



[Home](#) > [Accreditation of GCSEs and A levels for teaching from 2018](#)



Contents

- [1. Number of qualifications accredited](#)
- [2. Number of specifications accredited](#)
- [3. The accreditation process](#)
- [4. Key information](#)
- [5. GCSEs](#)
- [6. A levels](#)

This page shows the status of specifications submitted to Ofqual to be taught as GCSEs and A levels from September 2018.

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

Each of the 18 subjects in the accreditation process have only 1 specification.

4 of 5 GCSE subjects have been accredited.

10 of 13 A level subjects have been accredited.

2. Number of specifications accredited

2.1 For teaching from 2017

See [Accreditation of GCSEs, AS and A levels for teaching from 2017](#).

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	Pearson (Edexcel)
Biblical Hebrew	2nd submission received 27 March
Gujarati	
Persian	
Portuguese	
Turkish	

6. A levels

Subject	AQA	Pearson (Edexcel)
Arabic	-	
Bengali		-
Biblical Hebrew		-
Gujarati	-	Awaiting 3rd submission
Japanese	-	
Modern Greek	-	
Modern Hebrew		-
Panjabi		-
Persian	-	Awaiting 3rd submission
Polish		-
Portuguese	-	
Turkish	-	
Urdu	-	2nd submission received 28 March

Is this page useful? [Yes](#) [No](#)

[Is there anything wrong with this page?](#)

Services and information

[Benefits](#)

[Births, deaths, marriages and care](#)

[Business and self-employed](#)

[Childcare and parenting](#)

[Citizenship and living in the UK](#)

[Crime, justice and the law](#)

[Disabled people](#)

[Driving and transport](#)

[Education and learning](#)

[Employing people](#)

[Environment and countryside](#)

[Housing and local services](#)

[Money and tax](#)

[Passports, travel and living abroad](#)

[Visas and immigration](#)

[Working, jobs and pensions](#)

Departments and policy

[How government works](#)

[Departments](#)

[Worldwide](#)

[Policies](#)

[Publications](#)

[Announcements](#)

[Help](#) [Cookies](#) [Contact](#) [Terms and conditions](#) [Rhestr o Wasanaethau Cymraeg](#)

Built by the [Government Digital Service](#)



All content is available under the [Open Government Licence v3.0](#), except where otherwise stated



© Crown copyright