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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 all 11 AS and A level subjects.

2.

Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2016

To date, 114 of 156 submitted specifications (73%) have been accredited.

67 of 86 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

47 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	4th submission received 14 April 2016	Spec A: Spec B:		
Chemistry	4th submission received 14 April 2016	Spec A: Spec B:		
Citizenship				-
Classical Greek	-		-	-
Combined science	Spec 'Synergy': 4th submission received 14 April 2016 Spec 'Trilogy': 4th	Spec A: Spec B:		4th submission received 12 April 2016

submission received 14 April 2016				
Computer science				
Dance	-	-		-
Drama		4th submission received 15 April 2016		
Food preparation and nutrition			-	
French		3rd submission due 06 May 2016		awaiting 5th submission
Geography		Spec A:	Spec A:	Spec A:
		Spec B:	Spec B:	Spec B:
German		3rd submission due 06 May 2016		awaiting 5th submission
History		Spec A:		
		Spec B:		
Latin	-		-	
Music				
Physical education				
Physics	4th submission received 14 April 2016	Spec A:		Spec B:
Religious studies	Spec A:	Spec:	Spec A: 3rd submission received 8 April 2016	Spec: awaiting

	Spec B:	Spec 'SC':	4th submission
	Spec 'SC':		Spec 'SC':
		Spec B: 3rd submission received 8 April 2016	awaiting 4th submission
		Spec 'SC A': awaiting 3rd submission, Spec 'SC B': awaiting 3rd submission	awaiting 4th submission
Spanish		3rd submission due 06 May 2016	awaiting 5th submission

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

French: AS level		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		3rd submission due 22 April 2016		4th submission due 29 April 2016
German: AS level		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				awaiting 4th submission
Physical education: AS level				awaiting 4th submission
Religious studies: A level	4th submission due 22 April 2016	awaiting 4th submission		
Religious studies: AS level		awaiting 4th submission	4th submission received 15 April 2016	4th submission due 20 April 2016
Spanish: A level		3rd submission due 22 April 2016		4th submission due 29 April 2016

Spanish: AS
level

3rd submission
due 6 May
2016

4th submission
due 29 April
2016

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