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How We Will Fund Resits of Legacy GCSE in English, English Language and Mathematics in 2016 to 2017

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This document confirms how we will fund legacy GCSEs in English, English language and mathematics in the academic year 2016 to 2017.

Ofqual decision on legacy GCSE in English, English language and mathematics

Following a consultation, Ofqual [announced](#) on the 23 March that legacy GCSE English, English language and mathematics will be available for resits in November 2016 and for the last time in summer 2017.

Ofqual's decision means that:

1. In November 2016, the following groups of learners can sit the examinations for the legacy GCSE English, English language and mathematics:
 - those who have already taken the examination for these qualifications
 - those who have not previously taken the examination for these qualifications and are not yet 16 or who have [good reason](#) for not having taken the examination when planned
 - those who are aged at least 16 on or before 31 August 2016 whether they have taken the examination before or not

2. In summer 2017, the examination for these qualifications will only be available to learners who are aged at least 16 on or before 31 August 2016, whether they have taken the examination before or not.

For learners taking the exam in summer 2017, there will be no further opportunity to take the exam for these legacy qualifications. Any further exam entries must be for the reformed GCSEs graded 9-1.

To reflect these arrangements, Ofqual are working with exam boards to update the operational and certification end dates on the [Register of Regulated Qualifications](#).

Funding of legacy GCSE in 2016 to 2017 by the Education Funding Agency and Skills Funding Agency

For the 2016 to 2017 academic year only, we will fund those learners aged 16 and above who meet Ofqual's criteria to study the legacy GCSEs in English, English language and mathematics. We will not fund learners who are only sitting the exams.

From 1 August 2017, we will not fund learners to study or continue to study with the legacy maths and English GCSEs. After this date, all learners must undertake the reformed GCSEs graded 9-1.

Before enrolling new learners to study the legacy GCSEs, you must first make sure that the learners meet the criteria set out by Ofqual above. You must also ensure that the learner can achieve the qualification in one year.

In 2016 to 2017, the legacy GCSEs will continue to be part of the:

- condition for funding for English and maths for learners aged 16- to 18-year-olds funded by the EFA
- English and maths legal entitlements for learners aged 19 and above funded by the SFA.

Once the operational and certification end dates of these qualifications are updated on the [Register of Regulated Qualifications](#), we will update the:

- [Hub](#)
- [SFA English and maths entitlements list](#)
- [Section 96 approvals list.](#)