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# **2018 16 to 19 performance tables: qualifications in the applied general category**

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## Introduction

This is the list of qualifications that have been approved by the Department for Education (DfE) for teaching to 16 to 19 year olds from September 2016. These qualifications will be reported in the applied general qualification category of the 2018 16-19 performance tables (to be published in early 2019). They will be reported alongside qualifications such as A Levels and other vocational qualifications.

**Applied general qualifications** are rigorous advanced (level 3) qualifications that allow 16 to 19 year old students to develop transferable knowledge and skills. They are for students that want to continue their education through applied learning. Applied general qualifications allow entry to a range of higher education courses, either by meeting the entry requirements in their own right or being accepted alongside and adding value to other qualifications at level 3 such as A levels. Higher education institutions, such as universities, have pledged support for all approved applied general qualifications listed.

The list contains the qualification number and title and links to information about its purpose and value for further study and letters of support from higher education institutions. This will help students and parents decide which vocational qualifications best meet their learning needs and aspirations.

These links were correct at the time of publication. DfE cannot be held responsible for any omissions after this point. This is because the information is held on the website of the awarding organisation offering the qualification. DfE will ensure that any omissions reported to them are corrected wherever possible. Please report any omissions to: [vq.reform@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:vq.reform@education.gsi.gov.uk)

Qualifications that will be reported in performance tables for the first time in 2018 have an asterisk (\*) after the title.

Please note: Schools and colleges may offer qualifications that are not included in the performance tables, if approved for teaching to 16-19 year olds where this is the best interests of each of their individual students.

## Headline performance measures for 16-19 year olds

In 2013, DfE announced significant reforms to school and college performance tables. These affect the reporting of exam results from the summer of 2016 onwards. The new headline measures for school and college performance will be:

- progress;
- attainment;
- progress in English and maths (for students without a GCSE pass at A\*-C in these subjects);
- retention; and
- destination.

From 2016, the attainment and progress measures in 16-18 performance tables will report the following categories of qualification at level 3: academic qualifications (such as A levels); tech levels and applied general qualifications. From 2017, the measures will also report technical certificates at level 2. This can help students and parents decide which courses to take and then select a school or college in their area which offers this course.

Further information can be found at the following link: [16 to 19 accountability headline measures: technical guide](#)

# Qualifications that will be included in the applied general category of the 2018 16-19 performance tables

## Applied general qualifications in performing arts and media

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>Art and design</b>				
601/7228/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Art and Design*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7230/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Art and Design*	510	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7229/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art and Design*	1080	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Media and communication</b>				
601/7258/7	OCR level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Digital Media*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7259/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Digital Media*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7467/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7468/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production*	510	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7469/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production*	1080	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Music technology</b>				
601/6779/8	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology (VRQ)*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Performing arts</b>				
601/7684/2	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Performing Arts*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7231/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Performing Arts*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7685/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Performing Arts*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7233/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7235/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts*	510	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7232/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Performing Arts*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7234/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts*	1080	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>

## Applied general qualifications in finance and business

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>Finance</b>				
600/8537/X	IFS Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies (QCF)	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/6040/8	CISI Level 3 Diploma in Finance, Risk & Investment (QCF)*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
600/8551/4	IFS Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies (QCF)	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Business</b>				
601/7145/5	AQA Level 3 Certificate in Applied Business*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7698/2	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Business*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7413/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7155/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Business*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7146/7	AQA Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Business*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7699/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7159/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7161/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Business*	510	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7700/7	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Business (VRQ)*	540	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7701/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business (VRQ)*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7157/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7160/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business*	1080	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Enterprise and entrepreneurship</b>				
601/7414/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7528/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>

## Applied general qualifications in health and social care

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>Health and social care</b>				
601/7059/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Health and Social Care*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7193/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Health and Social Care*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7060/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7197/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7199/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care*	510	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7061/X	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care (VRQ)*	540	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7062/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care (VRQ)*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7194/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7198/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care*	1080	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Child development and wellbeing</b>				
601/7569/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>

## Applied general qualifications in construction, planning and the built environment

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>Building and construction</b>				
601/1563/4	TLM Level 3 Certificate for Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF)	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/1562/2	TLM Level 3 Diploma for Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF)	300	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>



## Applied general qualifications in engineering

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>Engineering</b>				
601/4593/6	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Engineering Principles	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/4594/8	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Engineering	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7584/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Engineering*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7591/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Engineering*	540	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>

## Applied general qualifications in information and communication technology

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>IT and computing</b>				
601/7097/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7574/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Information Technology*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7098/0	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in IT*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7575/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7341/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Computing*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7576/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Information Technology*	510	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7343/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Computing*	510	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7342/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing*	1080	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>

## Applied general qualifications in sport

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>Sport</b>				
601/7093/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7094/3	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7218/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/6763/4	VTCT Level 3 Introductory Diploma in Sports Studies*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7220/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport*	540	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/6764/6	VTCT Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sports Studies*	540	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7690/8	1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Sports Performance and Excellence*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7421/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/6787/7	VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Sports Studies*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7671/4	1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Physical Activities*	750	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/6788/9	VTCT Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Studies*	1080	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7422/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science*	1080	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>

## Applied general qualifications in hospitality

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>Hospitality and catering</b>				
601/4552/3	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>

## Applied general qualifications in science & mathematics

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>Environmental science</b>				
601/4550/X	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Environmental Science	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/4551/1	WJEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Science	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Mathematics and statistics</b>				
601/4546/8	WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Statistical Problem Solving Using Software	150	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Medical science</b>				
601/7651/9	WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Medical Science*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7644/1	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Medical Science*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Laboratory skills</b>				
601/7458/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Laboratory Skills*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7461/4	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Laboratory Skills*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
<b>Science</b>				
601/7104/2	AQA Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7434/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Science*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7105/4	AQA Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Science*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7436/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7438/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science*	510	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7435/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science*	720	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/7437/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science*	1080	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>

## Applied general qualifications in sociology and social policy

QN	Qualification Title	Size (GLH)	Qualification Purpose Statement	Recognition Evidence
<b>Sociology and social policy</b>				
601/6249/1	WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Criminology*	180	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>
601/6248/X	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology*	360	<a href="#">Purpose</a>	<a href="#">Recognition</a>



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