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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

All 26 GCSE subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 25 of 26 subjects have all specifications

accredited.

18 of 20 AS and A level subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 15 of 20 subjects have all specifications accredited.

2. Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2017

42 of 44 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

58 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

The submission dates are when we receive digital copies of assessment materials. Sometimes we can't begin a review until we receive related, printed materials. This is usually within 1 or 2 working days of a digital submission.

5. GCSEs

Subject	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC Eduqas
GCSE ancient history	-		-	-
GCSE Arabic	-	-		-
GCSE astronomy	-	-		-
GCSE Bengali		-	-	-
GCSE business				
GCSE Chinese		-		-
GCSE classical civilisation	-		-	-
GCSE design & technology				
GCSE economics			-	-
GCSE electronics	-	-	-	
GCSE engineering		-	-	-
GCSE film studies	-		-	
GCSE geology	-	-	-	
GCSE Italian		-		-
GCSE Japanese	-	-		-
GCSE media studies	3rd submission received 27 March 2017	Awaiting 4th submission	-	
GCSE modern Greek	-	-		-
GCSE modern Hebrew		-	-	-
GCSE PE (short course)	-	-		
GCSE Polish		-	-	-
GCSE psychology				-
GCSE Panjabi		-	-	-
GCSE Russian	-	-		-
GCSE sociology		-	-	

GCSE statistics	-	-
GCSE Urdu	-	-

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	-	-		-
Classical civilisation: A level	-		-	-
Classical civilisation: AS level	-		-	-
Design & technology: A level	Fashion & Textiles: Product Design:			
Design & technology: AS level	Fashion & Textiles: Product Design:			
Electronics: A level	-	-	-	
Electronics: AS level	-	-	-	
Environmental science: A level		-	-	-
Environmental science: AS level		-	-	-
Film studies: A level	-		-	
Film studies: AS level	-		-	
Further maths: A level	3rd submission due 21 April 2017	Spec A: Spec MEI B: 3rd submission received	3rd submission received 29 March 2017	-

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Further maths: AS level	3rd submission due 21 April 2017	Spec A: Spec MEI B: 3rd submission received 30 March 2017	3rd submission received 29 March 2017	-
Geology: A level	-		-	
Geology: AS level	-		-	
History of art: A level	-	-	2nd submission received 5 April 2017	-
Italian: A level	-	-		-
Italian: AS level	-	-		-
Law: A level			-	
Law: AS level			-	
Maths: A level		Spec A: Spec MEI B:		-
Maths: AS level		Spec A: Spec MEI B:		-
Media studies: A level	3rd submission due 10 April 2017	3rd submission received 15 March 2017		-
Media studies: AS level	3rd submission due 10 April 2017	Awaiting 4th submission		-
Music technology: A level	-	-		-
Music technology: AS level	-	-		-
Philosophy: A level		-	-	-
Philosophy: AS level		-	-	-
Politics: A level	Awaiting 5th submission	-		-
Politics: AS level	Awaiting 5th submission	-		-
Russian: A level	-	-		-
Russian: AS level	-	-		-
Statistics: A level	-	-	1st submission due 11 April 2017	-

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