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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

In 19 of 20 GCSE subjects, all submitted specifications have been accredited. For the remaining subject, only 1 exam board has its specifications outstanding.

In 8 of 11 AS and A level subjects, all submitted specifications have been accredited. For the remaining 3, all but 1 exam board have their specifications accredited.

2.

Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2016

To date, 137 of 147 submitted specifications (93%) have been accredited.

79 of 83 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

58 of 64 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
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Art and design				
Biology		Spec A:		
		Spec B:		
Chemistry		Spec A:		
		Spec B:		
Citizenship				-

Classical Greek	-	-	-
Combined science	Spec 'Synergy':	Spec A:	
	Spec 'Trilogy':	Spec B:	
Computer science			
Dance		-	-
Drama			
Food preparation and nutrition		-	
French		-	
Geography		Spec A:	Spec A:
		Spec B:	Spec B:
German		-	
History		Spec A:	
		Spec B:	
Latin	-	-	
Music			
Physical education			
Physics		Spec A:	
		Spec B:	
Religious studies	Spec A: Spec B:	Spec:	Spec A: 4th submission received 2 June 2016 Spec:

Spec 'SC': Spec 'SC': Spec B: 4th submission received 'SC':
2 June 2016

Spec 'SC A': 4th submission
received 6 June 2016

Spec 'SC B': 3rd submission due
7 June 2016

Spanish

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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	-	-	-	5th submission received 27 May 2016
French: AS level	-	-	-	5th submission received 27 May 2016
Geography: A level	-	-	-	-
Geography: AS level	-	-	-	-
German: A level	-	-	-	5th submission received 27 May 2016

German: AS level	-	5th submission received 27 May 2016
Latin: A level	-	-
Latin: AS level	-	-
Music: A level		
Music: AS level		
Physical education: A level		
Physical education: AS level		
Religious studies: A level		
Religious studies: AS level		
Spanish: A level	-	5th submission received 27 May 2016
Spanish: AS level	-	5th submission received 27 May 2016

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