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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

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consideration. Ofqual convenes a panel of subject and assessment experts 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, all of the 11 A level subjects and in 10 of the 11 AS level subjects.

2.

Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2016

To date, 106 of 156 submitted specifications (67.9%) have been accredited.

67 of 86 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

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

3.

Key information

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	4th submission due 14 April 2016	Spec A: Spec B:		
Chemistry	4th submission due 14 April 2016	Spec A: Spec B:		
Citizenship				-
Classical Greek	-		-	-
Combined science	Spec 'Synergy': 4th submission due 14 April 2016	Spec A: Spec B:		4th submission received 12 April 2016

Spec 'Trilogy': 4th submission due 14 April 2016				
Computer science				
Dance				
Drama				
Food preparationand nutrition				
French				
Geography				
German				
History				
Latin				
Music				
Physical education				
Physics				
Religious studies				

	Spec B:	Spec 'SC':	submission
	Spec 'SC':	Spec B: 3rd submission received 8 April 2016	Spec 'SC': awaiting 4th submission
		Spec 'SC A': awaiting 3rd submission, Spec 'SC B': awaiting 3rd submission	
Spanish		3rd submission due 18 April 2016	4th submission received 22 March 2016

5.

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 received 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 22 April 2016		4th submission due 29 April 2016

French: AS level	4th submission received 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 6 May 2016		4th submission due 29 April 2016
Geography: A level	3rd submission received 31 March 2016			4th submission due 27 April 2016
Geography: AS level	3rd submission received 31 March 2016			awaiting 5th submission
German: A level	4th submission received 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 22 April 2016		4th submission due 29 April 2016
German: AS level	4th submission received 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 6 May 2016		4th submission due 29 April 2016
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 received 1 April 2016	4th submission due 15 April 2016	
Religious studies: AS level	3rd submission received 24 March 2016	3rd submission received 1 April 2016	4th submission due 15 April 2016	awaiting 4th submission
Spanish: A level	4th submission received 13 April	3rd submission due 22 April		4th submission due 29 April 2016

	2016	2016	
Spanish: AS level	4th submission received 13 April 2016	3rd submission due 6 May 2016	4th submission due 29 April 2016

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