

Guide to the Data Submission Process

T8a Extended Reviews



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1 Extended Reviews

Introduction

In order to fulfil our regulatory and accreditation functions as set out in the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009¹, we require awarding organisations to provide exams delivery data for regulated qualifications.

When will data be collected?

Data will be collected according to the reporting schedule which is agreed and maintained by Ofqual's Data Services team.

What data will be collected?

Extended reviews data will be collected for GCSE, AS and A level. If you offer these qualifications, you must upload a line of data for it, even if it is a line of zeros.

How will the data be collected?

Awarding organisations will need to login to the secure FTP site and upload a CSV file to the relevant folder, e.g. T8aExtendedReviews.

In each folder, there will also be two sub folders called **Valid** and **Invalid**. Every time a file is uploaded, the validation process will generate a report, either confirming the file is valid or invalid.

This report will then be placed in the **Valid** or **Invalid** folder for reference. When an invalid report has been generated, a notification e-mail will be sent to awarding organisations and the invalid CSV file will be removed from the folder it was placed in so that a replacement file can be uploaded.

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/22/contents>

2 File formats

Standard formats

The first row of the file must be headers as displayed in the '**Name**' column of the table below. The subsequent rows must have the values of the data to be reported which must match the format and validation rules below.

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Name	Description	Position	Validation Regular Expression	Description of Regular Expression
Exam series	Exam series data relates to e.g. June 2016	1	^(January March June November)([]?[0-9][0-9][0-9])\$	Full month name of exam series and year.
Awarding organisation	Name of the awarding organisation	2	^{1,100}\$	One, to one hundred characters accepted
Reporting date	Date the file was due to be submitted regardless of when it was actually uploaded. Format accepted either 103 British/French dd/mm/yyyy , or 120 ODBC canonical yyyy-mm-dd .	3	^(20)\d\d[-](0[1-9] 1[012])[-](0[1-9] 12)[0-9]{3}[01]\$	The date in the following format: day (two digits), forward slash, month (two digits), forward slash, year (four digits), or: year (four digits), a dash, month (two digits), a dash, day (two digits).
Qualification	Type of qualification e.g. GCSE, AS, A level	4	^(GCSE AS A level)\$	One of the following list: GCSE, AS, A level
Country	For awarding organisation's to enter the specific country the data relates to e.g. England, Wales, Northern Ireland.	5	^(England Wales Northern Ireland Non UK Other UK Regions)\$	England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Non UK, Other UK Regions will be accepted

Unit grade moved up as a result of extended review	Instances where unit grade moved up as a result of extended review of marking or other post-results review/change	6	^d{1,6}\$	A numeric value between 0 and 999,999 accepted
Unit grade unchanged after an extended review	Instances where unit grade unchanged after an extended review of marking or other post-results review/change	7	^d{1,6}\$	A numeric value between 0 and 999,999 accepted
Qual grade moved up as a result of extended review	Instances where qualification grade moved up as a result of extended review of marking or other post-results review/change	8	^d{1,6}\$	A numeric value between 0 and 999,999 accepted

3 Contacts

For all queries relating to the data collection process, amendments to data previously provided, or for general guidance, please contact:

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