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Guidance

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.

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

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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

GCSEs

5.

Subject	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
GCSE design & technology	2nd submission due 28 October 2016	2nd submission received 6 September 2016	2nd submission received 7 September 2016	2nd submission due 29 September 2016
GCSE business				
GCSE engineering	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-
GCSE economics			-	-
GCSE astronomy	-	-		-
GCSE psychology	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission	-
GCSE geology	-	-	-	3rd submission received 13 September 2016
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	-	2nd submission due 24 October 2016	-	-
GCSE film studies	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission
GCSE	1st submission	1st submission	-	1st submission

media studies	received 28 July 2016	received 28 July 2016		received 28 July 2016
GCSE PE (short course)	-	-	2nd submission due 27 September 2016	2nd submission due 21 September 2016
GCSE statistics	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
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 August 2016	-	-	-

GCSE	1st submission	-	-	-
Polish	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 received 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 received 8 September 2016	2nd submission due 13 October 2016
Music technology: A level	-	-	-	-
Music technology: AS level	-	-	-	-
History of art: A level	3rd submission due 27 September 2016	-	-	-
History of art: AS level	3rd submission due 27 September 2016	-	-	-
Environmental science: A level	2nd submission due 14 October 2016	-	-	-
Environmental science: AS level	2nd submission due 14 October 2016	-	-	-
Philosophy: A level	2nd submission received 30	-	-	-

level	August 2016			
Philosophy: AS level	2nd submission received 30 August 2016	-	-	-
Maths: A level	Awaiting 2nd submission	Spec A: Awaiting 2nd submission,	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
		Spec MEI B: Awaiting 2nd submission		
Maths: AS level	Awaiting 2nd submission	Spec A: Awaiting 2nd submission,	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
		Spec MEI B: Awaiting 2nd submission		
Further maths: A level	Awaiting 2nd submission	Spec A: Awaiting 2nd submission,	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
		Spec MEI B: Awaiting 2nd submission		
Further maths: AS level	Awaiting 2nd submission	Spec A: Awaiting 2nd submission,	Awaiting 2nd submission	-

		Spec MEI B: Awaiting 2nd submission		
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	2nd submission due 18 November 2016	2nd submission due 3 October 2016	-	2nd submission due 14 October 2016
Law: AS level	2nd submission due 18 November 2016	2nd submission due 10 October	-	2nd submission due 20 October

		2016	2016	
Classical civilisation: A level	2nd submission due 14 October 2016	2nd submission due 3 October 2016	-	-
Classical civilisation: AS level	2nd submission due 14 October 2016	2nd submission due 10 October 2016	-	-
Film studies: A level	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission
Film studies: AS level	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission
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	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
Politics: AS level	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
Geology: A level	-	1st submission received 15 August 2016	-	1st submission received 10 August 2016
Geology: AS level	-	1st submission	-	1st submission

			received 15 August 2016		received 10 August 2016
Statistics: A level	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	-	-	-
Statistics: AS level	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	-	-	-
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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