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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 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

8 of 26 GCSE subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 7 of 26 subjects have all specifications accredited.

5 of 18 AS and A level subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 3 of 18 subjects have all

specifications accredited.

2. Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2017

14 of 44 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

10 of 70 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	Awaiting 3rd submission			Awaiting 3rd submission
GCSE business				
GCSE engineering		-	-	-
GCSE economics			-	-
GCSE astronomy	-	-		-
GCSE psychology	Awaiting 3rd submission	3rd submission due 11 November 2016	Awaiting 4th submission	-
GCSE geology	-	-	-	
GCSE electronics	-	-	-	3rd submission due 11 November 2016
GCSE ancient history	-		-	-
GCSE sociology	Awaiting 4th submission	-	-	3rd submission due 18 November 2016
GCSE classical civilisation	-	3rd submission due 21 November 2016	-	-
GCSE film studies	-	2nd submission received 26 October 2016	-	2nd submission received 24 October 2016
GCSE media studies	2nd submission due 19 December 2016	2nd submission due 30 November 2016	-	2nd submission due 21 November 2016
GCSE PE (short course)	-	-		
GCSE statistics	2nd submission due 02 December 2016	-	2nd submission due 8 December 2016	-
GCSE Arabic	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
GCSE modern Greek	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
GCSE Urdu	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
GCSE Chinese	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-

GCSE Italian	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
GCSE Russian	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
GCSE Japanese	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
GCSE modern Hebrew	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	-	-
GCSE Bengali	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	-	-
GCSE Punjabi	Awaiting 2nd submission	-	-	-
GCSE Polish	1st submission received 25 August 2016	-	-	-

6. AS and A levels

Subject	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
Design & technology: A level	Fashion & Textiles: 2nd submission due 18 November 2016 Product Design: 2nd submission due 18 November 2016	2nd submission due 11 November 2016		Awaiting 3rd submission
Design & technology: AS level	Fashion & Textiles: 2nd submission due 18 November 2016 Product Design: 2nd submission due 18 November 2016	3rd submission due 11 November 2016		Awaiting 3rd submission
Music technology: A level	-	-		-
Music technology: AS level	-	-		-
Environmental science: A level	2nd submission due 16 November 2016	-	-	-
Environmental science: AS level	2nd submission due 16 November 2016	-	-	-

Philosophy: A level		-	-	-
Philosophy: AS level		-	-	-
Maths: A level	2nd submission due 28 November 2016	Spec A: 2nd submission received 26 October 2016 Spec MEI B: 2nd submission received 26 October 2016	2nd submission due 10 November 2016	-
Maths: AS level	2nd submission due 28 November 2016	Spec A: 2nd submission received 26 October 2016 Spec MEI B: 2nd submission received 26 October 2016	2nd submission due 10 November 2016	-
Further maths: A level	2nd submission due 12 December 2016	Spec A: 2nd submission due 14 December 2016 Spec MEI B: 2nd submission due 14 December 2016	2nd submission due 15 December 2016	-
Further maths: AS level	2nd submission due 12 December 2016	Spec A: 2nd submission due 14 December 2016 Spec MEI B: 2nd submission due 14 December 2016	2nd submission due 15 December 2016	-
Accounting: A level	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-
Accounting: AS level	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-
Electronics: A level	-	-	-	3rd submission due 11 November 2016
Electronics: AS level	-	-	-	3rd submission due 11 November 2016
Ancient history: A level	-	3rd submission due 22 November 2016	-	-
Ancient history: AS level	-	3rd submission due 22 November 2016	-	-
Law: A level	2nd submission due 9 December 2016		-	2nd submission received 14 October 2016
Law: AS level	2nd submission due 9 December 2016		-	2nd submission received 20 October 2016
Classical civilisation: A level	-		-	-

Classical civilisation: AS level	-		-	-
Film studies: A level	-	2nd submission received 26 October 2016	-	2nd submission received 3 November 2016
Film studies: AS level	-	2nd submission received 26 October 2016	-	2nd submission received 28 October 2016
Media studies: A level	2nd submission due 19 December 2016	2nd submission due 16 November 2016	-	2nd submission due 5 December 2016
Media studies: AS level	2nd submission due 19 December 2016	2nd submission due 23 November 2016	-	2nd submission due 5 December 2016
Politics: A level	2nd submission due 18 November 2016	-	2nd submission due 16 November 2016	-
Politics: AS level	2nd submission due 18 November 2016	-	2nd submission due 16 November 2016	-
Geology: A level	-	2nd submission received 28 October 2016	-	2nd submission received 4 November 2016
Geology: AS level	-	2nd submission received 28 October 2016	-	2nd submission received 4 November 2016
Chinese: A level	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
Chinese: AS level	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
Italian: A level	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
Italian: AS level	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
Russian: A level	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-
Russian: AS level	-	-	Awaiting 2nd submission	-

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