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GCSE, AS and A level subjects accredited to be taught from 2016

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This page shows the status of specifications submitted to Ofqual to be taught as GCSEs, AS and A levels from September 2016.

Exam boards take these subject content and requirements documents and use them to produce a specification and sample assessment materials for any subject they wish to offer. The specification is submitted to Ofqual for consideration. Ofqual convenes a panel of subject and assessment experts

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to scrutinise the specification and make a decision on whether it meets all the requirements for that subject. If it does, it will be accredited and teachers will be able to use it. If it does not, it will be sent back to the exam board and they will have to change their specification based on the feedback given by Ofqual. When they have made the amendments they will submit the new specification.

We have produced [a diagram of the accreditation process](#) .

1.

Number of qualifications accredited

At least one exam board qualification has been accredited in all of the 20 GCSE subjects and in 7 of the 11 AS and A level subjects.

2.

Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2016

To date, 91 of 156 submitted specifications (58.3%) have been accredited.

59 of 85 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

32 of 70 AS and A level specifications have been accredited.

Key information

3.

Entry	Meaning
	Specification accredited
-	Exam board is not submitting a specification for this subject
'submission due'	The date the exam board is aiming to submit for accreditation
'awaiting submission'	We are awaiting a submission from the exam board but they have not indicated when we will receive it or the date they indicated has passed
'submission received'	We have received a specification from the exam board and it is awaiting an accreditation decision

4.

GCSEs

	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
Art and design				
Biology	3rd submission received 18 March 2016	Spec A: Spec B:		
Chemistry	3rd submission received 18 March 2016	Spec A: Spec B:		
Citizenship				-
Classical Greek	-		-	-
Combined science	Spec 'Synergy': 3rd submission received 18 March 2016	Spec A: 3rd submission received 15 March 2016		3rd submission received 7 March 2016

	Spec 'Trilogy': 3rd submission received 18 March 2016	Spec B: 3rd submission received 16 March 2016		
Computer science				
Dance	-	-	-	
Drama		awaiting 4th submission		
Food preparation and nutrition			-	
French		3rd submission due 11 April 2016	4th submission received 23 March 2016	4th submission received 22 March 2016
Geography		Spec A: Spec B:	Spec A: Spec B:	Spec A: Spec B:
German		3rd submission due 11 April 2016	4th submission received 23 March 2016	4th submission received 22 March 2016
History		Spec A: Spec B:		
Latin	-		-	
Music				
Physical education				
Physics	3rd submission received 18 March 2016	Spec A: Spec B: 4th submission received 30 March 2016		
Religious studies	Spec A:	Spec:	Spec A: 3rd submission	Spec: 3rd submission

Spec B:	Spec 'SC': 2nd submission	due 8 April 2016	received 14 March 2016
Spec 'SC':	received 22 March 2016	Spec B: 3rd submission due 8 April 2016	Spec 'SC': 3rd submission received 16 March 2016
		Spec 'SC A': 3rd submission due 8 April 2016	
		Spec 'SC B': 3rd submission due 8 April 2016	

Spanish	3rd submission due 11 April 2016	4th submission received 23 March 2016	4th submission received 22 March 2016
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AS and A levels

-	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
Classical Greek: A level	-		-	-
Classical Greek: AS level	-		-	-
Dance: A level		-	-	-
Dance: AS level		-	-	-
Drama and theatre: A				

level				
Drama and theatre: AS level				
French: A level	4th submission due 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 11 April 2016	3rd submission due 8 April 2016	awaiting 4th submission
French: AS level	4th submission due 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 11 April 2016	3rd submission due 8 April 2016	awaiting 4th submission
Geography: A level	3rd submission due 31 March 2016			awaiting 4th submission
Geography: AS level	3rd submission due 31 March 2016			4th submission received 22 March 2016
German: A level	4th submission due 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 11 April 2016	3rd submission due 8 April 2016	awaiting 4th submission
German: AS level	4th submission due 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 11 April 2016	3rd submission due 8 April 2016	awaiting 4th submission
Latin: A level	-		-	-
Latin: AS level	-		-	-
Music: A level				
Music: AS level				
Physical education: A level				3rd submission received 23 March 2016
Physical education: AS level				3rd submission received 23 March 2016

Religious studies: A level	3rd submission received 29 March 2016	3rd submission due 1 April 2016	3rd submission received 24 March 2016	3rd submission received 23 March 2016
Religious studies: AS level	3rd submission received 24 March 2016	3rd submission due 1 April 2016	3rd submission received 24 March 2016	3rd Submission received 21 March 2016
Spanish: A level	4th submission due 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 11 April 2016	3rd submission due 8 April 2016	awaiting 4th submission
Spanish: AS level	4th submission due 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 11 April 2016	3rd submission due 8 April 2016	awaiting 4th submission

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