## **Appendix Q - Learning Outcome Grade Code List**

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The following list of Outcome grades are valid in the Outcome grade field and the alphabetic characters must be in upper case:

\*, A to G, N, U, X, Y;

a combination of two letters in the range A to G;

a combination of \* and letters in the range A to G;

PA	Pass
ME	Merit
DS	Distinction
CR	Credit
FL	Fail
01-99	numeric value
FI	first class honours
SU	upper second class honours
SL	lower second class honours
SE	undivided second class honours
TH	third class honours
FO	fourth class honours
UH	unclassified honours
OR	Ordinary
GN	General
DS*	Distinction *

The following should be used to record the level of achievement for entry level qualifications:

EL1	achievement at entry level 1
EL2	achievement at entry level 2
EL3	achievement at entry level 3

For the Certificate in Adult Literacy, learners may achieve at different Entry levels for the three separate components (speaking and listening, reading, and writing). Where this is the case, providers are advised to record the overall achievement level as that of the lowest achieved. For example, if a learner achieved Speaking and Listening = Entry 3, Reading = Entry 2 and Writing = Entry 1, then providers should record the achievement grade as that of the lowest level.

The following should be used to record the overall grade for BTEC National Certificates where two grades are issued:

Any combination of two of the letters P, M and D, for example PP, MP, MD, DD

The following should be used to record the overall grade for BTEC National Diploma where three or four grades are issued:

 Any combination of three or four of the letters P, M and D, for example PPP, MPP, MMPM

The following should be used to record the overall grade for Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma:

• Any combination of two or three of the letters P, M, D, D\*.

The following should be used to record the CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education:

 Any combination of three of the letters A, B, C, D or E, for example AAA, BBA, CCB, DDC, EED

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The following should be used to record the Pre-U Certificate: D1, D2, D3, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2 or P3 OTH Other grade not included on the list above. The following should be used to record award grades for BTEC qualifications which can be achieved at more than one level: **ILR Outcome Grade Description** grade Value **Award** U U Level 1 L1 L2P Level 2 Pass L2M Level 2 Merit Level 2 Distinction L<sub>2</sub>D Level 2 Distinction \* L2D\* **Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma** U U Level 1 L1 Level 2 PP L2PP Level 2 MP L2MP Level 2 MM L2MM Level 2 DM L2DM Level 2 DD L2DD Level 2 D\*D L2D\*D Level 2 D\*D\* L2D\*D\*

New GCSEs are to be taught in England from September 2015. These GCSES have a grading scale that uses the numbers 1 to 9 to identify levels of performance, with 9 being the top grade. Further information about the reforms can be found here <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/reforming-qualifications-and-the-curriculum-to-better-prepare-pupils-for-life-after-school/supporting-pages/gcse-reform">https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/reforming-qualifications-and-the-curriculum-to-better-prepare-pupils-for-life-after-school/supporting-pages/gcse-reform</a>.

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