The UCAS Tariff



Managing changes

D. Non-mandatory changes to qualifications on the Tariff

These changes are initiated by awarding organisations themselves. The only changes that concern us in terms of Tariff points are changes to guided learning hours (glh) or grading structure1 as these components are used to calculate the points. For example, changes to the grading structure of a qualification from pass/fail to pass/merit/distinction, or an increase or decrease in glh, would constitute a change. The addition of subjects to qualifications on the Tariff does not constitute a change.

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JUL to JUN	JUL to SEP	OCT to DEC	DEC to FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	SEP
AOs notify UCAS of standard qualification changes via qualsinfo@ucas. ac.uk	We publish standard qualification changes on our proposed update to the Tariff (which includes the list of new qualifications nominated to be added to the Tariff)	We send AOs QIPs to update, to reflect non-mandatory changes	We review HEP input and allocate revised points in preparation for QAG	Qualifications Advisory Group (QAG) reviews list of changes and gives advice	We finalise points for revised standard qualifications	We communicate Tariff points to HEPs and AOs	We publish annual update to Tariff points
Awarding organisations (AOs)							
AOs notify UCAS of changes to glh and grading structure.		We will ask AOs to update QIPs for qualifications and share proposed revised Tariff points with AOs.		AOs receive confirmation of revised Tariff points.			
Higher educαtion providers (HEPs)							
No action is required.	HEPs review qualification changes. At least 20 HEPs required to support nonmandatory changes initiated by AOs if they wish to do so. ²					HEPs note updated Tariff list.	
			Schools (and colleges	0		
No action is required.							Schools, colleges note updated Tariff list.
	grading structure or level of grades. For			Level 5 and became Level 3/SCQF Le			

¹This includes changes to the grading structure or level of grades. For example, if certain grades were originally pitched at Level 2/SCQF Level 5 and became Level 3/SCQF Level 6, this change would have an impact as Level 2/SCQF Level 5 is not included on the new Tariff.

²There may be changes to some qualifications which are not supported by 20 HEPs, perhaps due to low engagement in the process or because only a small number of HEPs are familiar with a qualification. The Qualifications Advisory Group (QAG) will be made aware of these contextual issues and consider them in providing advice on standard qualification changes.