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How we will fund legacy GCSEs and IGCSEs in English, English language and mathematics in 2016 to 2017

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

Ofqual decision on final entries to legacy GCSEs in English, English language and mathematics

Following a consultation, Ofqual [announced](#) on 23 March 2016, two re-sit opportunities for legacy GCSE English, English language and mathematics, one in November 2016 and one 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, and 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 GCSEs 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 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](#).

Funding IGCSEs in English and maths in 2016 to 2017 by the Education Funding Agency and Skills Funding Agency

For the 2016 to 2017 academic year, we will also fund those learners aged 16 and above to study, or continue to study, IGCSEs and Level 1/2 certificates in English and maths. We will not fund learners who are only sitting the exams.

This is in recognition of the significant number of learners currently studying IGCSEs in English and maths and Level 1/2 certificates, particularly in English language.

In 2016 to 2017, IGCSEs and equivalent Level 1/2 certificates in English and maths counting towards the [EBacc measure](#) will continue to be:

- approved for teaching under the condition of funding for English and maths for learners aged 16 to 18 funded by the EFA
- English and maths legal entitlements for learners aged 19 and above funded by the SFA.

After 1 August 2017, these qualifications will no longer be approved for learners to study or continue to study under the 16 to 19 English and maths condition of funding and English and maths legal entitlements.

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