

About Ofqual

Who we are and what we do

We are **independent** of government and report directly to Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly.



The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) was founded in 2010. We regulate GCSEs, AS and A levels in England, and a broad range of other qualifications in England and Northern Ireland. Other regulators exist for the devolved nations of the UK.



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We are independent of government and report directly to Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly, although we do work within the context of government policy. Government decides the National Curriculum used by primary and secondary schools, the qualifications that can be offered in schools, and the accountability framework by which schools are evaluated. It also determines the vocational qualifications that can be taught in schools and colleges, and the framework for qualifications used in apprenticeships.

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GCSEs



AS & A levels



Vocational qualifications

We regulate around 160 awarding organisations who between them offer more than 20,000 different qualifications. We regulate so that these qualifications are valid and trusted, and so that new GCSEs, AS and A levels and other key qualifications are of the required standard.