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GCSE, AS and A level subjects accredited to be taught from 2017

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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 2017.

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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 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.

1.

Number of qualifications accredited

3 of 26 GCSE subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 3 of 26 subjects have all specifications accredited.

1 of 21 AS and A level subjects has at least 1 specification accredited. 1 of 21 subjects has all specifications accredited.

2.

Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2017

7 of 44 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

2 of 78 AS and A level specifications have been accredited.

2.2 For teaching from 2016

In 2016 we [accredited 147 GCSE, AS and A level specifications](#).

2.3 For teaching from 2015

In 2015 we [accredited 122 GCSE, AS and A level specifications](#).

3. The accreditation process

We have produced a [diagram of the accreditation process](#).

4. 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

5.

GCSEs

Subject	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
GCSE design & technology	2nd submission due 28 October 2016	2nd submission due 6 September 2016	2nd submission due 8 September 2016	2nd submission due 29 September 2016
GCSE business				
GCSE engineering	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-
GCSE economics			-	-
GCSE astronomy	-	-		-
GCSE psychology	2nd submission due 13 September 2016	2nd submission received 26 August 2016	2nd submission received 22 August 2016	-
GCSE geology	-	-	-	Awaiting 3rd submission
GCSE electronics	-	-	-	2nd submission due 30 September
GCSE ancient history	-	2nd submission due 23 September 2016	-	-
GCSE sociology	2nd submission due 23 September	-	-	2nd submission due 30 September 2016
GCSE classical civilisation	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	-
GCSE film studies	-	1st submission received 28 July 2016	-	1st submission received 28 July 2016

GCSE media studies	1st submission received 28 July 2016	1st submission received 28 July 2016	-	1st submission received 28 July 2016
GCSE PE (short course)	-	-	1st submission received 11 August 2016	1st submission received 8 August 2016
GCSE statistics	1st submission received 11 August 2016	-	1st submission received 11 August 2016	-
GCSE Arabic	-	-	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-
GCSE modern Greek	-	-	1st submission received 24 August 2016	-
GCSE Urdu	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-
GCSE Chinese	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-
GCSE Italian	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-	1st submission received 24 August 2016	-
GCSE Russian	-	-	1st submission received 24 August 2016	-
GCSE Japanese	-	-	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-
GCSE modern Hebrew	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-	-	-
GCSE Bengali	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-	-	-
GCSE Punjabi	1st submission received 25	-	-	-

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GCSE Polish	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-	-	-
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AS and A levels

	Subject	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
Design & technology: A level	Fashion & Textiles: 2nd submission due 4 November 2016,Product Design: 2nd submission due 4 November 2016	2nd submission due 14 October 2016	2nd submission due 8 September 2016	2nd submission due 6 October 2016	
Design & technology: AS level	Fashion & Textiles: 2nd submission due 4 November 2016,Product Design: 2nd submission due 4 November 2016	2nd submission due 30 September 2016	2nd submission due 8 September 2016	2nd submission due 13 October 2016	
Music technology: A level	-	-		-	
Music technology: AS level	-	-		-	
History of art: A level	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-	
History of art: AS level	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-	
Environmental science: A level	2nd submission due 14 October 2016	-	-	-	
Environmental science: AS	2nd submission due 14 October 2016	-	-	-	

level				
Philosophy: A level	2nd submission due 9 September 2016	-	-	-
Philosophy: AS level	2nd submission due 9 September 2016	-	-	-
Maths: A level	1st submission received 9 June 2016	Spec A: 1st submission received 9 June 2016	1st submission received 9 June 2016	-
		Spec MEI B: 1st submission received 9 June 2016		
Maths: AS level	1st submission received 9 June 2016	Spec A: 1st submission received 9 June 2016	1st submission received 9 June 2016	-
		Spec MEI B: 1st submission received 9 June 2016		
Further maths: A level	1st submission received 9 June 2016	Spec A: 1st submission received 9 June 2016	1st submission received 9 June 2016	-
		Spec MEI B: 1st submission received 9 June 2016		
Further maths: AS level	1st submission received 9 June 2016	Spec A: 1st submission received 9 June 2016	1st submission received 9 June 2016	-
		Spec MEI B: 1st submission received 9 June 2016		

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Archaeology: A level	2nd submission due 14 October 2016	-	-	-
Archaeology: AS level	2nd submission due 14 October 2016	-	-	-
Accounting: A level	2nd submission due 7 October 2016	-	-	-
Accounting: AS level	2nd submission due 7 October 2016	-	-	-
Electronics: A level	-	-	-	2nd submission due 30 September
Electronics: AS level	-	-	-	2nd submission due 30 September
Ancient history: A level	-	2nd submission due 30 September 2016	-	-
Ancient history: AS level	-	2nd submission due 30 September 2016	-	-
Law: A level	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission
Law: AS level	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission
Classical civilisation: A level	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	-
Classical civilisation:	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 2nd	-	-

AS level		submission		
Film studies: A level	-	1st submission received 28 July 2016	-	1st submission received 28 July 2016
Film studies: AS level	-	1st submission received 28 July 2016	-	1st submission received 28 July 2016
Media studies: A level	1st submission received 28 July 2016	1st submission received 28 July 2016	-	1st submission received 27 July 2016
Media studies: AS level	1st submission received 28 July 2016	1st submission received 28 July 2016	-	1st submission received 27 July 2016
Politics: A level	1st submission received 11 August 2016	-	1st submission received 11 August 2016	-
Politics: AS level	1st submission received 11 August 2016	-	1st submission received 11 August 2016	-
Geology: A level	-	1st submission received 15 August 2016	-	1st submission received 10 August 2016
Geology: AS level	-	1st submission received 15 August 2016	-	1st submission received 10 August 2016

Statistics: A level	1st submission received 11 August 2016	-	-	-
Statistics: AS level	1st submission received 11 August 2016	-	-	-
Chinese: A level	-	-	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-
Chinese: AS level	-	-	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-
Italian: A level	-	-	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-
Italian: AS level	-	-	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-
Russian: A level	-	-	1st submission received 24 August 2016	-
Russian: AS level	-	-	1st submission received 24 August 2016	-

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