individualised Learner Record (ILR). This is a database containing information about students and learning programmes that is collected from learning providers in the further education and skills sector in England by the Skills Funding Agency (SFA). The ILR provides information on the sources of funding for qualifications offered by learning providers in the further education and skills sector. Learning providers who receive funding directly from the SFA or the Education Funding Agency²⁷ are required to submit ILR returns.

The further education and skills sector includes: further education colleges, sixth form colleges, former external institutions, independent learning providers, local authorities and voluntary and community organisations. Data is collected each year for the period 1st August to 31st July. This report contains data for the year 1st August 2011 to 31st July 2012.

For the year 1st August 2012 to 31st July 2013, three main sources of public funding for qualifications were offered by learning providers in the further education and skills sector. These sources of funding²⁸ were:

- 16-18 Learner Responsive Funding
- Adult Learner Responsive Funding
- Employer Responsive Funding

16-18 Learner Responsive Funding

This funding covers all students in the 16-18 age range:

- in colleges and other providers (not schools) following further education programmes such as GCSEs and A levels;
- taking Diplomas;
- undertaking Foundation Learning programmes.

²⁷ Known as the Young People's Learning Agency prior to April 2012.

²⁸ Definitions are taken from the information authority's ILR 2012/13 – Provider Support Manual Version 3.0 – March 2013. Available at: www.theia.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/11B463F7-1177-4678-A54B-CC03FF786CBA/0/natProviderSupportManual2012_13_v3_Mar2013.pdf.

Adult Learner Responsive Funding

This funding covers classroom learning for students aged 19 or over who are undertaking full- or part-time courses in the day or evening, including provision for full Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications, as well as other types of courses such as provision for the unemployed.

Employer Responsive Funding

This funding covers learning delivered by colleges and training providers either wholly or partially in the employer's workplace and classroom learning delivered by training organisations.

Workplace learning is defined as:

- any learning predominantly delivered in the workplace and in connection with an employed student's occupation or his/her employer's business;
- any learning in an apprenticeship framework;
- basic skills in literacy and numeracy delivered to an employed student, supported by his/her employer.

Classroom learning is learning not defined as workplace learning.

The main findings from the ILR data are:

1. For the year 1st August 2012 to 31st July 2013 the ILR recorded nearly 5 million certificates; an increase in certificates of over 400,000 (over 9 per cent). The majority of this increase came from Employer Responsive provision and Adult Learner Responsive provision with increases of 16 per cent and 21 per cent respectively. (Figure 36).
2. The Skills Funding Agency (SFA) or the Education Funding Agency (EFA) funded 94 per cent of certificates through 16-18 Learner Responsive provision (LRP), Adult Learner Responsive provision (ALRP) or Employer Responsive provision (ERP), including Employer Responsive provision as part of an apprenticeship programme. Funding through routes other than the SFA and EFA was only available for a small proportion of certificates.
3. The 20 qualifications with the highest number of certificates funded by 16-18 Learner Responsive provision accounted for 59 per cent of all the certificates in those qualifications. This represents quite a large reduction since last year when the top 20 accounted for 78 per cent of certificates in those qualifications, due to a smaller proportion of certificates in functional skills qualifications taken in 16-18 LRP. Half of the qualifications in the 20 with the highest number of certificates are

functional skills by type, with two AS and two GCSE qualifications. Seven qualifications were at Level 1 and the highest number of certificates was in NCFE Level 1 Award in the Learning to Learn qualification. (Figure 37).

4. The 20 qualifications with the highest number of certificates funded by Employer Responsive provision accounted for 72 per cent of all the certificates in those qualifications. Twelve were key skills qualifications by type, and five were functional skills qualifications. Half of the qualifications were at Level 1. The increase in the number of certificates awarded in functional skills qualifications is due to them becoming a mandatory component of all apprenticeship frameworks from October 2012. (Figure 38).
5. The 20 qualifications with the highest number of certificates funded by Adult Learner Responsive provision accounted for 45 per cent of all the certificates in those qualifications. Seven of these qualifications were at Level 1, and NCFE qualifications took the top five places in terms of certificates. (Figure 39).

Qualifications taken in apprenticeships

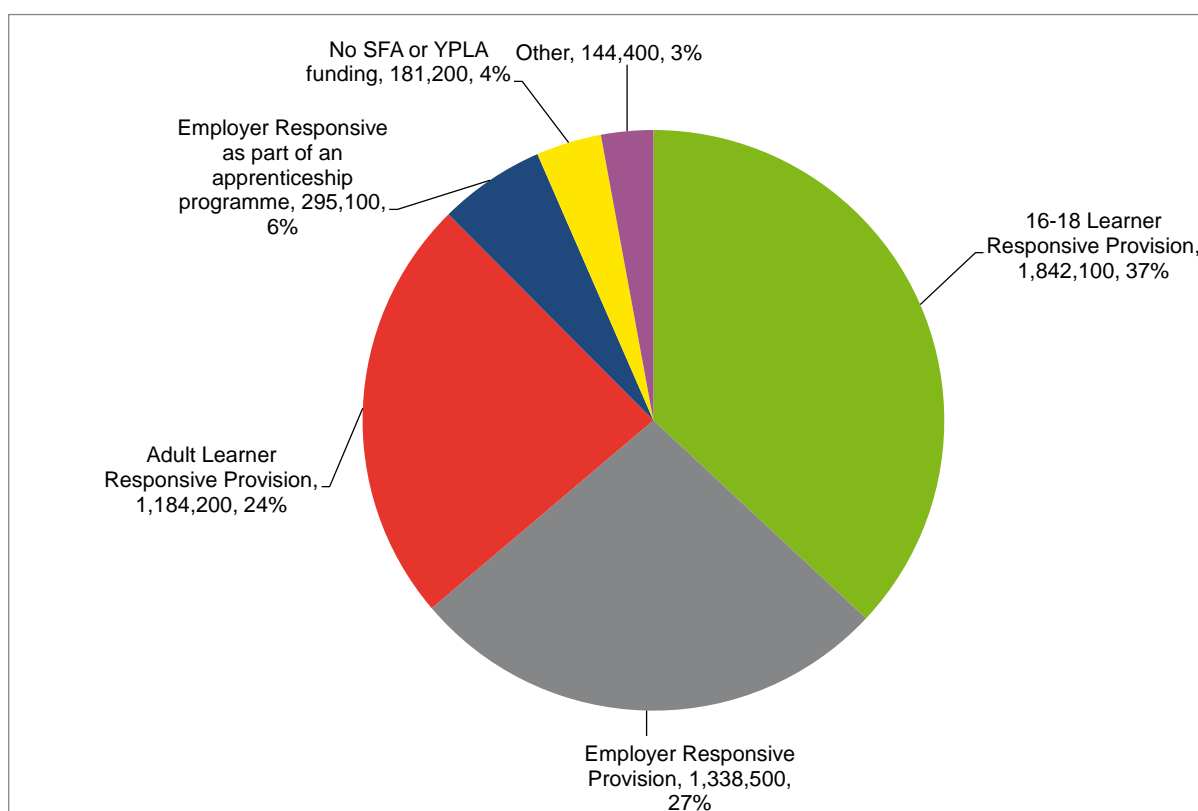
Each apprenticeship programme consists of a programme aim, one main learning aim and one or more component learning aims. The programme aim is the complete learning framework. The main learning aim is the competency-based qualification. The component learning aims are the knowledge and key/functional skills qualifications.

1. There is considerable variation between awarding organisations in the proportion of total certificates that were awarded in apprenticeships. For example NCFE's apprenticeship certificates accounted for 4 per cent of its total certificates whilst EAL's accounted for 67 per cent. Pearson and City & Guilds accounted for a significant number of the certificates in apprenticeships (80 per cent) with Pearson accounting for nearly half of the certificates. (Figure 40).
2. The three largest qualifications in terms of certificates funded by the Employer Responsive provision (main aim as part of an advanced apprenticeship programme) were in Health and Social Care. (Figure 41).
3. Over half of the 20 qualifications with the highest number of certificates funded as the main aim of an intermediate apprenticeship relate to Business Skills or Customer Service qualifications. (Figure 42).
4. Key skills accounted for 74 per cent of certificates in the top 20 qualifications funded by the Employer Responsive provision in advanced apprenticeships (key

skills, basic skills and functional skills only). This is changing, as functional skills qualifications replaced key skills qualifications as a mandatory component of all apprenticeship frameworks from 1st October 2012. Numeracy and Communication are the subjects with the highest number of certificates. (Figure 43).

5. Business and management, customer services and social care qualifications provide most of the certificates for the 20 largest qualifications by number of certificates in advanced apprenticeships (other types of qualifications). (Figure 44).
6. Thirteen of the 20 qualifications with the highest number of certificates funded by the Employer Responsive provision in intermediate apprenticeships (key skills, basic skills and functional skills only) were key skills; the other seven were functional skills qualifications. The trend away from key skills is set to continue due to the changes mentioned under Figure 8. (Figure 45).
7. Over half of the certificates funded by the Employer Responsive provision in intermediate apprenticeships (other types of qualifications) were in principles of business and administration, customer service or adult social care qualifications. (Figure 46).

Figure 36: Analysis of funding sources for qualifications offered by learning providers in the further education and skills sector, 1st August 2012 to 31st July 2013



Source: ILR

Figure 37: The 20 regulated qualifications with the most certificates between 1st August 2011 and 31st July 2012 funded by 16-18 Learner Responsive provision

Qualification title	certificates 2013			certificates 2012			% change in certificates of 16-18 LRP
	16-18 LRP	Total	% of total	16-18 LRP	Total	% of total	
NCFE Level 1 Award in Learning to Learn (QCF)	27,100	33,500	80.9	21,200	23,900	88.7	28
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	25,300	51,500	49.1	20,300	27,100	74.9	25
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in mathematics at Entry 3	21,900	31,700	69.1	24,000	27,300	87.9	-9
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	21,600	49,000	44.1	23,100	32,600	70.9	-6
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	19,400	39,100	49.6	22,000	29,200	75.3	-12
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	19,000	50,400	37.7	17,500	25,700	68.1	9
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 3	18,400	25,900	71.0	19,300	22,100	87.3	-5
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Entry 3	15,100	21,000	71.9	16,200	19,300	83.9	-7
Ascentis Level 1 Award In Internet Safety For IT Users (QCF)	15,000	18,600	80.6	200	700	28.6	>200
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	14,600	33,000	44.2	18,400	29,000	63.4	-21
NCFE Level 2 Award in Learning to Learn (QCF)	13,400	14,600	91.8	4,000	4,200	95.2	>200
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	13,400	16,500	81.2	15,200	17,100	88.9	-12
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Sociology	12,600	12,900	97.7	13,000	13,300	97.7	-3
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Psychology A	12,400	12,700	97.6	12,400	12,800	96.9	0
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	12,100	34,300	35.3	7,300	12,100	60.3	66
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills Qualification in English at Entry 3	11,600	16,300	71.2	14,100	16,800	83.9	-18
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English	10,700	16,500	64.8	9,200	13,600	67.6	16
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	10,500	23,800	44.1	9,400	14,200	66.2	12
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design (QCF)	10,300	11,500	89.6	10,700	11,900	89.9	-4
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Mathematics A	10,200	17,300	59.0	9,300	14,300	65.0	10
Total of certificates for 20 qualifications	314,400	529,900	59.3	286,800	367,000	78.1	10
Total of certificates for all qualifications	1,842,100	4,985,500	36.9	1,810,400	4,567,200	39.6	2

Source: ILR

Figure 38: The 20 regulated qualifications with the most certificates between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013 funded by Employer Responsive provision

Qualification title	certificates 2013			certificates 2012			% change in certificates of ERP
	ERP	Total	% of total	ERP	Total	% of total	
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	35,100	36,700	95.6	36,200	38,100	95.0	-3
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	34,100	35,700	95.5	33,600	35,500	94.6	1
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	30,100	30,600	98.4	35,600	36,500	97.5	-15
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	28,100	28,500	98.6	30,900	31,800	97.2	-9
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	25,700	26,300	97.7	23,300	24,200	96.3	10
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	25,400	26,000	97.7	21,400	22,300	96.0	19
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	21,100	50,400	41.9	5,800	25,700	22.6	>200
Pearson EDI Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	20,900	21,000	99.5	24,100	24,200	99.6	-13
Pearson EDI Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	19,500	19,600	99.5	19,400	19,500	99.5	1
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	19,300	19,500	99.0	12,200	12,500	97.6	58
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	19,100	19,300	99.0	13,400	13,700	97.8	43
Pearson EDI Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	18,500	18,700	98.9	19,600	19,800	99.0	-6
Pearson EDI Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	18,400	18,600	98.9	16,300	16,600	98.2	13
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	17,800	25,500	69.8	200	20,500	1.0	>200
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	16,300	49,000	33.3	4,700	32,600	14.4	>200
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Functional Skills Mathematics	16,300	32,700	49.8	3,300	10,400	31.7	>200
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	15,900	28,200	56.4	1,200	28,800	4.2	>200
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	15,600	51,500	30.3	4,300	27,100	15.9	>200
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	13,400	34,300	39.1	3,300	12,100	27.3	>200
Pearson EDI Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	13,300	14,000	95.0	10,700	11,500	93.0	24
Total of certificates for 20 qualifications	424,000	586,200	72.3	319,500	463,500	68.9	33
Total of certificates for all qualifications	1,338,500	4,985,500	26.8	1,022,300	4,567,200	22.4	31

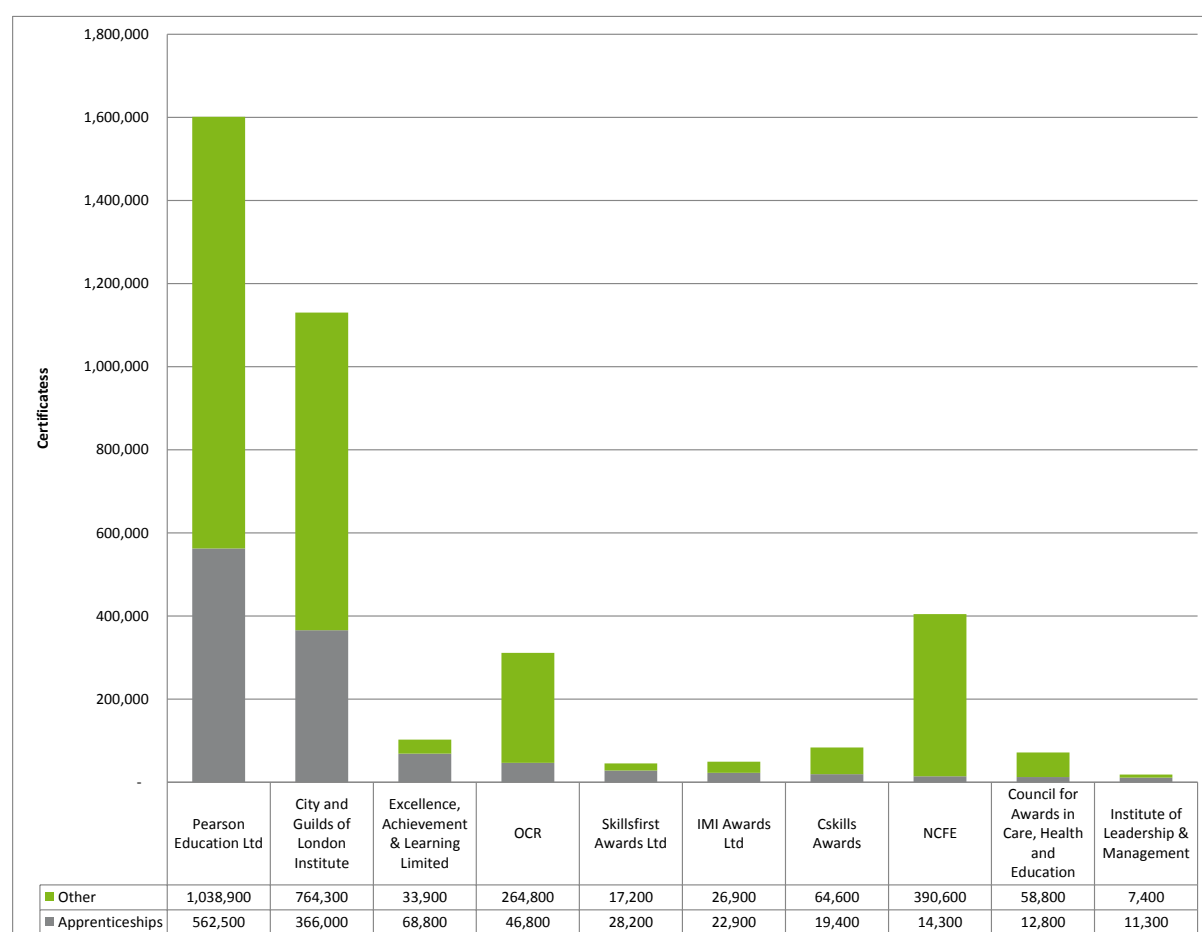
Source: ILR

Figure 39: The 20 regulated qualifications with the most certificates between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013 funded by Adult Learner Responsive provision

Qualification title	certificates 2013			certificates 2012			% change in certificates of ALRP
	ALRP	Total	% of total	ALRP	Total	% of total	
NCFE Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of End of Life Care (QCF)	23,400	25,100	93.2	5,800	5,900	98	>200
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity (QCF)	19,600	21,900	89.5	25,600	27,100	94	-23
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of Medicines (QCF)	19,400	21,500	90.2	24,300	24,900	98	-20
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Dementia Care (QCF)	18,200	19,100	95.3	-	-		
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Mental Health Awareness (QCF)	12,800	13,200	97.0	-	-		
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	12,300	33,000	37.3	8,600	29,000	30	43
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	10,700	28,200	37.9	26,000	28,800	90	-59
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	9,800	49,000	20.0	4,100	32,600	13	139
NOCN Entry Level Award in Progression (Entry 3) (QCF)	9,300	17,300	53.8	8,600	19,200	45	8
1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Football (QCF)	9,000	15,500	58.1	8,000	14,800	54	13
LAO Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	9,000	9,600	93.8	2,100	27,100	8	>200
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	9,000	51,500	17.5	2,100	2,300	91	>200
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	8,800	50,400	17.5	5,500	15,400	36	60
NOCN Level 1 Award in Progression (QCF)	8,800	21,200	41.5	1,900	25,700	7	>200
NCFE Level 1 Award in Employability Skills (QCF)	8,600	19,500	44.1	4,800	11,500	42	79
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	8,100	18,600	43.5	7,100	16,800	42	14
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	7,500	34,300	21.9	6,000	6,100	98	25
AAT Level 2 Certificate in Accounting (QCF)	7,300	11,600	62.9	1,300	12,100	11	>200
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	7,200	29,700	24.2	6,300	10,600	59	14
NOCN Level 2 Award in Trade Unions Today (QCF)	7,100	7,300	97.3	6,300	19,000	33	13
Total of certificates for 20 qualifications	225,800	497,400	45.4	154,200	328,900	47	46
Total of certificates for all qualifications	1,184,200	4,985,500	23.8	1,100,200	4,567,200	24	8

Source: ILR

Figure 40: The ten largest awarding organisations by number of certificates in intermediate and advanced apprenticeships between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013, by order of apprenticeship certificates



Source: ILR

Figure 41: The 20 regulated qualifications with the most certificates between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013 funded by Employer Responsive provision (main aim as part of an advanced apprenticeship programme)

Qualification title	certificates 2013			certificates 2012			% change in certificates of ERP (app)
	ERP (app)	Total	% of total	ERP (app)	Total	% of total	
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	5,200	8,000	65.0	1,700	4,200	40.5	>200
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	4,500	7,300	61.6	1,400	4,000	35.0	>200
Pearson EDI Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	4,300	4,800	89.6	2,000	2,800	71.4	115
Pearson EDI Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Management (QCF)	4,300	4,600	93.5	3,400	4,100	82.9	26
Pearson EDI Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Business and Administration (QCF)	3,800	4,000	95.0	3,400	3,900	87.2	12
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)	3,600	5,800	62.1	1,800	3,600	50.0	100
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Management (QCF)	3,500	3,900	89.7	1,900	2,800	67.9	84
Pearson EDI Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)	2,900	3,400	85.3	2,300	2,700	85.2	26
ILM Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Management (QCF)	2,800	3,300	84.8	1,900	3,100	61.3	47
Pearson EDI Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Customer Service (QCF)	2,700	3,000	90.0	2,500	3,100	80.6	8
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (QCF)	2,700	4,800	56.3	2,500	5,000	50.0	8
CACHE Level 3 Diploma for The Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)	2,500	11,400	21.9	1,400	7,400	18.9	79
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Customer Service (QCF)	2,300	2,600	88.5	1,400	2,800	50.0	64
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Business and Administration (QCF)	2,300	2,600	88.5	1,800	2,400	75.0	28
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Business and Administration (QCF)	2,100	2,400	87.5	1,200	1,600	75.0	75
AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting (QCF)	2,000	8,200	24.4	2,100	8,400	25.0	-5
OCR Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Business and Administration (QCF)	1,900	2,400	79.2	1,500	2,400	62.5	27
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms Professionals (QCF)	1,800	1,900	94.7	1,400	1,400	100.0	29
City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services	1,800	2,100	85.7	1,900	2,400	79.2	-5
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)	1,800	2,800	64.3	1,200	2,100	57.1	50
Total of certificates for 20 qualifications	58,900	89,200	66.0	38,500	70,100	54.9	53
Total of certificates for all qualifications	111,100	4,985,500	2.2	89,400	4,567,200	2.0	24

Source: ILR

Figure 42: The 20 regulated qualifications with the most certificates between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013 funded by Employer Responsive provision (funded main aim as part of an intermediate apprenticeship programme)

Qualification title	certificates 2013			certificates 2012			% change in certificates of ERP (app)
	ERP (app)	Total	% of total	ERP (app)	Total	% of total	
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	7,200	10,200	70.6	7,300	12,700	57.5	-1
City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	6,700	10,700	62.6	2,900	7,400	39.2	131
Pearson EDI Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	6,400	8,700	73.6	7,800	10,100	77.2	-18
Skillsfirst Level 2 Diploma in Retail Skills (QCF)	6,400	8,400	76.2	2,400	7,600	31.6	167
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	6,000	11,400	52.6	5,300	10,800	49.1	13
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (QCF)	6,000	10,200	58.8	2,300	4,800	47.9	161
EAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Business Improvement Techniques (QCF)	5,400	7,800	69.2	5,900	6,700	88.1	-8
Pearson EDI Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Business and Administration (QCF)	5,300	5,800	91.4	2,700	4,000	67.5	96
Pearson EDI Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	4,700	6,100	77.0	15,700	18,800	83.5	-70
Pearson EDI Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Team Leading (QCF)	4,100	4,600	89.1	4,200	5,100	82.4	-2
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Business and Administration (QCF)	4,000	4,500	88.9	3,300	4,100	80.5	21
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	3,700	5,500	67.3	3,800	6,700	56.7	-3
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Team Leading (QCF)	3,300	4,000	82.5	2,200	3,100	71.0	50
OCR Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Business and Administration (QCF)	3,300	4,000	82.5	3,200	4,600	69.6	3
ILM Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Team Leading (QCF)	3,300	4,100	80.5	2,700	4,300	62.8	22
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Driving Goods Vehicles (QCF)	3,000	7,600	39.5	2,000	9,200	21.7	50
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Business and Administration (QCF)	2,900	3,400	85.3	2,300	3,100	74.2	26
Cskills Awards Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) (QCF)	2,700	4,800	56.3	1,900	4,300	44.2	42
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Diploma in Retail Skills (QCF)	2,600	4,100	63.4	700	3,600	19.4	>200
EAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Performing Manufacturing Operations (QCF)	2,500	5,600	44.6	1,200	5,200	23.1	108
Total of certificates for 20 qualifications	89,500	131,300	68.2	79,900	136,100	58.7	12
Total of certificates for all qualifications	182,200	4,985,500	3.7	190,300	4,567,200	4.2	-4

Source: ILR

Figure 43: The 20 regulated qualifications with the most certificates between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013 funded by the Employer Responsive provision in advanced apprenticeships (key skills, basic skills and functional skills only)

Qualification title	certificates 2013			certificates 2012			% change in certificates of ERP
	ERP	Total	% of total	ERP	Total	% of total	
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	22,900	26,000	88.1	18,600	22,300	83.4	23
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	22,200	26,300	84.4	17,500	24,200	72.3	27
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	18,200	19,500	93.3	11,300	12,500	90.4	61
Pearson EDI Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	17,600	18,600	94.6	15,500	16,600	93.4	14
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	17,600	19,300	91.2	10,700	13,700	78.1	64
Pearson EDI Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	16,900	18,700	90.4	14,700	19,800	74.2	15
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Functional Skills mathematics	11,200	32,700	34.3	2,800	10,400	26.9	>200
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	11,100	12,500	88.8	5,200	6,500	80.0	113
Pearson EDI Level 2 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	9,300	10,300	90.3	3,000	3,400	88.2	>200
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	9,100	29,700	30.6	2,700	17,300	15.6	>200
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	8,900	9,500	93.7	3,900	4,300	90.7	128
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	8,600	34,300	25.1	2,300	12,100	19.0	>200
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2	6,100	10,200	59.8	600	3,300	18.2	>200
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	5,900	23,800	24.8	1,900	14,200	13.4	>200
Pearson EDI Functional Skills qualification in mathematics at Level 2	5,700	7,900	72.2	1,200	1,900	63.2	>200
OCR Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	4,700	5,400	87.0	5,300	6,400	82.8	-11
OCR Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	4,500	5,500	81.8	4,400	6,300	69.8	2
EAL Level 2 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	3,500	3,700	94.6	1,700	2,000	85.0	106
Pearson EDI Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	3,400	5,700	59.6	800	2,100	38.1	>200
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2	3,400	6,200	54.8	500	4,400	11.4	>200
Total of certificates for 20 qualifications	210,900	326,000	64.7	124,800	203,600	61.3	69
Total of certificates for all qualifications	252,800	4,985,500	5.1	147,000	4,567,200	3.2	72

Source: ILR

Figure 44: The 20 regulated qualifications with the most certificates between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013 funded by the Employer Responsive provision in advanced apprenticeships (other types of qualifications)

Qualification title	certificates 2013			certificates 2012			% change in certificates of ERP
	ERP	Total	% of total	ERP	Total	% of total	
Pearson EDI Level 3 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	8,300	8,400	98.8	6,100	6,100	100.0	36
Pearson EDI Level 3 Certificate in Management Principles (QCF)	7,500	7,600	98.7	5,200	5,200	100.0	44
Pearson EDI Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)	6,100	6,200	98.4	2,700	2,700	100.0	126
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate In Preparing to work in adult social care (QCF)	5,500	5,600	98.2	2,100	2,100	100.0	162
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)	4,900	5,000	98.0	1,500	1,500	100.0	>200
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology	4,400	6,100	72.1	2,400	7,500	32.0	83
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Management (QCF)	4,100	4,300	95.3	2,000	2,200	90.9	105
Pearson EDI Level 3 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	3,700	3,800	97.4	3,200	3,200	100.0	16
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology	3,300	5,800	56.9	1,400	8,500	16.5	136
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	2,700	2,800	96.4	1,400	1,400	100.0	93
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	2,400	2,400	100.0	1,200	1,300	92.3	100
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	2,200	2,300	95.7	1,600	1,600	100.0	38
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in ICT Systems and Principles (QCF)	1,600	2,500	64.0	700	1,200	58.3	129
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Award in Hospitality Supervision and Leadership Principles (QCF)	1,600	1,600	100.0	500	500	100.0	>200
City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	1,500	1,500	100.0	1,200	1,200	100.0	25
CSkills Awards Level 3 Diploma in Site Carpentry (QCF)	1,300	3,000	43.3	1,100	2,700	40.7	18
LAO Level 3 Certificate in Personal Training (QCF)	1,300	1,300	100.0	1,400	1,400	100.0	-7
City & Guilds Level 3 Award In Hospitality Supervision and Leadership Principles (QCF)	1,300	1,500	86.7	600	600	100.0	117
LAO Level 3 Award in Employment Awareness in Active Leisure and Learning (QCF)	1,300	1,300	100.0	1,300	1,300	100.0	0
IMIAL Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles (QCF)	1,200	2,700	44.4	300	1,700	17.6	>200
Total of certificates for 20 qualifications	66,200	75,600	87.6	37,900	53,900	70.3	75
Total of certificates for all qualifications	105,000	4,985,500	2.1	75200.0	4,567,200	1.6	40

Source: ILR

Figure 45: The 20 regulated qualifications with the most certificates between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013 funded by the Employer Responsive provision in intermediate apprenticeships (key skills, basic skills and functional skills only)

Qualification title	certificates 2013			certificates 2012			% change in certificates of ERP	
	ERP	Total	% of total	ERP	Total	% of total		
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	35,100	36,700	95.6	36,200	38,100	95.0	-3	
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	34,100	35,700	95.5	33,600	35,500	94.6	1	
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	30,100	30,600	98.4	35,500	36,500	97.3	-15	
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	28,000	28,500	98.2	30,800	31,800	96.9	-9	
Pearson EDI Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	20,900	21,000	99.5	24,000	24,200	99.2	-13	
Pearson EDI Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	19,500	19,600	99.5	19,300	19,500	99.0	1	
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in mathematics at level 1	19,200	50,400	38.1	5,700	25,700	22.2	>200	
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	15,400	49,000	31.4	4,600	32,600	14.1	>200	
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	14,400	51,500	28.0	4,200	27,100	15.5	>200	
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	11,600	39,100	29.7	3,300	29,200	11.3	>200	
Pearson EDI Functional Skills qualification in mathematics at level 1	8,700	12,400	70.2	2,600	4,400	59.1	>200	
Pearson EDI Level 1 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	7,600	7,800	97.4	4,700	4,900	95.9	62	
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 1	7,300	17,500	41.7	1,200	11,600	10.3	>200	
EAL Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	7,300	7,300	100.0	5,500	5,500	100.0	33	
EAL Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	7,200	7,200	100.0	5,500	5,500	100.0	31	
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	7,200	9,300	77.4	5,400	6,800	79.4	33	
Pearson EDI Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	6,600	10,800	61.1	2,400	5,500	43.6	175	
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	5,800	6,200	93.5	3,400	3,700	91.9	71	
OCR Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	4,400	4,500	97.8	7,100	7,300	97.3	-38	
OCR Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	3,800	3,900	97.4	5,900	6,100	96.7	-36	
Total of certificates for 20 qualifications	294,200	449,000	65.5	241,000	361,300	66.7	22	
Total of certificates for all qualifications	361,200	4,985,500	7.2	301,500	4,567,200	6.6	20	

Source: ILR

Figure 46: The 20 regulated qualifications with the most certificates between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013 funded by the Employer Responsive provision in intermediate apprenticeships (other types of qualifications)

Qualification title	certificates 2013			certificates 2012			% change in certificates of ERP
	ERP	Total	% of total	ERP	Total	% of total	
Pearson EDI Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	12,400	14,000	88.6	10,500	11,500	91.3	18
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	8,300	18,600	44.6	8,000	16,800	47.6	4
Pearson EDI Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	8,000	11,900	67.2	9,300	11,300	82.3	-14
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate In Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)	6,800	8,300	81.9	3,200	3,800	84.2	113
Skillsfirst Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	6,500	8,100	80.2	18,500	20,300	91.1	-65
Pearson EDI Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)	6,300	7,200	87.5	3,200	3,600	88.9	97
Pearson EDI Level 2 Certificate in Team Leading Principles (QCF)	6,200	7,300	84.9	5,500	5,900	93.2	13
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)	6,100	7,300	83.6	2,500	3,000	83.3	144
EAL Level 2 Certificate in Business Improvement Techniques (QCF)	5,500	5,600	98.2	1,100	1,200	91.7	>200
EAL Level 2 Award in Industrial Environment Awareness (QCF)	4,400	5,000	88.0	3,200	3,800	84.2	38
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	4,100	5,100	80.4	3,900	4,700	83.0	5
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Team Leading (QCF)	4,100	9,400	43.6	2,600	5,400	48.1	58
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	4,000	4,800	83.3	4,600	5,000	92.0	-13
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	3,800	4,400	86.4	2,800	3,100	90.3	36
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	3,200	8,100	39.5	2,300	5,900	39.0	39
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	3,200	4,000	80.0	2,100	2,500	84.0	52
ILM Level 2 Certificate in Team Leading (QCF)	3,000	4,000	75.0	2,400	3,400	70.6	25
CSkills Awards Level 2 Diploma in Site Carpentry (QCF)	2,500	7,000	35.7	2,200	6,700	32.8	14
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Knowledge for a Professional Bus or Coach Driver (QCF)	2,000	2,000	100.0	900	900	100.0	122
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality and Catering Principles (Food and Beverage Service) (QCF)	1,800	1,900	94.7	1,100	1,100	100.0	64
Total of certificates for 20 qualifications	102,000	144,100	70.8	90,100	119,700	75.3	13
Total of certificates for all qualifications	165,800	4,985,500	3.3	167,700	4,567,200	3.7	-1

Source: ILR

Background notes

In this release, Ofqual presents data on both the supply side and demand side of the qualifications market. On the supply side it reports on the number of recognised awarding organisations, the qualifications that were available in the period covered and the certificates in those qualifications. On the demand side it reports on the participation rates in England.

The certificate data in this release covers England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the exception of the sections on further education and the skills sector (page 60) where the data is for England only.

Data source

Information on qualifications is taken from Ofqual's Register. The Register is used by awarding organisations to submit qualifications for accreditation and maintain details of these qualifications. Ofqual uses the Register for regulatory activity. The data submitted by the awarding organisations includes information on qualifications, covering title, type, awarding organisation, sector skills area and level. This information is regarded as administrative data. Ofqual cannot amend this information – it is the responsibility of the awarding organisations. Where Ofqual sees anomalies in the data it requires awarding organisations to correct their information. Available qualifications are taken from the Register and awarding organisations are asked to send the associated certificates awarded.

Each quarter, all recognised awarding organisations submit data to Ofqual about the number of certificates they have awarded for non GCSE and A level qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, regardless of the age of the student and the type of school or college. Certificates are counted in the quarter when the qualification was awarded. This release shows the number of awards broken down by awarding organisation, sector skills area, type of qualification, level of qualification and country.

The number of qualifications and certificates awarded in all specifications for GCSEs, AS and A levels taken in England, Wales and Northern Ireland is sent to Ofqual annually by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). GCSE certificates cover full course, short course, applied double and applied single awards. A level also includes A level applied double award and A level applied single award. Similarly AS also includes AS applied double award and AS applied single award. The data has been cleaned to exclude candidates who achieved grade U or were absent. This data source will be referred to as 'JCQ data' throughout the report.

Subject level analysis based on subject categories is used by JCQ when publishing exam results. Tables may be sourced from either JCQ data or the combined data

depending on the statistics presented. If the JCQ data has not been matched this is reported as 'JCQ data (unmatched)'.

The number of qualifications and certifications for qualifications other than GCSE and A levels in schools has been collected from awarding organisations. This data is provisional and will become final in the next annual qualification market report. This data source is referred to as 'Ofqual – schools data'.

Data is requested annually from learning providers in the further education and skills sector by the Data Service on behalf of the Information Authority. This data source is referred to as the 'ILR' throughout the report. The ILR includes both funded and unfunded qualifications data. For the purpose of this report Ofqual has extracted data for funded qualifications only, with the permission of the Data Service.

Data for participation rates in England is collected by DfE. It is the source for the data on participation and education and training data for 16- to 18-year-olds in England (*Statistical First Release SFR 22/2013*²⁹), and for Level 2 and Level 3 attainment data for 19-year-olds in England (*Statistical First Release SFR10/2014*³⁰).

The Skills Funding Agency is the source for student participation and certificate in further education data in England (*Statistical First Release SFA/SFR23*³¹).

The Welsh Government publishes data on participation rates of 16-to 18-year olds in education used in this report. The data for participation rates for Northern Ireland was published by the Department of Education in Northern Ireland (DENI) until 2011.

Limitations of data

Certification data for non GCSE and A level qualifications are collected at the earliest point available, which is the first day of the next reporting period. This reduces the time between the activity and reporting on the activity.

Ofqual cannot guarantee that the number of certificates sent are correct, although it expects awarding organisations send correct data. Summary data is sent to awarding organisations for checking and confirmation. The figures reported in this release are reflective of the certificates issued by awarding organisations at the time of data collection.

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www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/209934/Participation_SFR_end_2012_-_FINALv2.pdf

³⁰ www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/295696/SFR_10-2014.pdf

³¹ www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/323137/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-release-march14-june-update.pdf

Ofqual carries out quality assurance procedures to ensure the accuracy of the data and challenge or question it where necessary. The publication may be deferred if the statistics are not considered fit for purpose.

This is the first time that Ofqual has collected schools data for qualifications other than GCSE and A levels. This is still being reviewed and quality assured and so the data is classified as provisional statistics within this report. These will become final statistics in the next edition.

Geographical coverage

The certificate data in this release covers England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the exception of the following sections, where the data is for England only:

- Qualifications in schools and school sixth forms (page 48); and
- Further education and the skills sector (page 60)

Revisions

Once published, data on the number of certificates issued for any qualification is not usually subject to revision, although subsequent releases may be revised to insert late data or correct an error. Qualifications may also be re-categorised to a different type, level, sector skills area or awarding organisation. In some cases, data may be amended to reflect the new categorisation.

The awarding organisations Edexcel and EDI merged to form Pearson Education Ltd, so qualifications by EDI no longer appear separately.

Completeness of the data

All awarding organisations with regulated, available qualifications have been included.

Confidentiality

To ensure confidentiality of the raw data published online, the number of certificates awarded for qualifications other than GCSE and A level has been rounded to the nearest five. If the value is less than five, it is represented as 0~ and 0 represents zero certificates.

Rounding

Figures in the commentary and tables for the number of certificates issued are rounded to the nearest 100 for ease of use. As a result of rounded figures, the percentages shown in any pie charts may not necessarily add up to 100. The numbers of qualifications have been left as exact figures.

Users of these statistics

These statistics are of particular interest to recognised awarding organisations who use these statistics for product development and business development strategies, and to gain insight into market share. Other users include the DfE and the Examination Officers Association.

Related statistics and publications

This statistical release presents annual data. There will be some overlap between the figures in this release and those in Ofqual's two quarterly publications: *Vocational and Other Qualifications Quarterly*³² and the *Higher Level Qualifications Quarterly*³³ release.

A number of other statistical releases and publications relate to this one, including:

- The *Statistical First Release: GCSE and Equivalent Results in England 2011/12*,³⁴ published by the DfE, which covers students' certificates in GCSEs and equivalent regulated qualifications in schools at the end of Key Stage 4. The *Statistical First Release: A Level and Equivalent Results in England, 2011/12*³⁵ covers certificates for 16- to 18-year-old students at schools and colleges in all Level 3 qualifications. These releases can be used to add context to the trends seen in Level 2 and Level 3 A level, AS and GCSE equivalent qualifications.
- The quarterly *Statistical First Release*,³⁶ published by the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, reports on apprenticeship volumes that cover statistics on adult (19+) government-funded participation, certificate and success rates for further education, and apprenticeships participation and certificates for all ages (16+) in England. It also shows figures on certificates issued for vocational qualifications in the UK, as collected by Ofqual and through the National Vocational Qualifications Database.

³² www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/statistics/vocational-and-other-qualifications

³³ www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/150/412

³⁴ www.gov.uk/government/publications/revised-gcse-and-equivalent-results-in-england-academic-year-2011-to-2012

³⁵ www.gov.uk/government/publications/revised-a-level-and-equivalent-examination-results-in-england-academic-year-2011-to-2012

³⁶ www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/324008/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-release-june14.pdf

- The *Statistical First Release: Participation in education, training and employment by 16-18 year olds in England*,³⁷ published by the DfE, reports on participation in education, training and employment and those who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) for 16-, 17- and 18-year-olds in England. It provides information on different post-16 learning options (schools, further education (FE) colleges, Work Based Learning (WBL), higher education, etc).
- The *Statistical First Release: Level 2 and 3 attainment by young people in England measured using matched administrative data: attainment by age 19 in 2013*,³⁸ published by the DfE, provides information on the proportion of young people in England who attain Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications by the age of 19. It provides information at national level and analyses this information by institution and qualification type.

Useful information

The raw data behind these certification statistics are available on Ofqual's website.³⁹ There you will also find a detailed guidance document and further information on data collection.

A glossary of terms is available in the next section to help you interpret this release.

You can find Ofqual's publication schedule for the next releases on its website.⁴⁰ Ofqual's *Statistical Publications Glossary* provides further details on sector skills area classifications and qualification types and levels, and is available on Ofqual's website.⁴¹

The Register gives information on regulated qualifications and recognised awarding organisations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.⁴²

Glossary of terms

A levels – also known as General Certificates of Education, are available as advanced level qualifications (A levels) and advanced subsidiary (AS). They are the main qualifications that young people use to gain entry to university.

³⁷ www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/209934/Participation_SFR_end_2012_-_FINALv2.pdf

³⁸ www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/295696/SFR_10-2014.pdf

³⁹ www.ofqual.gov.uk/documents/regulated-qualifications-activity-five-year-dataset-2009-present

⁴⁰ www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/statistics

⁴¹ www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf

⁴² register.ofqual.gov.uk

Accreditation – a process that reviews and confirms certification to specific criteria and standards.

Accredited qualification – a qualification that has met the relevant criteria as set by the regulators of qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Once approved for accreditation, a qualification will be awarded with a Qualification Accreditation Number, and specific dates set for the period for which the qualification will be accredited.

Active qualification – a qualification where a certificate has been awarded.

Available qualification – a qualification eligible for an award or a qualification that has made an award, even if it is no longer eligible (no longer available for students to enrol on). For the purpose of this release, a qualification is available until the certification end date or if an award has been certified during the reporting period.

Awarding organisation – an organisation recognised to develop, deliver and award descriptions of qualifications.

Certificate/certification – a formal acknowledgement of a student's certificate. This will be any award that is not graded as U (unclassified), absent or X (fail).

Certification end date – the last date on which a student may be issued with a certificate of certificate for the qualification.

GCSEs – General Certificates of Secondary Education are the main school-leaving qualification in England. They are available in a range of subjects and can be studied alongside other qualifications. They are generally sat by 15- to 18-year-olds in schools and colleges but are open to anyone who wants to gain a qualification.

Level – qualifications are assigned a level from Entry Level, then Level 1 through to Level 8 (equivalent to a doctorate).

National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) – work-related, competence-based qualifications that cover a broad range of industry sectors and occupations, and are delivered in a workplace setting.

Other general qualifications – qualifications that assess a particular subject area, such as music or art, other than GCSEs, AS and A levels. These qualifications are not directly work-related but may support career development. They are often structured against graded exams. The category also includes qualifications at Level 1/Level 2, also known as IGCSEs.

Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) – provides 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 certificates. There are three different types: Award (1 to 12 credits), Certificate (13 to 36 credits) and Diploma (37 or more credits).

Quarter – refers to calendar quarters. 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.

Recognition – the formal process which Ofqual operates, whereby applicants who wish to offer regulated qualifications can demonstrate that they meet the recognition criteria.⁴³ It is a robust gateway into the regulated marketplace. Only applicants who meet the criteria in full will be recognised.

Register – the Register of Regulated Qualifications contains details of recognised awarding organisations and regulated qualifications.

Regulated qualifications – when a qualification is accredited (see definition above), it is then said to be regulated.

Vocationally-related qualifications – work-related, competence-based qualifications designed to give students the skills and knowledge they need to do a job. They are related to employment but, unlike NVQs, do not necessarily require a work placement.

⁴³ www.ofqual.gov.uk/documents/criteria-for-recognition

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Table 11: The number of regulated qualifications of each type from 2008/09 to 2012/13

Qualification type	Number of qualifications available to certificate				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Advanced Extension Award	19	19	1	1	1
Basic Skills	84	83	88	89	80
Diploma	140	196	196	196	196
English for Speakers of Other Languages	165	174	186	187	193
Entry Level	298	339	367	338	301
Free Standing Mathematics Qualification	22	22	22	20	14
Functional Skills	96	235	208	203	232
A Level	457	460	276	280	284
AS	455	457	269	273	276
General Certificate of Secondary Education	697	743	775	635	593
Higher Level	540	578	554	491	419
Key Skills	360	356	377	377	368
National Vocational Qualification	1,889	1,755	1,606	1,422	1,133
Occupational Qualification	105	95	94	87	85
Other General Qualification	664	729	762	798	824
Principal Learning	105	188	206	216	201
Project	20	19	18	18	18
QCF	2,461	6,076	9,695	12,764	16,770
Vocationally-Related Qualification	2,941	2,773	2,395	2,105	1,654
Total	11,518	15,297	18,095	20,500	23,642

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Table 12: The number of regulated qualifications of each type for which certificates were awarded by academic year 2008/09 to 2012/13

Qualification type	Number of qualifications with certificates				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Advanced Extension Award	5	1	1	1	1
Basic Skills	69	70	70	66	56
Diploma	17	58	75	109	79
English for Speakers of Other Languages	118	121	146	140	146
Entry Level	256	257	272	239	218
Free Standing Mathematics Qualification	22	18	19	11	7
Functional Skills	70	93	149	154	183
GCE A Level	258	372	258	257	254
GCE AS	445	316	263	262	260
General Certificate of Secondary Education	367	437	436	426	436
Higher Level	338	344	298	221	172
Key Skills	248	252	234	217	202
National Vocational Qualification	1,331	1,257	1,137	923	596
Occupational Qualification	65	69	68	61	34
Other General Qualification	507	531	611	520	512
Principal Learning	20	56	80	96	70
Project	9	14	15	15	9
QCF	476	1,692	4,535	6,846	8,989
Vocationally-Related Qualification	2,148	1,959	1,602	1,000	586
Total	6,769	7,917	10,269	11,564	12,810

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Table 13: The 20 awarding organisations with the most certificates in all qualifications from 2008/09 to 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Qualification type	Number of certificates				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Pearson Education Ltd	3,278,400	3,647,700	3,694,800	4,658,400	4,957,300
AQA Education	3,888,200	3,918,200	3,938,300	3,701,900	3,778,900
OCR	2,821,500	2,882,200	2,733,200	2,702,300	2,361,900
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,380,400	1,444,200	1,487,000	1,406,100	1,432,600
WJEC-CBAC	852,500	945,400	1,002,400	1,065,500	1,131,300
NCFE	194,400	237,000	194,900	313,300	455,500
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	401,800	400,500	330,100	300,800	309,800
National Open College Network	154,000	177,200	217,500	221,900	298,000
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	290,600	316,300	282,500	288,400	273,100
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	218,500	216,100	219,800	215,500	215,600
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	6,500	40,700	91,200	146,800	187,800
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	156,600	204,400	164,200	159,000	170,900
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	87,500	128,400	118,600	146,500	123,900
Trinity College London	114,100	112,300	109,800	124,000	123,200
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	98,800	98,700	96,700	107,500	117,300
Cambridge International Examinations	200	1,800	10,300	35,500	110,200
Cskills Awards	161,300	119,200	110,700	104,800	95,900
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	64,700	77,400	66,100	72,500	91,600
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	104,900	77,000	76,800	81,800	88,000
Sports Leaders UK	100,500	94,800	120,400	84,400	84,400
Total	15,525,800	16,338,000	16,248,200	17,236,700	17,880,600

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Note: Pearson Education Ltd includes awards from Pearson EDI.

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 14: The distribution of certificates by awarding organisations for all GCSE subjects in 2012/13

Subject	Awarding organisation									
	AQA	%	CCEA	%	OCR	%	Pearson	%	WJEC	%
Additional Science	151,700	53	0	0	83,100	29	44,400	15	8,900	3
All other subjects	6,700	22	400	1	0	0	0	0	23,500	77
Art and Design subjects	100,700	55	4,600	2	23,600	13	45,400	25	9,900	5
Biology	97,600	55	3,500	2	54,900	31	18,400	10	4,200	2
Business & Comm. Systems	11,200	78	600	4	1,100	8	1,400	10	0	0
Business Studies	22,600	28	3,800	5	13,200	16	35,900	44	5,200	6
Chemistry	92,100	54	2,800	2	52,100	31	18,000	11	4,100	2
Citizenship Studies	13,600	26	0	0	13,600	26	26,200	49	0	0
Classical subjects	1,600	9	0	0	15,400	91	0	0	0	0
Computing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	100
Construction	0	0	700	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Design and Technology	160,900	74	2,900	1	23,000	11	19,600	9	12,300	6
Drama	22,200	30	1,100	1	5,200	7	41,800	56	4,200	6
Economics	3,900	60	200	3	2,400	37	0	0	0	0
Engineering	2,400	53	300	7	500	11	1,200	27	0	0
English	452,000	57	16,000	2	51,600	7	78,700	10	194,500	25
English Literature	272,000	58	7,400	2	34,200	7	41,500	9	117,400	25
French	94,100	53	4,100	2	12,800	7	48,600	27	17,800	10
Geography	95,600	43	5,500	2	38,800	18	51,500	23	30,000	14
German	33,000	52	500	1	4,600	7	19,000	30	6,000	10
Health & Social Care	2,700	17	500	3	5,800	37	5,700	36	1,100	7
History	60,100	23	6,300	2	93,200	36	75,300	29	22,200	9
Home Economics	10,300	30	4,400	13	12,500	36	0	0	7,400	21
Hospitality	0	0	500	13	0	0	0	0	3,400	89
Humanities	5,700	60	0	0	1,800	19	0	0	2,000	21
ICT	14,400	16	10,700	12	13,200	15	36,800	42	12,200	14
Irish	0	0	2,100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leisure & Tourism	1,200	32	100	3	300	8	1,400	38	600	16
Manufacturing	0	0	200	22	200	22	600	67	0	0
Mathematics	211,000	16	14,100	1	109,900	9	906,800	70	45,700	4
Mathematics (Additional)	0		0		0		0		0	
Media / Film / TV Studies	34,200	56	400	1	6,500	11	0	0	19,600	32
Music	14,000	31	1,800	4	8,700	19	18,900	41	2,500	5
Other Modern Languages	12,700	39	0	0	5,300	16	14,800	45	0	0
Other Sciences	3,800	40	0	0	1,500	16	2,800	29	1,500	16
Other Technology	0	0	1,400	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Performing / Expressive Arts	18,600	89	0	0	1,500	7	0	0	700	3
Physical Education	35,800	30	1,800	2	10,900	9	63,100	54	6,300	5
Physics	89,900	55	2,700	2	49,800	30	17,100	10	4,200	3
Prep. For Life and Work	0	0	8,100	98	0	0	0	0	200	2
Religious Studies	124,900	29	7,100	2	87,100	20	140,700	33	65,500	15
Science	274,900	52	4,500	1	138,000	26	93,600	18	15,700	3
Science: Double Award (CCEA)	0		0		0		0		0	
Social Science subjects	24,500	59	0	0	10,200	24	2,700	6	4,500	11
Spanish	50,200	55	2,500	3	6,000	7	24,500	27	7,900	9
Statistics	11,000	26	0	0	0	0	32,000	74	0	0
Welsh Literature	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,200	100
Welsh: First Language	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,600	100
Total	2,633,700	41	123,500	2	992,800	16	1,928,700	30	695,700	11

Source: JCQ data

Note: ICAAE awarded 500 certificates in Business & Communication Systems in the period. These were the only certificates ICAAE awarded.

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 15: The 20 GCSE qualifications with the most certificates in 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Qualification	Certificates 2012/13
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Mathematics A	805,800
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English Language	323,300
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English Literature	272,000
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Science A	264,900
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Additional Science	143,500
WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English Language	142,300
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English	128,700
WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English Literature	117,400
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Mathematics	101,400
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Art and Design	98,500
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Biology	96,200
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in French	93,300
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Mathematics B	91,700
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Chemistry	91,200
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Religious Studies	90,900
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Mathematics B	89,100
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Physics	89,000
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/2 GCSE In Science	88,300
OCR Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Mathematics B	79,500
AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Geography A	77,800

Source: JCQ data

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 16: The 20 AS qualifications with the most certificates in 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Qualification	Certificates 2012/13
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Mathematics	60,800
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Psychology A	52,200
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Biology	39,300
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Sociology	38,400
OCR Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Biology	32,000
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Business Studies	31,300
OCR Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Chemistry A	30,800
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in History	29,900
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Mathematics (Pilot)	27,700
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Art and Design	27,700
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Chemistry	27,300
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in General Studies A	24,000
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Physics A	23,400
OCR Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Mathematics	23,300
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in English Literature B	23,000
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Geography	22,700
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in English Language B	22,400
AQA Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in History	22,300
OCR Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Mathematics (MEI)	20,000
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Art and Design	19,600

Source: JCQ data

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 17: The 20 A level qualifications with the most certificates in 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Qualification	Certificates 2012/13
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Mathematics	41,900
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Psychology A	33,700
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Biology	25,800
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Sociology	25,000
OCR Level 3 Advanced GCE in Biology	21,100
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in History	20,300
OCR Level 3 Advanced GCE in Chemistry A	20,100
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Business Studies	19,500
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Art and Design	18,400
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Chemistry	17,300
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in English Language B	16,600
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in English Literature B	16,200
AQA Advanced GCE in Mathematics (Pilot)	15,900
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Geography	15,300
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in History	14,500
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Physics A	14,400
AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in General Studies A	14,400
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Art and Design	14,300
OCR Advanced GCE in Mathematics	13,200
OCR Advanced GCE in Mathematics (MEI)	11,300

Source: JCQ data

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 18: Number of certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level in each sector skills area from 2008/09 to 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Sector subject area	Number of certificates				
	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013
01 - Health, Public Services and Care	1,016,100	1,129,800	793,300	799,400	1,025,200
02 - Science and Mathematics	95,800	142,600	167,200	227,400	280,800
03 - Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	90,100	106,100	120,500	119,200	119,700
04 - Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	386,000	399,000	422,400	420,600	441,000
05 - Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	257,800	230,000	214,700	240,100	243,200
06 - Information and Communication Technology	548,900	602,100	610,900	652,800	632,300
07 - Retail and Commercial Enterprise	410,600	499,400	693,200	787,900	754,200
08 - Leisure, Travel and Tourism	419,900	437,900	489,700	530,700	549,000
09 - Arts, Media and Publishing	757,200	840,700	785,700	889,100	897,700
10 - History, Philosophy and Theology	41,600	41,300	45,600	46,600	41,400
11 - Social Sciences	2,900	3,100	4,500	4,200	4,700
12 - Languages, Literature and Culture	348,800	364,600	390,000	398,300	466,300
13 - Education and Training	98,400	118,300	107,400	96,800	106,500
14 - Preparation for Life and Work	2,305,500	2,535,600	2,585,600	3,013,000	3,006,400
15 - Business, Administration, Finance and Law	497,300	544,100	541,400	648,600	698,900
Total	7,277,000	7,994,600	7,972,200	8,874,700	9,267,200

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Figure 47: Percentage change in number of certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level for the seven awarding organisations with the most certificates from 2008/09 to 2012/13

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

Awarding organisation	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	Percentage change from 2011/12 to 2012/13	Percentage change from 2008/09 to 2012/13
Pearson Education Ltd	1,483,400	1,818,800	1,779,700	2,429,200	2,548,900	5	72
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,380,400	1,444,200	1,487,000	1,406,100	1,432,600	2	4
OCR	1,015,600	1,109,000	1,101,000	1,072,800	821,300	-23	-19
NCFE	194,400	237,000	194,900	313,300	455,500	45	134
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	401,800	400,500	330,100	300,800	309,800	3	-23
National Open College Network	154,000	177,200	217,500	221,900	298,000	34	94
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	290,600	316,300	282,500	288,400	273,100	-5	-6
Others	2,339,500	2,474,400	2,564,800	2,824,000	3,110,100	10	33
Overall	7,277,000	7,994,600	7,972,200	8,856,400	9,249,400	4	27

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 19: Number of certificates in qualifications other than GCSE and A level by qualification type from 2008/09 to 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Table 19: Number of 'other' qualification certificates by qualification type from 2008/09 to 2012/13

Qualification type	Number of certificates				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Advanced Extension Award	2,000	700	400	400	300
Basic Skills	869,300	829,800	611,600	512,900	101,800
Diploma	200	4,700	9,200	10,900	2,800
English for Speakers of Other Languages	273,100	332,500	273,900	275,900	287,600
Entry Level	308,100	239,300	160,100	114,700	102,500
Free Standing Mathematics Qualification	19,600	23,700	25,500	22,900	23,100
Functional Skills	122,400	242,300	566,600	664,700	864,600
Higher Level	44,700	46,600	30,300	16,800	7,600
Key Skills	897,600	885,300	618,400	659,200	545,600
National Vocational Qualification	922,800	979,000	587,800	128,800	28,700
Occupational Qualification	26,500	23,200	17,500	4,600	600
Other General Qualification	951,100	969,100	767,600	536,700	668,900
Principal Learning	600	7,200	17,100	17,200	5,200
Project	12,000	26,800	50,500	49,800	43,900
QCF	220,300	777,200	2,836,200	5,283,300	6,235,800
Vocationally-Related Qualification	2,606,700	2,607,300	1,399,600	575,800	348,200
Total	7,277,000	7,994,600	7,972,200	8,874,700	9,267,200

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 20: The seven largest awarding organisations by QCF qualification certificates from 2008/09 to 2012/13

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

Awarding organisation	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Pearson Education Ltd	12,500	89,700	532,400	1,531,300	1,774,100
City & Guilds of London Institute	43,500	159,400	408,200	626,700	791,400
NCFE	200	13,800	101,700	273,200	435,700
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	0	5,500	249,800	300,800	309,800
OCR	23,400	42,500	157,100	287,900	294,900
National Open College Network	28,100	87,200	179,000	198,300	275,000
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	0	0	400	288,400	273,100
Others	112,500	379,000	1,207,600	1,776,800	2,081,900
Total	220,300	777,200	2,836,200	5,283,300	6,235,800

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100. Values less than 50 will appear as 0~. 0 represents no certificates.

Table 21: Number of certificates in the QCF by sector skills area from 2008/09 to 2012/13

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

Sector subject area	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
01 - Health, Public Services and Care	7,300	48,500	335,700	689,800	982,000
02 - Science and Mathematics	0	100	30,800	128,100	156,500
03 - Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	100	30,500	77,300	106,800	112,400
04 - Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	8,000	43,600	162,600	309,100	397,800
05 - Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	17,000	49,100	118,200	201,300	230,800
06 - Information and Communication Technology	2,800	73,000	180,700	257,400	321,500
07 - Retail and Commercial Enterprise	31,200	138,700	545,200	759,400	751,200
08 - Leisure, Travel and Tourism	300	8,100	228,300	481,800	526,300
09 - Arts, Media and Publishing	6,000	72,200	344,200	861,800	887,000
10 - History, Philosophy and Theology	0	0	32,500	32,600	29,000
11 - Social Sciences	0~	400	400	500	300
12 - Languages, Literature and Culture	2,200	19,000	43,800	88,800	75,000
13 - Education and Training	20,600	35,300	56,400	87,300	103,900
14 - Preparation for Life and Work	20,000	132,000	367,900	674,100	985,200
15 - Business, Administration, Finance and Law	104,800	126,800	312,100	604,600	676,800

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100. Values less than 50 will appear as 0~. 0 represents no certificates.

Table 22: Number of qualification certificates in the QCF by NQF level from 2008/09 to 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Level	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Entry Level	16,400	76,500	199,600	321,300	395,500
Level 1	41,300	193,900	718,700	1,271,100	1,543,800
Level 2	91,200	355,000	1,499,600	2,776,100	3,150,400
Level 3	47,500	114,000	348,000	811,900	1,030,900
Level 4 - 8	23,900	37,800	70,200	103,000	115,300
Total	220,300	777,200	2,836,200	5,283,300	6,235,800

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 23: Number of 16- to 18-year-olds participating in education and training in England 2007-2012**England only**

End of calendar year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	2012
Full-time education	1,266,900	1,305,700	1,364,600	1,379,100	1,362,400	1,349,500
Work Based Learning (WBL)	136,200	133,500	125,100	111,400	110,200	111,300
Employer Funded Training (EFT)	88,400	82,400	68,000	67,500	68,300	74,400
Other Education and Training (OET)	93,500	95,800	91,500	99,900	113,600	110,800
Total education and training ²	1,581,600	1,613,800	1,645,700	1,654,400	1,653,900	1,645,300
Not in any education or training - in employment	236,800	208,200	176,200	172,000	134,500	141,100
Not in any education, employment or training (NEET)	191,500	211,600	203,200	182,800	193,000	181,400
Population	2,009,800	2,033,600	2,025,100	2,009,200	1,981,400	1,967,800

Source: DfE SFR 18/2014

Table 24: Number of 16- to 18-year-old females and males participating in education in England 2007-2012**England only****Females**

End of calendar year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	2012
Full-time education	655,700	670,200	690,700	694,700	690,800	683,000
Total education and training	784,700	796,600	810,900	813,200	816,500	810,800
Not in any education, employment or training (NEET)	87,400	102,200	93,100	83,200	86,300	79,800
Population	983,300	997,200	992,700	982,600	965,400	956,500

Males

End of calendar year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	2012
Full-time education	611,200	635,500	673,900	684,500	671,600	666,500
Total education and training	796,800	817,200	834,800	841,300	837,700	834,500
Not in any education, employment or training (NEET)	104,000	109,300	110,100	99,600	106,700	101,600
Population	1,026,500	1,036,400	1,032,400	1,026,600	1,016,000	1,011,400

Source: DfE SFR 18/2014

* figures have been revised

Table 25: Number of 16- to 18-year-olds in education and training in Wales**Wales only**

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
Full-time education	70,160	71,550	72,650	74,790	75,940	76,050	76,750	77,190
Part-time education	9,060	9,770	8,760	8,390	7,010	6,660	6,470	5,980
Work Based Learning	9,150	8,760	7,660	7,630	9,170	9,140	8,450	8,340
Population	118,200	119,300	120,400	120,600	119,400	117,100	115,100	113,500

Source: statswales.wales.gov.uk

* Provisional data

Table 26: GCSE certificates in schools from 2008/09 to 2012/13**England, Wales and Northern Ireland**

GCSE certificates	Number of certificates									
	2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13	
England	5,476,200	91%	5,513,400	91%	5,303,600	91%	5,421,300	91%	5,650,700	92%
Wales	343,200	6%	345,000	6%	322,900	6%	331,500	6%	330,000	5%
Northern Ireland	188,300	3%	189,700	3%	187,400	3%	181,700	3%	179,600	3%
Total	6,007,800		6,048,100		5,813,800		5,934,500		6,160,300	

Source: JCQ data

Table 27: GCSE qualification certificates in schools and school sixth forms from 2008/09 to 2012/13**England, Wales and Northern Ireland**

GCSE subject	Number of certificates				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Mathematics	738,600	841,600	916,800	1,105,200	1,207,400
English	765,300	846,800	816,700	667,700	726,000
Science	516,700	466,400	414,700	551,700	513,300
English Literature	517,600	502,500	479,200	458,800	469,100
Religious Studies	457,600	458,600	459,900	456,200	422,400
Additional Science	391,500	348,100	301,000	283,600	285,200
History	216,700	217,900	214,800	217,400	254,900
Geography	193,100	191,600	178,500	184,000	220,000
Design and Technology	350,000	336,300	252,700	238,900	216,800
Art and Design subjects	50,500	47,200	179,000	174,000	178,500
French	185,100	174,100	154,800	153,100	176,500
Biology	97,100	125,300	143,500	161,500	174,300
Chemistry	90,700	120,100	139,500	156,600	167,000
Physics	89,900	119,300	138,100	155,100	161,900
Physical Education	105,800	94,600	130,400	118,000	116,100
Spanish	64,300	65,600	64,800	71,300	89,500
ICT	150,000	117,600	77,500	69,600	85,700
Business Studies	100,800	91,600	72,900	72,900	79,700
Drama	65,800	62,200	79,500	75,100	73,900
German	72,300	69,400	61,000	57,800	62,900
Media / Film / TV Studies	69,400	67,000	68,500	62,100	59,200
Citizenship Studies	92,500	92,100	80,800	72,900	52,400
Music	52,300	50,100	47,100	45,300	45,500
Statistics	75,300	67,200	51,800	49,200	42,400
Social Science subjects	24,900	27,300	33,900	37,100	37,600
Home Economics	27,600	26,800	36,800	35,500	34,200
Other Modern Languages	98,700	93,600	25,100	28,700	30,100
All other subjects	49,000	49,600	24,800	25,500	28,400
Welsh: Second Language	21,100	22,300	22,200	22,700	24,100
Performing / Expressive Arts	24,100	21,000	22,900	21,100	20,300
Classical subjects	14,900	16,000	15,000	16,000	16,800
Health & Social Care	19,600	15,800	17,100	14,500	15,600
Business & Comm. Systems	34,400	27,200	17,900	15,000	14,000
Humanities	15,600	14,100	16,200	12,600	9,100
Other Sciences	103,900	100,500	7,500	7,600	8,400
Prep. For Life and Work	9,400	9,400	8,400	8,300	8,200
Economics	2,700	3,200	4,600	5,200	6,400
Welsh: First Language	5,200	5,400	5,300	5,200	5,600
Engineering	3,900	3,000	4,100	4,000	4,500
Welsh Literature	4,000	4,200	4,100	3,900	4,100
Hospitality	1,600	2,000	3,000	3,100	3,800
Leisure & Tourism	9,300	6,400	5,200	4,300	3,600
Irish	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,800	2,000
Other Technology	0	0	1,300	1,400	1,400
Manufacturing	2,000	1,800	1,500	1,000	900
Construction	1,000	1,000	700	700	700
Computing	0	0	0	0	400
Mathematics (Additional)	16,100	14,500	10,600	1,400	0
Science: Double Award (CCEA)	7,500	7,400	0	0	0
Total	6,007,800	6,048,100	5,813,800	5,934,500	6,160,300

Source: JCQ data

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100. Values less than 50 will appear as 0~. 0 represents no certificates.

Table 28: AS certificates in schools from 2008/09 to 2012/13

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

AS certificates	Number of certificates									
	2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13	
England	689,800	89.2%	699,800	89.2%	862,200	91.0%	836,700	90.6%	856,000	91.1%
Wales	36,900	4.8%	37,800	4.8%	37,500	4.0%	36,800	4.0%	36,300	3.9%
Northern Ireland	46,900	6.1%	46,900	6.0%	47,600	5.0%	50,500	5.5%	47,600	5.1%
Total certificates	773,600		784,400		947,300		923,900		939,900	

Source: JCQ data

Table 29: A level certificates in schools from 2008/09 to 2012/13

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

A level certificates	Number of certificates									
	2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13	
England	546,400	89.3%	564,300	89.4%	559,600	89.4%	553,200	89.3%	550,500	89.4%
Wales	31,400	5.1%	31,300	5.0%	30,600	4.9%	30,300	4.9%	29,000	4.7%
Northern Ireland	34,200	5.6%	35,400	5.6%	35,800	5.7%	36,400	5.9%	36,300	5.9%
Total certificates	612,000		630,900		626,000		619,800		615,800	

Source: JCQ data

Table 30: AS qualification certificates in schools and school sixth form forms from 2008/09 to 2012/13**England only**

AS subject	Number of certificates				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Mathematics	63,600	70,400	89,300	97,600	102,400
English	60,300	71,000	87,300	85,800	84,300
Biology	50,400	53,200	67,200	69,100	71,700
Chemistry	39,000	41,400	54,000	56,200	60,900
Psychology	41,900	43,400	55,600	54,100	55,800
History	43,100	43,800	54,200	54,000	55,300
Physics	30,400	31,200	39,900	41,300	43,900
Art and Design subjects	35,400	36,400	43,800	39,400	39,200
General Studies	41,500	44,800	51,600	40,800	38,000
Business Studies	34,000	32,400	37,500	36,500	37,700
Geography	29,100	28,000	34,300	35,400	37,100
Economics	19,900	20,000	24,500	27,400	29,800
Religious Studies	22,000	23,500	28,000	28,300	29,300
Sociology	20,400	21,300	27,800	25,800	27,400
Media / Film / TV Studies	25,100	25,600	30,800	26,500	26,300
ICT	25,000	23,300	24,400	22,900	20,700
Design and Technology	17,400	19,000	21,900	20,000	20,000
Mathematics (Further)	8,700	10,200	12,600	14,600	16,500
Physical Education	17,300	18,000	19,200	16,300	15,400
Political Studies	10,500	11,100	13,900	14,400	13,800
French	14,800	13,700	15,800	14,600	13,700
Drama	16,100	14,400	15,900	13,900	13,100
Health & Social Care	8,400	9,700	10,300	9,900	10,200
Music	9,200	9,100	10,500	9,500	9,000
Spanish	7,700	7,000	8,000	8,500	8,900
All other subjects	11,700	8,400	9,700	9,000	7,900
Other Modern Languages	5,900	6,100	6,900	6,900	7,200
Critical Thinking	14,800	12,900	13,000	8,900	7,200
Law	6,700	6,400	7,300	6,700	6,400
German	5,300	5,600	6,300	5,800	5,900
Classical subjects	4,100	4,300	5,100	5,300	5,600
Science	2,500	3,300	4,200	4,100	4,500
Computing	3,100	2,800	3,300	3,000	4,000
Performing / Expressive Arts	4,100	3,900	4,300	3,600	3,200
Other Sciences	18,300	2,900	2,900	2,600	2,600
Travel & Tourism	2,400	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100
Communication Studies	900	1,100	1,000	800	800
Welsh	900	1,000	800	800	800
Leisure	1,100	1,000	1,100	800	600
Engineering	300	300	400	300	400
Irish	400	400	400	400	400
Humanities	-	-	-	-	0~
Total	773,600	784,400	947,300	923,900	939,900

Source: JCQ data

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100. Values less than 50 will appear as 0~. 0 represents no certificates.

Table 31: A level qualification certificates in schools and school sixth form forms in England from 2008/09 to 2012/13**England only**

A level subject	Number of certificates				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Mathematics	52,800	56,800	60,000	62,000	64,100
English	61,700	61,500	60,400	59,800	60,200
Biology	38,700	43,500	45,300	45,800	46,700
History	39,900	38,800	38,400	38,800	38,900
Chemistry	25,200	33,300	35,500	36,500	38,400
Psychology	31,800	34,200	34,500	35,200	35,300
Art and Design subjects	29,200	30,700	30,300	30,500	28,700
Physics	21,900	23,700	24,900	25,900	26,900
Geography	14,700	25,900	25,100	25,600	26,300
Business Studies	28,600	29,800	26,300	25,100	24,500
Economics	16,800	17,800	18,100	18,300	20,000
General Studies	31,300	29,100	26,000	22,300	19,700
Religious Studies	17,900	18,100	19,000	19,200	19,700
Media / Film / TV Studies	19,800	19,500	19,700	18,900	17,400
Sociology	16,300	16,900	17,300	17,600	17,200
ICT	17,700	18,700	16,800	15,200	14,500
Design and Technology	15,500	15,000	14,700	13,800	12,600
Political Studies	3,400	9,700	10,400	10,500	10,600
Physical Education	15,600	15,300	14,100	12,200	10,500
Mathematics (Further)	7,800	8,900	9,100	9,900	10,500
Drama	13,100	12,900	12,300	11,400	10,500
French	11,200	11,100	10,200	9,700	8,700
Health & Social Care	7,700	8,500	7,100	7,300	7,200
Other Modern Languages	18,000	5,600	6,400	6,600	6,700
Music	7,400	7,300	7,100	6,700	6,300
Spanish	5,200	5,700	5,500	5,300	5,500
Classical subjects	3,100	4,400	4,200	4,500	4,400
Law	5,200	5,100	4,900	4,400	4,200
All other subjects	9,700	4,300	4,200	4,300	4,000
German	10,400	4,600	4,100	3,700	3,300
Science	1,700	2,000	2,600	2,600	2,700
Performing / Expressive Arts	3,000	3,100	2,900	2,500	2,200
Computing	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,700
Other Sciences	1,100	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Travel & Tourism	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,400	1,300
Welsh	800	700	700	700	600
Critical Thinking	1,300	1,200	1,000	600	600
Communication Studies	0	700	600	600	500
Leisure	1,000	900	700	700	400
Irish	300	300	300	300	300
Engineering	200	200	200	200	200
Total	612,000	630,900	626,000	619,800	615,800

Source: JCQ data

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100. Values less than 50 will appear as 0~. 0 represents no certificates.

Table 32: High-volume qualifications other than GCSE and A level**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Qualification title	Certificates 2012/13
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	174,782
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	137,469
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	91,920
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	63,082
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	62,615
Cambridge ESOL Level 1 Certificate in English (IELTS 5.5-6.5)	57,173
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport (QCF)	56,760
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	55,347
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	51,269
Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in First Language English	51,124
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	50,211
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	48,362
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	47,702
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	46,656
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	43,983
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	41,537
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	41,139
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Functional Skills Mathematics	40,806
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	40,359
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Sport (QCF)	39,672
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	38,410
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Award in Digital Applications for IT Users	37,660
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	37,097
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	36,088
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity (QCF)	35,581
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Entry 3	32,892
NCFE Level 1 Award in Learning to Learn (QCF)	32,171
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	31,763
NOCN Level 1 Award in Progression (QCF)	30,503
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Business (QCF)	30,342
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	30,173
BIIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	30,084
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	27,646
NCFE Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of End of Life Care (QCF)	27,359
NOCN Entry Level Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (Entry 3) (QCF)	27,084
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	27,022
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5) (QCF)	26,805
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	26,641
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	26,428
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	26,306
HABC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	26,231
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 3	26,018
NOCN Entry Level Award in Progression (Entry 3) (QCF)	26,000
Cambridge ESOL Level 2 Certificate in English (IELTS 7.0-8.0)	25,919
1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Football (QCF)	25,692
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	25,655
WJEC Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number	24,924
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of Medicines (QCF)	24,578
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (QCF)	24,564
NOCN Level 1 Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF)	24,286

Qualification title	Certificates 2012/13
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)	23,283
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Entry 3	23,132
AQA Level 1 Certificate in French (FCSE)	22,424
AQA - City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Project	22,164
WJEC Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Communication	22,118
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Sport (QCF)	21,696
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	21,297
BSC Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work (QCF)	21,270
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Art and Design (QCF)	21,241
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 1	20,922
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	20,901
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	20,610
TCL Level 1 Award in the Arts (QCF)	20,542
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	20,479
WJEC Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology	19,944
Pearson EDI Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	19,564
Ascentis Level 1 Award In Internet Safety For IT Users (QCF)	19,198
OCR Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	19,182
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users	19,093
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in IT (QCF)	19,042
NCFE Level 1 Award in Employability Skills (QCF)	19,024
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	18,910
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	18,738
QA Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	18,635
IQL Level 2 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Intervention, Supervision and Rescue (QCF)	18,501
Cambridge ESOL Entry Level Certificate in English (IELTS 4.0-5.0) (Entry 3)	18,454
Pearson EDI Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	18,411
FAA Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	18,274
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Dementia Care (QCF)	18,258
Pearson EDI Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	18,214
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)	18,186
City & Guilds Level 3 Award In Requirements for Electrical Installation BS7671:June 2008 (2011) (QCF)	18,164
AQA Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	17,950
HABC Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	17,678
IQL Level 2 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Intervention, Supervision and Rescue (QCF)	17,659
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills Qualification in English at Entry 3	17,607
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	17,176
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care or Children and Young People's Settings (QCF)	17,041
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (QCF)	16,862
RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	16,795
ABRSM Level 2 Award in Graded Examination in Music Theory (Grade 5) (QCF)	16,735
Pearson EDI Level 2 Award in Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings (QCF)	16,674
OCR Advanced Level Free-Standing Mathematics Qualification: Additional Mathematics	16,558
OCR Entry Level Award in Employability Skills (Entry 3) (QCF)	16,346
OCR Level 2 National Short Course Award in ICT	16,173
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2	16,080
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Manufacturing (QCF)	15,479
Pearson EDI Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	15,455
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Entry 3	15,448
ASDAN Level 2 Key Skills in Improving Own Learning and Performance	15,375
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)	15,152
AAT Level 2 Certificate in Accounting (QCF)	15,056
Pearson EDI Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	14,888
OCR Level 2 National Award in Science	14,637
NCFE Level 2 Award in Learning to Learn (QCF)	14,357
ASDAN Level 2 Key Skills in Working With Others	14,343
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 1	14,338
Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership (QCF)	13,879

Qualification title	Certificates 2012/13
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings (QCF)	13,755
NOCN Level 2 Award in General Religious Education (QCF)	13,705
CACHE Level 3 Diploma for The Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)	13,526
OCR Entry Level Introductory Award in Life and Living Skills (Entry 3) (QCF)	13,521
NCFE Level 2 Award in Nutrition and Health (QCF)	13,464
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2	13,461
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Mental Health Awareness (QCF)	13,448
AQA Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2	13,420
NCFE Level 1 Award in Substance Misuse Awareness (QCF)	13,217
Pearson EDI Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	13,198
ASDAN Level 2 Key Skills in Problem Solving	13,110
ISTD Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Dance: Grade 1 (QCF)	12,983
OCR Level 2 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	12,943
HABC Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	12,863
WJEC Level 2 Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma	12,787
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Mathematics	12,667
Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	12,504
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in IT (QCF)	12,487
ASDAN Level 2 Certificate of Personal Effectiveness	12,478
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design (QCF)	12,452
Pearson BTEC Entry Level Certificate in WorkSkills (Entry 3) (QCF)	12,419
NOCN Level 1 Award in General Religious Education (QCF)	12,338
CYQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (QCF)	12,103
NCFE Level 1 Award in Exploring Enterprise Skills (QCF)	12,028
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Employability and Personal Development (QCF)	12,016
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	12,001
City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	11,860
City & Guilds Level 1 Award in Employability and Personal Development (QCF)	11,789
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	11,762
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (QCF)	11,761
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	11,746
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Adult Numeracy	11,740
AQA Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	11,682
ISTD Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Dance: Grade 2 (QCF)	11,600
LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (QCF)	11,593
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	11,532
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in English Literature	11,523
LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF)	11,499
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in IT (QCF)	11,316
Pearson EDI Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	11,273
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	11,211
CIEH Level 2 Award In Principles of Manual Handling (QCF)	11,151
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Business (QCF)	11,018
WJEC Level 3 Key Skills in Working With Others	10,923
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Award in Personal and Social Development (QCF)	10,913
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	10,903
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (QCF)	10,898
AQA Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics	10,852
Pearson EDI Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	10,845
Pearson EDI Level 2 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	10,828
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Creative Media Production (QCF)	10,790
AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting (QCF)	10,748
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Adult Literacy	10,644
OCR Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	10,639
WJEC Level 3 Essential Skills Wales in Communication	10,595
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Business (QCF)	10,587
WJEC Level 3 Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma	10,576
WJEC Level 1 Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number	10,557
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Music (QCF)	10,546

Qualification title	Certificates 2012/13
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	10,493
ABRSM Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 6) (QCF)	10,422
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design (QCF)	10,354
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	10,276
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Team Leading (QCF)	10,231
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Business (QCF)	10,138
Pearson BTEC Entry Level Award in WorkSkills (Entry 3) (QCF)	10,101
HABC Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	10,029
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Engineering (QCF)	9,996
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Public Services (QCF)	9,986
HABC Level 2 Award For Upskilling Door Supervisors (QCF)	9,952
Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Key Skills in Information and Communication Technology	9,935
Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (QCF)	9,898
Pearson Edexcel Entry Level Award in Functional Skills Information and Communication Technology (ICT) (Entry 3)	9,878
LAO Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	9,796
Pearson EDI Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	9,632
WJEC Level 3 Key Skills in Improving Own Learning and Performance	9,628
OCR Entry Level Award in Using ICT (Entry 3) (QCF)	9,619
AOFAQ Level 2 Award In Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	9,577
NOCN Level 2 Award in Trade Unions Today (QCF)	9,573
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT (QCF)	9,565
OCR Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ) (QCF)	9,546
WJEC Level 2 Key Skills in Problem Solving	9,492
CACHE Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)	9,451
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport (QCF)	9,405
ISTD Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Dance: Grade 3 (QCF)	9,393
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	9,331
OCR Level 2 Award in Business Skills (QCF)	9,239
EAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Performing Engineering Operations (QCF)	9,233
Pearson Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in English Language	9,163
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	9,069
WJEC Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	9,033
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Public Services (QCF)	8,996
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	8,964
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Contact Dermatitis Prevention (QCF)	8,910
Pearson Edexcel Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening) (Entry 1)	8,788
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)	8,727
CIEH Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	8,674
EAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Business Improvement Techniques (QCF)	8,674
Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Entry 2	8,660
QA Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work (QCF)	8,649
Pearson EDI Level 1 Award in Personal Safety Awareness (QCF)	8,625
OCR Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	8,617
City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (QCF)	8,586
IQL Level 2 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Supervision and Rescue (QCF)	8,583
Cskills Awards Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Plant Operations (Construction) (QCF)	8,559
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)	8,547
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT (QCF)	8,514
Pearson EDI Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Customer Service (QCF)	8,427
LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (QCF)	8,423
WJEC Level 1 Essential Skills Wales in Communication	8,417
ABRSM Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 8) (QCF)	8,409
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Working in Medium Risk Confined Spaces in the Water Industry (QCF)	8,382
WJEC Level 2 Key Skills in Working With Others	8,368
NOCN Level 2 Award in Progression (QCF)	8,315
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	8,301
OCR Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 3	8,196
NCFE Entry Level Award in Exploring Employability Skills (Entry 3) (QCF)	8,192
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business (QCF)	8,174

Qualification title	Certificates 2012/13
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate In Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)	8,155
ASCENTIS Level 1 Award in Health and Safety (QCF)	8,114
FAA Level 2 Award for Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	7,973
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	7,961
AQA Level 1 Certificate in Spanish (FCSE)	7,950
WJEC Level 1 Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology	7,859
City & Guilds Level 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (QCF)	7,834
ABRSM Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 7) (QCF)	7,832
Cambridge ESOL Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening) (Entry 3)	7,809
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 2	7,788
IFS Level 2 Certificate in Personal Finance (QCF)	7,779
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Award in Warehousing and Storage (QCF)	7,763
ASCENTIS Level 1 Award in Managing Personal Finance (QCF)	7,713
City & Guilds Level 1 Extended Award in Employability and Personal Development (QCF)	7,704
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Basic Construction Skills	7,703
OCR Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2	7,689
OCR Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Entry 3	7,652
WJEC Level 2 Key Skills in Improving Own Learning and Performance	7,645
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Principles of Customer Service in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	7,636
Pearson EDI Level 1 Certificate in Preparing For Employment (QCF)	7,599
Pearson EDI Level 3 Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration (QCF)	7,572
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate for Introduction to Customer Service (Entry 3) (QCF)	7,554
ESB Level 1 Certificate in ESOL International All Modes	7,514
CIEH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	7,485
HABC Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	7,421
Pearson EDI Level 3 Certificate in Management Principles (QCF)	7,417
CIEH Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	7,363

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Notes:

1. Qualifications other than GCSE and A level represent all regulated qualifications other than GCSEs, A levels, AS and the Diploma.
2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations.

Table 33: Certificates for all qualifications by recognised awarding organisations by academic year for 2008/09 to 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Awarding organisation	Number of certificates				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Pearson Education Ltd	3,278,378	3,647,698	3,694,800	4,658,412	4,957,253
AQA Education	3,888,201	3,918,152	3,938,260	3,701,903	3,778,893
OCR	2,821,549	2,882,174	2,733,185	2,702,307	2,361,926
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,380,355	1,444,246	1,486,972	1,406,089	1,432,648
WJEC-CBAC	852,516	945,396	1,002,403	1,065,525	1,131,255
NCFE	194,396	236,956	194,904	313,296	455,538
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	401,763	400,499	330,089	300,789	309,756
National Open College Network	154,041	177,188	217,533	221,868	298,029
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	290,588	316,263	282,513	288,448	273,090
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	218,533	216,055	219,796	215,491	215,616
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	6,462	40,695	91,223	146,847	187,754
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	156,571	204,362	164,204	158,999	170,879
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	87,455	128,429	118,598	146,475	123,934
Trinity College London	114,114	112,276	109,807	124,016	123,186
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	98,836	98,675	96,707	107,543	117,266
Cskills Awards	161,258	119,226	110,666	104,815	95,853
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	64,708	77,435	66,105	72,512	91,596
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	104,925	76,995	76,836	81,789	87,990
Sports Leaders UK	100,539	94,832	120,433	84,417	84,420
Ascentis	34,345	55,627	58,893	68,448	80,968
Cambridge International Examinations	165	1,772	10,276	35,505	110,217

VTCT	93,761	88,903	63,529	67,283	67,968
IMI Awards Ltd	39,496	72,825	57,455	62,982	66,027
1st4sport Qualifications	64,070	62,851	63,207	61,945	61,971
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	46,006	62,018	54,303	61,580	56,366
LAMDA	44,220	47,304	48,615	54,405	54,430
BIIAB	77,392	71,969	62,797	56,431	53,646
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	42,061	29,004	31,657	31,696	45,675
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	0	511	49,969	77,834	43,451
Institute of Leadership & Management	42,682	49,237	45,240	39,680	40,166
First Aid Awards Ltd	0	35	3,153	7,594	39,772
International Baccalaureate Organisation	23,650	26,905	30,246	30,504	36,777
Association of Accounting Technicians	29,437	31,619	30,778	33,618	36,511
ABC Awards	45,477	39,792	34,703	35,927	36,323
Qualsafe Awards	0	0	0	1,859	34,328
Active IQ	6,420	16,971	20,283	30,082	33,560
Rock School Ltd	20,984	26,699	28,734	33,734	33,386
Royal Society for Public Health	37,050	47,644	30,544	28,888	32,132
Central YMCA Qualifications	21,858	24,243	28,248	29,093	30,588
IFS School of Finance	14,771	6,022	9,144	26,228	29,003
British Safety Council	50,427	56,805	78,733	68,371	28,558
AQA - City & Guilds	9,303	16,326	31,114	31,157	28,499
AIM Awards	0	0	0	2,085	28,173
Royal Academy of Dance	39,563	37,886	38,691	37,271	27,886
University of West London	29,683	27,453	6,094	22,798	27,350
Lifetime Awarding	0	1,516	9,813	18,684	25,376
English Speaking Board (International) Ltd	18,337	18,005	16,459	16,417	22,491
International Dance Teachers Association	0	0	0	0	20,967
Chartered Management Institute	23,448	28,129	31,426	22,805	18,753
Open Awards	0	0	0	3,504	18,086
Laser Learning Awards	0	0	0	933	17,490

AoFA Qualifications	0	0	0	2,221	14,535
Chartered Insurance Institute	9,442	8,433	10,577	16,583	13,436
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	8,134	7,591	11,087	12,633	12,374
Graded Qualifications Alliance	10,127	10,448	14,279	13,223	12,211
Industry Qualifications	0	0	2	3,000	11,955
WSET Awards	12,322	16,596	11,732	10,430	11,534
Safety Training Awards	7,050	7,935	9,156	8,381	11,418
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	6,474	6,020	3,778	4,980	11,249
apt awards	0	0	0	0	9,589
The Learning Machine	4,278	3,452	3,413	4,939	9,198
Signature	12,144	12,685	8,493	13,277	9,112
Amateur Swimming Association	8,137	5,634	7,136	7,647	8,115
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	18,223	15,094	13,403	10,042	8,111
Prince's Trust	0	0	1,119	6,330	7,452
FDQ Limited	6,346	6,372	5,145	6,167	7,339
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	7,666	5,202	7,151	7,199	7,248
EMD (Qualifications) Ltd	0	0	0	0	7,065
ITC First Aid Ltd	4,366	8,576	5,983	5,479	6,505
GQA Qualifications Limited	3,720	4,476	3,171	4,272	5,964
SFEDI Enterprises Ltd. T/A SFEDI Awards	0	0	29	1,093	5,045
ITEC	5,934	5,775	3,993	3,567	4,964
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	9,951	7,854	5,265	5,142	4,725
Open College Network West Midlands Region	0	0	0	15	4,360
International Association of Book-Keepers	4,135	2,953	2,609	3,527	4,178
Royal Horticultural Society	1,948	466	2,540	3,692	4,039
McDonalds	471	2,489	5,671	4,187	4,023
Learning Resource Network	0	0	0	1,676	3,523
Chartered Institute of Legal Executives	1,519	3,143	3,164	3,533	3,519
British Ballet Organisation	2,047	3,641	2,195	2,251	3,356
WAMITAB	5,468	4,670	3,161	3,861	3,334

OCN Eastern Region	0	0	0	0	3,166
Scottish Qualifications Authority trading as SQA	254	921	934	2,174	2,987
Lantra Awards	3,612	2,497	2,207	1,809	2,901
Mineral Products Qualifications Council	1,164	1,529	1,149	1,148	2,644
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	781	1,297	498	1,247	2,613
British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust	3,157	3,170	2,922	2,919	2,608
Institute of Administrative Management	2,874	3,777	4,601	2,256	2,450
BPEC Certification Ltd	0	0	0	0	2,330
British Canoe Union AB	2,058	1,485	1,650	2,346	2,279
iCan Qualifications Limited	0	0	0	304	2,246
New Era Academy of Drama and Music (London) Ltd	0	0	2,297	2,624	2,179
Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply	3,791	3,977	1,873	2,654	2,116
PAAVQSET	3,126	3,466	3,520	2,602	2,099
Agored Cymru	0	198	127	471	2,021
Chartered Institute of Housing	1,982	1,725	1,297	1,492	2,007
Chartered Institute of Marketing	2,627	1,495	1,453	1,766	2,004
Awarding Body for the Built Environment	2,668	1,731	476	4,147	1,948
Qualifications Network	292	1,919	2,304	1,715	1,807
Engineering Construction Industry Training Board	1,869	1,959	1,752	1,679	1,610
CFA Society of UK	2,067	2,574	1,133	1,611	1,572
Mountain Leader Training England	1,225	921	1,165	1,104	1,467
NCTJ Training	1,483	1,242	1,566	1,723	1,305
Institute of Sales and Marketing Management	398	217	274	242	1,053
Association of Business Executives	5,061	3,927	2,764	1,087	968
National Federation of Property Professionals	1,003	1,366	1,740	1,483	903
CABWI Awarding Body	999	1,107	1,062	701	900
ATHE Ltd	0	0	0	161	863
ProQual Awarding Body	0	0	3	43	839
ETC Awards Limited	992	1,314	1,782	1,125	773
Open College Network London Region	0	0	0	0	766

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons	2,907	4,043	1,377	653	735
Register of Play Inspectors International	0	0	0	0	718
The Institution of Fire Engineers	738	498	171	293	709
Associated Sports Qualifications	732	909	854	753	598
Institute of Credit Management	190	238	365	758	565
IoL Educational Trust	264	330	330	470	557
International Curriculum and Assessment Agency (Examinations)	24,368	21,855	14,865	681	538
Institute of British Sign Language	0	0	16	46	471
The Pensions Management Institute	180	129	387	734	462
University of the Arts London	5,180	5,868	4,920	1,896	438
Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK	278	606	371	434	423
British Institute of Facilities Management	0	0	105	209	404
Institute of Commercial Management	95	152	502	489	403
OCN North East Region	0	0	0	11	335
Open College Network Yorkshire and Humber Region	0	0	0	0	327
The Confederation of Tourism and Hospitality	225	1,000	595	614	326
Association of British Dispensing Opticians	641	672	310	293	302
NCC Education Services	495	333	271	181	238
Chartered Institute of Building	717	398	279	301	236
Awarding Body for Vocational certificate Ltd	0	49	179	695	223
Kaplan Professional Awards	0	0	0	174	215
Organisation for Tourism and Hospitality Management	0	272	400	416	212
SFJ Awards	0	0	0	0	207
British Driving Society	770	375	207	163	186
Open College Network Northern Ireland	0	0	0	10	173
Logic Certification Limited	0	0	0	33	165
Worshipful Company of Farriers	94	96	106	100	152
Institute of Animal Technology	110	302	155	122	139
London Centre of Marketing	0	538	883	229	125
Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation	187	272	198	177	115

The Gemmological Association of Great Britain	659	656	148	0	112
Confederation of International Beauty Therapy and Cosmetology	0	0	0	33	104
City College Norwich Qualifications	0	51	25	32	101
Accounting Technicians Ireland	0	0	0	1	95
WJEC-EDEXCEL-CBAC	0	3	45	86	92
Chartered Quality Institute	152	115	113	171	91
PIABC	183	89	41	33	87
Institute of Hospitality	0	14	74	64	79
Accredited Skills for Industry	0	0	0	24	75
Open University Awarding Body	480	487	406	224	69
Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	186	229	96	68	61
British Wheel of Yoga Qualifications	0	0	78	130	59
British Institute of Cleaning Science	0	5	25	114	48
NPTC	15,832	4,273	55	57	45
National Association of Licensed Paralegals	0	0	26	17	24
Institute of Operations Management	101	33	50	47	17
FPSB UK Ltd	0	0	0	0	13
Central Qualifications	0	0	0	0	7
The Institute of Financial Accountants	0	0	0	0	4
DSA Qualification Awarding Board	0	0	0	4	3
University of East London Global Examinations Board	0	0	0	0	0
The University of Central Lancashire Examination Board	0	0	0	0	0
The Market Research Society	443	273	283	108	0
Royal Institute of Public Health	4,413	178	0	0	0
Recruitment & Employment Confederation	0	0	0	0	0
Qualifi Ltd	0	0	0	11,326	0
Professional Association of Diving Instructors	67	60	13	0	0
Offshore Petroleum Industry NTO	1,979	46	0	0	0
Network Rail	45	244	168	94	0
NEBOSH	12,259	12,269	4,719	5	0

Insurance Industry Training Council	0	39	0	0	0
Institute of Export	0	0	0	0	0
Hospitality Awarding Body	23,874	525	0	0	0
Defence Awarding Organisation	4	0	5	1	0
British Gymnastics	3,069	483	0	0	0
Association of International Accountants	0	0	0	0	0
ASET	740	61	8	0	0
Accrediting and Assessment Bureau for Post-Secondary Schools	0	0	0	220	0
ABMA Education Ltd	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15,525,836	16,338,010	16,248,163	17,236,656	17,880,559

Figure 48: The 20 qualifications other than GCSE and A level with the most certificates in 2012/13

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Qualification	certificates 2011/12	certificates 2012/13	Percentage change
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	182,300	174,800	-4
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	54,200	137,500	154
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	73,900	91,900	24
Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in First Language English	6,500	68,900	>200
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	44,900	63,100	41
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	69,100	62,600	-9
Cambridge ESOL Level 1 Certificate in English (IELTS 5.5-6.5)	42,800	57,200	34
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport (QCF)	51,900	56,800	9
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	30,100	55,300	84
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	29,000	51,300	77
Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in First Language English	6,400	51,100	>200
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	13,800	50,200	>200
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	50,300	48,400	-4
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	38,700	47,700	23
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	50,700	46,700	-8
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	30,500	44,000	44
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	31,800	41,500	31
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	45,000	41,100	-9
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Functional Skills Mathematics	15,000	40,800	172
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	42,000	40,400	-4
Others	7,965,800	7,996,100	0

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Notes: Data is supplied by awarding organisations.

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 34: The 20 qualifications with the most certificates in the largest sector skills area (preparation for life and work) in 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Qualification	Number of certificates 2012/13
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	63,100
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	55,300
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	51,300
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	47,700
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	44,000
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	41,500
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Functional Skills Mathematics	40,800
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	37,100
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity (QCF)	35,600
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Entry 3	32,900
NCFE Level 1 Award in Learning to Learn (QCF)	32,200
NOCN Level 1 Award in Progression (QCF)	30,500
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	30,200
NOCN Entry Level Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (Entry 3) (QCF)	27,100
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	27,000
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	26,600
Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	26,400
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 3	26,000
NOCN Entry Level Award in Progression (Entry 3) (QCF)	26,000
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	25,700

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Notes: Data is supplied by awarding organisations.

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Figure 49: The 20 QCF qualifications with the most certificates in 2012/13**England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

Qualification title	October - September 2012	October - September 2013	Percentage change
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	182,300	174,800	-4
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	73,900	91,900	24
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	69,100	62,600	-9
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport (QCF)	51,900	56,800	9
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	50,300	48,400	-4
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	50,700	46,700	-8
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	31,800	41,500	31
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	45,000	41,100	-9
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	42,000	40,400	-4
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Sport (QCF)	38,600	39,700	3
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	39,000	38,400	-2
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	34,100	36,100	6
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity (QCF)	31,700	35,600	12
NCFE Level 1 Award in Learning to Learn (QCF)	23,800	32,200	35
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	29,500	31,800	8
NOCN Level 1 Award in Progression (QCF)	20,200	30,500	51
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Business (QCF)	28,200	30,300	7
BIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	33,400	30,100	-10
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	30,500	27,600	-10
NCFE Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of End of Life Care (QCF)*	4,600	27,400	>200

Source: Ofqual's Regulated Qualification Activity Database

Notes: Data is supplied by awarding organisations.

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

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