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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

15 of 26 GCSE subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 12 of 26 subjects have all specifications accredited.

14 of 20 AS and A level subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 9 of 20 subjects have all specifications accredited.

2. Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2017

26 of 44 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

35 of 73 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 ancient history	-		-	-
GCSE Arabic	-	-	2nd submission due 31 January 2017	-
GCSE astronomy	-	-		-
GCSE Bengali	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-
GCSE business				
GCSE Chinese	2nd submission received 20 December 2016	-		-
GCSE classical civilisation	-		-	-
GCSE design & technology				4th submission due 30 January 2017
GCSE economics			-	-
GCSE electronics	-	-	-	
GCSE engineering		-	-	-
GCSE film studies	-		-	
GCSE geology	-	-	-	
GCSE Italian		-		-
GCSE Japanese	-	-	2nd submission due 31 January 2017	-
GCSE media studies	2nd submission received 19 December 2016	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	3rd submission received 23 January 2017
GCSE modern Greek	-	-	2nd submission due 31 January 2017	-
GCSE modern Hebrew	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-
GCSE PE (short course)	-	-		
GCSE Polish	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-
GCSE psychology		Awaiting 6th submission		-
GCSE Punjabi	2nd submission received 22	-	-	-

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GCSE Russian	-	-	2nd submission due 31 January 2017	-
GCSE sociology		-	-	
GCSE statistics	3rd submission received 23 January 2017	-	3rd submission received 25 January 2017	-
GCSE Urdu	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	2nd submission due 31 January 2017	-

6. AS and A levels

Subject	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
Accounting: A level		-	-	-
Accounting: AS level		-	-	-
Ancient history: A level	-		-	-
Ancient history: AS level	-		-	-
Chinese: A level	-	-		-
Chinese: AS level	-	-	Awaiting 3rd submission	-
Classical civilisation: A level	-		-	-
Classical civilisation: AS level	-		-	-
Design & technology: A level	Fashion & Textiles: 3rd submission received 16 January 2017 Spec Product Design: 3rd submission received 16 January 2017	3rd submission received 19 January 2017		4th submission due 9 February 2017
Design & technology: AS level	Fashion & Textiles: 3rd submission received 16 January 2017 Spec Product Design: 3rd submission received 16 January 2017			4th submission due 16 February 2017

Electronics: A level	-	-	-	
Electronics: AS level	-	-	-	
Environmental science: A level		-	-	-
Environmental science: AS level		-	-	-
Film studies: A level	-	4th submission due 30 January 2017	-	4th submission received 16 January 2017
Film studies: AS level	-		-	
Further maths: A level	Awaiting 2nd submission	Spec A: 2nd submission due 6 February 2017 Spec Spec MEI B: 2nd submission due 10 February 2017	2nd submission received 26 January 2017	-
Further maths: AS level	Awaiting 2nd submission	Spec A: 2nd submission due 6 February 2017 Spec Spec MEI B: 2nd submission due 10 February 2017	2nd submission due 30 January 2017	-
Geology: A level	-		-	
Geology: AS level	-		-	
History of art: A level	-	-	1st submission due 8 March 2017	-
Italian: A level	-	-	3rd submission received 26 January 2017	-
Italian: AS level	-	-		-
Law: A level			-	
Law: AS level			-	
Maths: A level	3rd submission due 2 February 2017	Spec A: Spec Spec MEI B:	3rd submission received 18 January 2017	-
Maths: AS level	3rd submission due 2 February 2017	Spec A:	3rd submission received 18 January	-

		Spec Spec MEI B:	2017	
Media studies: A level	2nd submission received 19 December 2016	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	Awaiting 3rd submission
Media studies: AS level	2nd submission received 19 December 2016	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	Awaiting 3rd submission
Music technology: A level	-	-	-	-
Music technology: AS level	-	-	-	-
Philosophy: A level		-	-	-
Philosophy: AS level		-	-	-
Politics: A level	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	3rd submission received 26 January 2017	-
Politics: AS level	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	3rd submission received 26 January 2017	-
Russian: A level	-	-	2nd submission received 16 January 2017	-
Russian: AS level	-	-	2nd submission received 16 January 2017	-
Statistics: A level	-	-	1st submission due 11 April 2017	-
Statistics: AS level	-	-	1st submission due 11 April 2017	-

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