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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 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

In 15 of 20 GCSE subjects, all submitted specifications have been accredited. The remaining 5 subjects have at least 2 exam board specifications accredited.

In 5 of 11 AS and A level subjects, all submitted specifications have been accredited. The remaining 6 subjects have at least 2 exam board specifications accredited.

2.

Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2016

To date, 123 of 156 submitted specifications (78%) have been accredited.

73 of 86 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

50 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		Spec A:		
		Spec B:		
Chemistry		Spec A:		

Spec B:			
Citizenship			-
Classical Greek	-	-	-
Combined science	Spec 'Synergy':	Spec A: Spec B:	
	Spec 'Trilogy':		
Computer science			
Dance	-	-	-
Drama		4th submission received 15 April 2016	
Food preparation and nutrition		-	
French	3rd submission due 23 May 2016		5th submission due 11 May 2016
Geography	Spec A: Spec B:	Spec A: Spec B:	Spec A: Spec B:
German	3rd submission due 23 May 2016		5th submission due 11 May 2016
History	Spec A: Spec B:		
Latin	-	-	

Music				
Physical education				
Physics		Spec A:		
		Spec B:		
Religious studies	Spec A:	Spec:	Spec A: awaiting 4th submission, Spec B: awaiting 4th submission, Spec 'SC A': awaiting 3rd submission, Spec 'SC B': awaiting 3rd submission,	Spec: 4th submission received 26 April 2016
		Spec 'SC':		
	Spec B:			
	Spec 'SC':			Spec 'SC': 4th submission received 26 April 2016
Spanish		3rd submission due 23 May 2016		5th submission due 11 May 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		3rd submission due 23 May 2016	4th submission received 29 April 2016
French: AS level		3rd submission due 23 May 2016	4th submission received 29 April 2016
Geography: A level	awaiting 4th submission		4th submission received 27 April 2016
Geography: AS level	awaiting 4th submission		5th submission due 4 May 2016
German: A level		3rd submission due 23 May 2016	4th submission received 29 April 2016
German: AS level		3rd submission due 23 May 2016	4th submission received 29 April 2016
Latin: A level	-	-	-
Latin: AS level	-	-	-
Music: A level			
Music: AS level			
Physical education: A level			4th submission received 25 April 2016
Physical education: AS level			4th submission received 25 April 2016
Religious studies: A level		4th submission due 6 May 2016	
Religious		5th submission due	

studies: AS level	6 May 2016	
Spanish: A level	3rd submission due 23 May 2016	4th submission received 29 April 2016
Spanish: AS level	3rd submission due 23 May 2016	4th submission received 29 April 2016

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