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2017 16 to 19 performance tables: qualifications in the applied general category

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Introduction

This is the final list of qualifications that have been approved by the Department for Education (DfE) for teaching to 16 to 19 year olds from September 2015. These qualifications will be reported in the **applied general qualification** category of the 2017 16-19 performance tables (to be published in early 2018). They will be reported alongside advanced (level 3) qualifications such as A Levels and tech levels, and technical certificates at level 2.

Qualifications that will be reported in performance tables for the first time in 2017 have an asterisk (*) after the title.

Qualifications that were added to the list in February 2015 are indicated with a hash symbol (#) after the title.

Applied general qualifications are rigorous advanced (level 3) qualifications that allow 16 to 19 year old students to develop transferable knowledge and skills. They are for students that want to continue their education through applied learning. Applied general qualifications allow entry to a range of higher education courses, either by meeting the entry requirements in their own right or being accepted alongside and adding value to other qualifications at level 3 such as A levels. Higher education institutions, such as universities, have pledged support for all approved applied general qualifications listed.

The list contains the qualification number and title and links to information about its purpose and value for further study and letters of support from higher education institutions. This will help students and parents decide which vocational qualifications best meet their learning needs and aspirations.

These links were correct on 17 December 2014. DfE cannot be held responsible for any omissions after this date. This is because the information is held on the website of the examination body offering the qualification. DfE will ensure that any omissions reported to them are corrected wherever possible. Please report any omissions to:

vq.reform@education.gsi.gov.uk

Please note: Schools and colleges may offer qualifications that are not included in the performance tables, if approved for teaching to 16-19 year olds, where this is in the best interests of each of their individual students.

Headline performance measures for 16-19 year olds

In 2013, DfE announced significant reforms to school and college performance tables. These affect the reporting of exam results taken in the summer of 2016 onwards. The new headline measures for school and college performance will be:

- progress;
- attainment;
- progress in English and maths (for students without a GCSE pass at A*-C in these subjects);
- retention; and
- destination.

From 2016, the progress measure in 16-19 performance tables will report the following categories of qualification: level 3 academic qualifications (such as A levels) and level 3 tech levels and applied general qualifications. From 2017, the measures will also report technical certificates at level 2. This may help students and parents decide which courses to take and then select a school or college which offers this course.

Further information can be found in the [16 to 19 accountability measures: technical guide](#).

Qualifications that will be included in the applied general category of the 2017 16-19 performance tables

Applied general qualifications in agriculture, horticulture, environmental conservation and animal care

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Environmental conservation | | | | |
| 600/0319/4 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Environmental Sustainability (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/0321/2 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Environmental Sustainability (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/0324/8 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Environmental Sustainability (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/0320/0 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Sustainability (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in performing arts, arts, crafts, media and publishing

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Art and design | | | | |
| 500/8551/7 | NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Art and Design (QCF) | 160 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/6094/3 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Art and Design (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/7333/3 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Art and Design (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/8123/8 | NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Interactive Media (QCF) | 250 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/7144/0 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/2827/0 | UAL Level 3 Diploma in Art & Design (QCF) | 570 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/5316/4 | UAL Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design - Foundation Studies (QCF) | 680 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/7928/1 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 501/0872/4 | WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies Art and Design (QCF) * | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/2826/9 | UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design (QCF) | 1110 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Media and communication | | | | |
| 601/3986/9 | UAL Level 3 Diploma In Creative Media Production & Technology (QCF) * | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/3987/0 | UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (QCF) * | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Music | | | | |
| 500/7718/1 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Music (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/7844/6 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Music (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/6682/9 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Music (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/7871/9 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Music (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/7717/X | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Performing arts | | | | |
| 601/0111/8 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Performing Arts (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6920/2 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Performing Arts (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/0249/4 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|------------|---|---|--|---|
| 500/6919/6 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/0250/0 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/3953/X | Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/1780/1 | UAL Level 3 Diploma In Performing and Production Arts (QCF) * | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/0247/0 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6873/8 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/0248/2 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6872/6 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/1790/4 | UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma In Performing and Production Arts (QCF) * | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in finance, enterprise, business and law

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Finance | | | | |
| 600/8537/X | IFS Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/7833/9 | CISI Level 3 Diploma In Finance, Risk & Investment (QCF) | 340 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/8551/4 | IFS Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Enterprise and finance | | | | |
| 500/7714/4 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Personal and Business Finance (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/7269/6 | AQA Level 3 Certificate in Enterprise, Employability and Personal Finance | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/7712/0 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Personal and Business Finance (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Enterprise and entrepreneurship | | | | |
| 500/6245/1 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Understanding Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/0501/X | Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6246/3 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/0502/1 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Business management | | | | |
| 600/4226/6 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Business (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6748/5 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Business (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/4608/9 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Business (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6750/3 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Business (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/4235/7 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Business (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/3889/5 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Business (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/4229/1 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6747/3 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Business (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/4232/1 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Business (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6746/1 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Law and legal service | | | | |
| 500/7713/2 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Law (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in health and social care and child development and well-being

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Health and social care | | | | |
| 600/4612/0 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/9317/4 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/4236/9 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/6178/9 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/4230/8 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/9465/8 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/4233/3 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/9501/8 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Child development and well-being | | | | |
| 601/2460/X | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development (VRQ) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in construction, planning and the built environment

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Building and construction | | | | |
| 500/7138/5 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/1563/4 | TLM Level 3 Certificate for Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF) * | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/1562/2 | TLM Level 3 Diploma for Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF) * | 300 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in engineering, manufacturing technologies and transport operations

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Engineering | | | | |
| 601/4593/6 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Engineering Principles * | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/8156/1 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Engineering (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/4594/8 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Engineering * | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in information and communication technology

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| ICT practitioners | | | | |
| 600/4228/X | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/9148/7 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in IT (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/4623/5 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in IT (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/9147/5 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/3887/1 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in IT (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in leisure, sport, travel and tourism

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Sport | | | | |
| 600/6140/6 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Sport (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6753/9 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Sport (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/6143/1 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Sport (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6751/5 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/6142/X | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Sport (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/3931/0 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Sport (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/6141/8 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Sport (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6755/2 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/6144/3 | OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Sport (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6764/3 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Sport and exercise sciences | | | | |
| 500/6679/1 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6765/5 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/3930/9 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6766/7 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6801/5 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Sports development | | | | |
| 600/4083/X | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sports Development (QCF) | 300 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Sports studies | | | | |
| 601/3136/6 | VTCT Level 3 Introductory Diploma in Sports Studies (QCF) * | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/3137/8 | VTCT Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sports Studies (QCF) * | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/3135/4 | VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Sports Studies (QCF) * | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/3138/X | VTCT Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Studies (QCF) * | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Travel and tourism | | | | |
| 500/9787/8 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Travel and Tourism (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in retail, hospitality and commercial enterprise

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Hospitality and catering | | | | |
| 600/4386/6 | WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/4552/3 | WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Retail | | | | |
| 500/7313/8 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Retail Knowledge (QCF) | 249 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in science & mathematics

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Applied science | | | | |
| 500/6726/6 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science (QCF) | 180 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6725/4 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 600/5849/3 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Applied Science (QCF) | 540 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6673/0 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science (QCF) | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 500/6720/5 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science (QCF) | 1080 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Environmental science | | | | |
| 601/4550/X | WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Environmental Science * | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |
| 601/4551/1 | WJEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Science * | 720 | Purpose | Recognition |
| Mathematics and statistics | | | | |
| 601/4546/8 | WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Statistical Problem Solving Using Software # | 150 | Purpose | Recognition |

Applied general qualifications in sociology and social policy

| QN | Qualification title | Size (GLH) 1 A Level = 360 GLH | Qualification purpose statement | Recognition by higher education institutions |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Sociology and social policy | | | | |
| 600/3083/5 | WJEC Level 3 Diploma In Criminology (QCF) | 360 | Purpose | Recognition |



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