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Version control

Date	Change	Ownei	Version
10/05	Board code for WJEC Eduqas from W to P	JB	V2.0
	Exam code PO board code changed from T		
	to L		
	New qualifications added:		
	 WJEC Level 3 Diploma in 		
	Environmental Science		
	 AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: 		
	Cyber Security and Security		
	Administration		
	 AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical 		
	Level IT: Cyber Security		
	Added Core Maths qualifications to exam level table		
11/05	Changed Tariff value for NCFE level 3	JB	V3.0
	Diploma in Sport grade M read 180 points		
	should be 80		
04/07	BTEC	JB	V4.0
	Updated grade outcome for BTEC		
	qualification where we have received a U		
	grade as a result.		
	(BK) Pearson BTEC HNC Diploma 120+		
12/07	IB Bonus/Core Points	JB	V5.0
	IB Bonus points were renamed IB Core		
	points 3 years ago and use the same exam		
	level of ID. Removed IB Bonus points ID to		
	avoid confusion and added IB Core Points		
	(Bonus) for clarification.		
26/07	BTEC	JB	V6.0
	Update to grade outcome for BTEC		
	qualification where we have received a U		
	grade result.		
	(B4) Pearson BTEC Certificate (=50% of		
	National Award 28-36)		
	• IB		
	Note added: Exam code IB is presented to		
	you in the exam description as International		
	Baccalaureate and not IB Higher Level.		
	Exam code IB is IB Higher Level.	1	
02/08	 SQA results 	JB	V7.0

Update to outcome for SQA Highers exam	
level H – P grade	
Exam Level CS CSYS added – old results only	

Introduction

This document defines the summary information for the Awarding Body Linkage (ABL) process at UCAS. It contains information regarding the examination boards and results we will be processing during the current application cycle. It also highlights the grades expected to be received, and the examination level codes used for processing to identify individual results.

This document is for both the staff at your course provider, and your technical suppliers to be able to set up their systems accordingly to process these examination results.

Changes for Awarding Body Linkage (ABL) exam results processing 2016

Overview

Awarding Body Linkage (ABL) process for summer 2016 results

We are pleased to inform you, we will be processing additional examination results and passing those results on to you. Please make sure you take note of the new awards being processed. Their inclusion will necessitate reference data changes to be implemented on your systems by this summer.

Important reminders

Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate

We will collect two grades for the interim Welsh Baccalaureate again this year – Pass overall, and grades A* to C.

P = overall Diploma pass

A* = Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate core grade

The new Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Core is graded A* to C, with each grade attracting 120 Tariff points.

Grades available are:

- PA*
- PA
- PB
- PC

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- QA*
- QA
- QB
- QC
- QQ

AS reformed

From 2015 first teaching, the AS element of reformed A levels in England will be decoupled – this means the AS will be optional.

To distinguish between the reformed and unreformed AS qualifications for ABL, the following exam levels have been added for the AS reformed qualifications for England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Please note, the grading structure and Tariff points will be the same as the current unreformed AS levels.

Exam level	Description
1E	Reformed AS England
1N	Reformed AS Northern Ireland
1W	Reformed AS Wales

New qualifications, updates and information

As part of our overall communications regarding ABL, further information can be found at www.ucas.com/providers. The ABL summary information document has been updated with the latest details of new awards to be processed. The ABL notes document will be updated and made available for 2016 when we process the main results provision on Friday 12 August.

The following highlights the new awards, and changes to existing awards, which will take place for the summer 2016 results. It is assumed you are aware of how these awards are constructed. If you require further details on the awards and the Tariff points associated with them, please visit www.ucas.com/tariff-tables.

We would like to remind you that when we process the entries and results files, we may have to add additional subject codes for late entries. Please update the reference data on your systems before processing results in the summer, to ensure your reference data is as up-to-date as possible. We will send out a reminder to this effect later in the year.

Updates

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For ABL 2016, we are adding a new board code and will be processing additional examination results in the summer. Please ensure you take note of the new awards being processed, which may also mean reference data changes that will need to be

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implemented on your own systems.

New examination board

WJEC are rebranding with a new awarding body in England. Eduqas is part of WJEC, offering Ofqual reformed qualifications to secondary schools and colleges. WJEC Eduqas qualifications are available in England, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, and to the independent sector in Wales.

The following new board code will be added:

BOARD NAME = WJEC EDUQAS BOARD CODE = EDUQAS

AS reformed

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Exam level	Description
1E	Reformed AS England
1N	Reformed AS Northern Ireland
1W	Reformed AS Wales

New exams 2016

Core Maths

Description: AQA Level 3 Certificate in Mathematical Studies

Exam level: AK

Description: OCR Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Problem Solving

Exam level: YL

Description: OCR Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Reasoning

Exam level: YK

Description: WJEC Eduqas Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics for Work and Life

Exam level: WJ

Description: City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Using and Applying Mathematics

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Exam level: N6

Description: Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics in Context

Exam level: PO

Please note, all Core Maths qualifications carry the same grade and same tariff score:

Exam grade	Tariff score
A	60
В	50
С	40
D	30
E	20

Pearson

Description: Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma (was National Award 60+)

Exam level: PK

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	Not on Tariff
D	
M	
Р	

City & Guilds

Description: City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Project

Exam level: N8

Exam grade	Tariff score
A*	70
Α	60
В	50
С	40
D	30
E	20

Description: City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (360)

Exam level: N9

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	140
D	120
M	80

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Р	40

Description: City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Exam level: NO

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	210
D	180
M	120
Р	60

Description: City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720)

Exam level: NA

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	280
D	240
M	160
Р	80

Description: City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

Exam level: NB

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	420
D	360
M	240
Р	120

Description: City & Guilds Level 3 Technical Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

(Early Years Educator) (NRF)

Exam level: NE

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	210
D	180
M	120
Р	60

Description: City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development (Northern Ireland and Wales)

Exam level: NF

Exam grade	Tariff score
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D*	420
D	360
M	240
Р	120

WJEC

Description: WJEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Science

Exam level: WK

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	280
D	240
M	160
Р	80

Description: WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition

Exam level: WL

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	140
D	120
M	80
Р	40

Description: WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Environmental Science

Exam Level: WF

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	Not on Tariff (TBC)
D	Not on Tariff (TBC)
M	Not on Tariff (TBC)
Р	Not on Tariff (TBC)

NCFE CACHE

Description: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (VRQ)

Exam level: CM

Exam grade	Tariff score
A*	420
Α	360
В	300
С	240
D	180

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Description: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care (VRQ)

Exam level: CN

Exam grade	Tariff score
A*	140
A	110
В	90
С	70
D	55

Description: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Health and Social Care (VRQ)

Exam level: CP

Exam grade	Tariff score
A*	35
Α	30
В	25
С	20
D	15

OCR

Description: OCR Level 3 Award in Being Entrepreneurial

Exam level: 08

Exam grade	Tariff score
P	30

AQA

Please note, the following AQA Technical qualifications carry the same grade and same Tariff score:

Description: AQA Level 3 Technical Level Business: Marketing (VRQ)

Exam level: A3

Description: AQA Level 3 Technical Level Engineering: Design Engineering (VRQ)

Exam level: A4

Description: AQA Level 3 Technical Level Engineering: Mechatronic Engineering

(VRQ)

Exam level: A5

Description: AQA Level 3 Technical Level Engineering: Power Network Engineering (VRQ)

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Exam level: A6

Description: AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: Networking (VRQ)

Exam level: A7

Description: AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: Programming (VRQ)

Exam level: A8

Description: AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: User Support (VRQ)

Exam level: A9

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*D*	280
D*D	260
DD	240
DM	200
MM	160
MP	120
PP	80

Description: AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: Cyber Security and Security

Administration Exam Level: AY

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*D*	Not on Tariff (TBC)
D*D	Not on Tariff (TBC)
DD	Not on Tariff (TBC)
DM	Not on Tariff (TBC)
MM	Not on Tariff (TBC)
MP	Not on Tariff (TBC)
PP	Not on Tariff (TBC)

Description: AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical Level IT: Cyber Security

Exam Level: AZ

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	Not on Tariff (TBC)
D	Not on Tariff (TBC)
M	Not on Tariff (TBC)
Р	Not on Tariff (TBC)

^{*}New NCFE exam levels for 2016

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NCFE has taken over CACHE, and is a new awarding body to UCAS. The CACHE branding still stands, however, we will now receive results for CACHE directly from NCFE. NCFE also has its own qualifications, which we will be processing for the first time this year.

*Reference data for NCFE examinations will be added by the end of May 2016. All other new qualification reference data is available now – please remember to update your reference tables. We will notify you once the new NCFE qualification reference data has been updated.

Description: NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Art and Design

Exam level: NG

Exam grade	Tariff score
P	60

Description: NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Photography

Exam level: NH

Exam grade	Tariff score
P	60

Description: NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Photography

Exam level: NI

Exam grade	Tariff score
Р	120

Description: NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services

Exam level: NJ

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	120
D	90
M	65
Р	40

Description: NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Sport

Exam level: NK

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	140
D	120
M	80
Р	40

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Description: NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Sport

Exam level: NL

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	70
D	60
M	40
Р	20

Description: NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport

Exam level: NM

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	210
D	180
M	120
P	60

Description: NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Preparing to Work in Renewable Energy

Engineering Exam level: NN

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	140
D	120
M	80
Р	40

Description: NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media

Exam level: NP

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	140
D	120
M	80
Р	40

Description: NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media

Exam level: NQ

Exam grade	Tariff score
D*	200
D	180
M	120

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D	60
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Please note, the following two qualifications are not on the Tariff:

Description: NCFE Level 3 Extended Award in Higher Level Studies

Exam level: NR

Description: NCFE Level 3 Award in Higher Level Studies

Exam level: NS

Feedback

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Additional UCAS information

UCAS Tariff

For further details regarding Tariff points available for qualifications, please refer to the UCAS website – www.ucas.com/tariff-tables.

UCAS examination results notes

Over the main ABL weekend, we provide an additional notes document to accompany processing. This advises of any late changes, anomalies, and further details to assist you in processing the results and understanding what will be received through UCAS' link products. This document only gets updated during the main ABL weekend for the current cycle. The document for the previous cycle remains available until the new one is published.

Note: changes are highlighted in the exam level table.

Board codes currently in use

Awarding body	Board code	Sitting	Exam level
AQA	А	Previous Winter Summer	GCE A level, GCE AS, GCE 9 unit award; AQA Baccalaureate Technical suite; Functional Skills; Free Standing Maths;

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			Extended Project; Advanced Diploma suite; Progression Diploma; Reformed A level (2017) and AS	
AQA	А	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Double Awards; Advanced Subsidiary Double Awards	
AQA	4	Previous Winter Summer	GCE A level (Double); GCE AS (Double); GCE Advanced Level with Advanced Subsidiary	
AVA	Q	Summer	Access to Higher Education Diploma	
Cambridge International	С	Summer Winter Previous	Advanced Subsidiary; CIE AO (Advanced Ordinary); A level, including H1, H2 and H3; GCE AS level; GCE Special Paper; Pre-U Diploma; Pre-U Certificate; Pre-U short Course; Pre-U GPR	
CAO	I	Summer	Irish Leaving (Higher)	
CAO	E	Summer	Irish Leaving (Ordinary)	
City and Guilds	K	Summer	City & Guilds Diploma suite; City & Guilds Technical suite; Key Skills	
Pearson	5	Previous Winter Summer	GCE A level (Double); GSE AS (Double); GCE Advanced level with Advanced Subsidiary (9 units)	
Pearson	L	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Diploma, Extension Award and Subsidiary; Essential Skills Wales; Functional Skills; Key Skills; Extended Project; GCE A Level; GCE AS; GCE 9 unit Award; Principal Learning; Progression Diploma; Reformed A level (2017) and AS	
Pearson	Т	Summer	BTEC	
International Baccalaureate	В	Summer	IB Core points; Extended Essay; Overall result; Standard Level; Theory of Knowledge; Total points; International Baccalaureate	
NICCEA	7	Previous Winter Summer	GCE A level (Double); GCE AS (Double)	
NICCEA	N	Previous Winter Summer	COPE; Advanced Extension Award; Advanced Subsidiary; Essential Skills; GCE A level; GCE AS; Key Skills; Reformed A level (2017) and AS	
OCR	0	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Diploma, Extension Award and Subsidiary; Asset Languages; Cambridge Technicals; Certificate for Young enterprises; Certificate in Mathematics for Engineers; Essential Skills Wales; iMedia; iPro; Key Skills; Functional Skills; STEP; Level 3 awards and Certificates; OCR National Diploma Certificate and Award; Progression Diploma; Reformed A level (2017) and AS	
OCR	6	Previous Winter Summer	GCE A level (Double); GCE AS (Double)	

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SQA	1		Higher National Certificate		
SQA	9		SQA Skills for Work INT2		
SQA	D		SQA Intermediate 1		
SQA	G		Int 2 Core Skills; SQA Intermediate 2		
SQA	М		SQA Higher National Diploma		
SQA	S		Higher Core Skills; SQA Highers; SQA National Cert. Band A, B and C; Scottish Baccalaureate; Scottish Inter Disciplinary Project; Scottish PC Passport		
SQA	Υ		CSYS		
SQA	Z		Advanced Highers		
Welsh	8	Previous Winter Summer	GCE A level (Double); GCE AS (Double)		
Welsh	W	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Extension and Subsidiary; Essential Skills Wales; Extended Project; Foundation Studies; Functional Skills; GCE A level and AS; Key Skills; Principal Learning; Level 3 Extended Diploma, Diploma, Certificate and Award; Welsh Baccalaureate; Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma; Reformed A level (2017) and AS		
Welsh Eduqas	Р	Summer	AS, A Level (2017), Core Maths		
Other	Q	Summer	ABC; ASDAN; AAT; ABRSM; NCFE; EDI; ESB; ESOL; IFS; LAM Rockschool; Sports leaders; Trinity; UAL; VTCT; AIM; Agored Cymru; Ascentis; CAVA; Gateway; Laser; OCNLR; One Award Open Awards; APT Awards; OCNWMR		

Examination level codes currently in use

Exam level	Qualification	Possible grades Grade 1 and Grade 2 fields	Offered by boards	Notes
6M, 7M, 8M	Music Theory	D, M, P, F	Q	
9U	9 Unit Award	A*A, (*A), A*, *A, (*), A, AA, A#, AB, BB, B#, BC, CC, C#, C#C, C#C#, CD, DD, D#D#, DD#, D#, D#D, D#E#, DE, DE#, D#E, EE, E#E, E#, E#E#, U, U#, U#U, #U#, X, X#, Q	A, L, 5	

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A1	GCE Advanced Subsidiary	A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, F, M, P, U, U#, X, X#, Ad, Am, Ap, Bd, Bm, Bp, Cd, Cm, Cp, Dd, Dm, Dp, Ed, Em, Ep, Q, Q#, X#	A, 4, C, L, 5, N O W	Where the results shows e.g. Ad or Bp this relates to CIE results only. The lower case grade indicates the oral component
1E	GCE Advanced Subsidiary (England)	A, B, C, D, E	A, L, N, O, W	New 2016 reformed AS
1N	GCE Advanced Subsidiary (Northern Ireland)	A, B, C, D, E	A, L, N, O	New 2016 reformed AS
1W	GCE Advanced Subsidiary (Wales)	A, B, C, D, E	A, L, O, W	New 2016 reformed AS
А	GCE Advanced Level	A*, (*), A*#, (*#), A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, U, U#, X, X#, A*d, Ad, (*d), A*m, Am, (*m), Ap, (*p), Bd, Bm, Bp, Cd, Cm, Cp, Dd, Dm, Dp, Ed, Em, Ep, Q, Q#, N	ACLNOW	Where the results shows e.g. Ad or Bp this relates to CIE results only. The lower case grade (d, m, and p) indicates the oral component. N (legacy A level – near miss)
AB	AQA Baccalaureate	P, M, D, F, Q, X, U	Α	
AC	CACHE Theory	AA, BB, CC, DD, EE	Q	
AD	GCE Advanced Subsidiary Double Award	AA, A#, AB, B#, B#B, BB, BC, C#, CC, C#C, CD, C#D, D#, D#D, DD, DE, D#E, D#E#, E#, EE, E#E, U, UU, U#, U#U, #U#, XX, X#, Q, X (B#B, B#C#, C#C#, C#D#, D#D#, E#E#)	A, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	
AE	Advanced Extension Award	C#C D, M, U, Q, X	A, L, N, O, W	
AF	ASDAN Level 3 Award of Personal Effectiveness	C#C, P	Q	
AG	Level 3 NVQ in Accounting	Р	Q	
АН	SQA Advanced Highers	A1, A2, B3, B4, C5, C6, D7, F, F8, F9, X	Z	
AI	AICE	A, B, C, D, E, F, M, P, Q, U, X	F	
AJ	AQA Level 3 Certificate in Enterprise, Employability and Personal Finance	A, B, C, D, E, U, U#, X	А	
AK	AQA Level 3 Certificate in Mathematical Studies	A, B, C, D, E	А	New 2016

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A.	Asset Languages	40 44 42 H V	0	
AL	(Advanced level) – Listening	10, 11, 12, U, X	0	
AP	Asset Languages (Advanced level) – Speaking	10, 11, 12, U, X	0	
AQ	AQA Enrichment	PMDFQX	Α	
AR	Asset Languages (Advanced level) – Reading	10, 11, 12, U, X	0	
АТ	*AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting	Р	Q	
AW	Asset Languages (Advanced level) – Writing	10, 11, 12, U, X	0	
АҮ	AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: Cyber Security and Security Administration	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	А	New 2016
AZ	AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical Level IT: Cyber Security	D*, D, M, P	А	New 2016
A3	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Business: Marketing (VRQ)	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	А	New 2016
A4	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Engineering: Design Engineering (VRQ)	D*D*, D*D, DD,DM, MM, MP, PP	А	New 2016
A5	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Engineering: Mechatronic Engineering (VRQ)	D*D*, D*D, DD,DM, MM, MP, PP	А	New 2016
A6	AQA Level 3 Technical Level Engineering: Power Network Engineering (VRQ)	D*D*, D*D, DD,DM, MM, MP, PP	А	New 2016
A7	AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: Networking (VRQ)	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	А	New 2016
A8	AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: Programming (VRQ)	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	А	New 2016
A9	AQA Level 3 Technical Level IT: User Support (VRQ)	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	А	New 2016

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В0	BTEC National Certificate	No overall grade. For legacy awards, an applicant may receive an overall P (Pass), C (Credit), or D (Distinction) grade for the award.	Т	Not on Tariff. Applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P, M, D.
ВР	BTEC Higher National Certificate	No overall grade. For legacy awards, an applicant may receive an overall P (Pass), C (Credit), or D (Distinction) grade for the award.	Т	Not on Tariff. Applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D.
BR	BTEC National Diploma	No overall grade. For legacy awards, an applicant may receive an overall P (Pass), C (Credit), or D (Distinction) grade for the award.	Т	Not on Tariff. Applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D.
BS	BTEC Higher National Diploma	No overall grade. For legacy awards, an applicant may receive an overall P (Pass), C (Credit), or D (Distinction) grade for the award.	Т	Not on Tariff. Applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D.
BQ	BTEC Diploma	No overall grade. For legacy awards, an applicant may receive an overall P (Pass), C (Credit), or D (Distinction) grade for the award.	Т	FAD (Foundation Art & Design). Not on Tariff. Applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D.
B5	Pearson BTEC National Award	D, M, P, U	Т	NQF
В6	Pearson BTEC National Certificate	DD, DM, MM, MP, PP, U	Т	NQF
В7	Pearson BTEC National Diploma	DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP, U	Т	NQF
В8	BTEC Higher National Certificate	No overall grade.	Т	Not on Tariff. Applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only

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				units are graded for these exams P,M,D.
В9	BTEC Higher National Diploma	No overall grade.	Т	Not on Tariff. Applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D.
ВА	Pearson BTEC Award	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL). No Tariff points associated with these subjects.
ВВ	Pearson BTEC Extended Certificate	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
ВС	Pearson BTEC Diploma	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL). No Tariff points associated with these subjects.
BD	Pearson BTEC National Award	D, M,P	Т	NQF
BE	BTEC National Early Years BTEC National Early Years DipTH	DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP	Т	NQF. Note: Since 2010, these are no longer certificated. They come under the BTEC Nationals (QCF). These old style Early Nationals will all be reported under the one code BE (subject code will be 78E).
	BTEC National Early Years CertTH	DD, DM, PP, MM, MP, PP	Т	NQF (see note above).
	BTEC National Early Years Practical	D, M, P	Т	NQF (see note above).
BF	Pearson BTEC National Diploma	DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP	T	NQF / CQF A centre can customise the unit profile for the CQF qualification. This means you may occasionally receive a P grade.
BG	Pearson BTEC Higher National Certificate	No overall grade.	Т	NQF/CQF applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D.
ВН	Pearson BTEC Higher National Diploma	No overall grade.	Т	NQF / CQF applicants either complete or do not

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				complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D.
ВІ	Pearson BTEC Foundation Diploma 120	D, M, P	Т	QCF/FAD
BJ	Pearson BTEC Foundation Diploma 120+	D, M, P	Т	QCF/FAD
ВК	Pearson BTEC HNC Diploma 120+	D, M, P, U	Т	QCF Note: U grade new 2016
BL	Pearson BTEC HND Diploma 240+	D, M, P, U	Т	QCF
ВМ	Pearson BTEC HNC Diploma 120+	D, M, P	Т	QCF
BN	Pearson BTEC HND Diploma 240+	D, M, P	Т	QCF
B4	Pearson BTEC Certificate (=50% of National Award 28-36)	D*, D, M, P, U	Т	QCF Note: U grade new 2016
В3	Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (was National Award 60+)	D*, D, M, P, U	Т	QCF
B2	Pearson BTEC Diploma (was National Certificate 120+)	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP, U	Т	QCF
B1	Pearson BTEC Extended Diploma (was National Diploma 180+)	D*D*D*, D*D*D, D*DD, DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP, U	Т	QCF
ВТ	Pearson BTEC Certificate (=50% of National Award 28-36)	D* D, M, P	Т	QCF / CQF
BU	Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (was National Award 60+)	D*, D, M, P	Т	QCF / CQF
BV	Pearson BTEC Diploma (was National Certificate 120+)	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	Т	QCF / CQF
BW	Pearson BTEC Extended Diploma (was National Diploma 180+)	D*D*D*, D*D*D, D*DD, DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP	Т	QCF / CQF
ВХ	Pearson BTEC Foundation Diploma	D, M, P	Т	NQF/FAD

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ВҮ	Pearson BTEC Extended Certificate	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
BZ	Pearson BTEC Diploma 90 Credit	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP, U	Т	QCF
0A	Pearson BTEC Certificate	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL). No Tariff points associated with these subjects.
ОВ	Pearson BTEC Award Group A	D ,M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
1A	Pearson BTEC Extended Certificate	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL). No Tariff points associated with these subjects.
1B	Pearson BTEC Specialist Diploma	D, M, P	Т	QCF Specialist
1C	Pearson BTEC Award Group B	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
2B	Pearson BTEC Specialist Certificate	D, M, P	Т	QCF Specialist
2C	Pearson BTEC Award Group C	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
3B	Pearson BTEC Specialist Award	D, M, P	Т	QCF Specialist
3C	Pearson BTEC Certificate Group A	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
4B	Pearson BTEC Certificate Group B	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
5B	Pearson BTEC Certificate Group C	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
6B	Pearson BTEC Certificate Group D	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
7B	Pearson BTEC Diploma Group A	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
8B	Pearson BTEC Diploma Group B	D, M, P	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
9B	Pearson BTEC Diploma Group C	D, M, P, U	Т	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
4C	Pearson BTEC National Certificate	DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	Т	NQF
5C	Pearson BTEC Diploma Nationals in Children's Play, Learning and Development	D*D*D*, D*D*D, D*DD, DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP, U	Т	NQF

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6C	Pearson BTEC Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP, U	Т	NQF
7C	Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP, U	Т	NQF
8C	Pearson BTEC Award Nationals in Children's Play, Learning and Development	D*, D, M , P, U	Т	NQF
9C	Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development	D*, D, M , P, U	Т	NQF
C1	Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	A, B, C, F, Q, V, W, X, Z	Q	
C2	Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)	A, B, C, Q, V, W, X, Z	Q	
CA	CACHE Practical	ABCDE	Q	
СВ	CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Wales and Northern Ireland)	A*, A, B, C, D, E	Q	
СС	CACHE Certificate in Child Care & Education	A, B, C, D, E	Q	
CD	CACHE Diploma in Child Care & Education	A, B, C, D, E	Q	
CE	CACHE Award in Child Care & Education	A, B, C, D, E	Q	
CF	CACHE Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator (VRQ])	A*, A, B, C, D	Q	
CJ	CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (VRQ)	A*, A, B, C, D	Q	
СК	CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (VRQ)	A*, A, B, C, D	Q	

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CL	CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education (VRQ)	A*, A, B, C, D	Q	
СМ	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (VRQ)	A*, A, B, C, D	Q	New 2016
CN	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care (VRQ)	A*, A, B, C	Q	New 2016
СР	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Health and Social Care (VRQ)	A*, A, B, C, D	Q	New 2016
CO	Cope Awards	P	Q	
CS	CSYS	A, B ,C, D, E, F, X	Υ	Last awarded 2002
CW	CACHE Extended Diploma for Children and Young People's Workforce	A*, A, B, C, D, E	Q	
D3	Graded Speech and Drama Examinations at Level 3 (LAMDA)	D, M, P	Q	
D6	Speech and Drama Examinations Grade 6	P, M, D, F, X, Absent	Q	
D7	Speech and Drama Examinations Grade 7	P, M, D, F, X, Absent	Q	
D8	Speech and Drama Examinations Grade 8	P, M, D, F, X	Q	
DA	GCE Advanced Double Award	A*A*, (**), A*A, (*A), AA, A#, AB, A#B, B#, B#B, BB, BC, B#C, C#, C#C, CC, CD, C#D, C#D#, D#, DD, D#D, D#D#, DE, D#E, D#E#, E#, EE, E#E, E#E#, U, UU, U#, U#U, #U#, XX, X#, Q, Q#, X (B#B#, B#C#, C#C#, C#D#, D#D#, D#E#, E#E#, #U#)	4, 6, 7, 8	
E1	Essential Skills (Level 1)	P, Q, U	N, Q	
E2	Essential Skills (Level 2)	P, Q, U	N, Q	
E3	Essential Skills (Level 3)	P, Q, U	N, Q	
_	Essential Skills (Level 4)	P, Q, U	N, Q	

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EA	EDI Level 3 Certificate in Accounting	P, M, D, F	Q	
EI	EDI Level 3 Certificate in Accounting (IAS)	P, M, D, F	Q	
EP	Extended Project	A*, (*), A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, U, U#, X, X#, Q	A, L, O, W	
EQ	EQL Level 3 Certificate in BHS Stage 3 Horse Knowledge & Care	P	Q	
EQ	EQL Level 3 Certificate in BHS Stage 3 Horse Knowledge, Care & Riding	Р	Q	
EQ	EQL Level 3 Certificate in BHS Preliminary Teachers Certificate (Equine Coach)	P	Q	
F1	Functional Skills (Level 1)	P, Q, U	A, L, O, W, Q	
F2	Functional Skills (Level 2)	P, P#, Q, U, U#, 2, 2#, F, X, X#	A, L, O, W, Q	
F3	Functional Skills (Level 3)	P, Q, U	A, L, O, W, Q	
F4	Functional Skills (Level 4)	P, Q, U	A, L, O, W, Q	
FD	Finance (CeFS)	A*, A, B, C, D, E, U	Q	
FM	Free Standing Maths	A, B, C, D, E, U, X, Q, E#, U#	А, О	
FR	Level 3 Diploma in Fashion Retail	P, M, D	Q	
FS	Finance (CFSP)	A, A*, B, C, D, E, U	Q	
FY	Foundation Studies	D, M, P, F, R, X	Q, W	
Н	SQA Highers	A1, A2, B3, B4, C5, C6, D7, F, P, X	S	('old highers' pre 2000: A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B6, B7, C8, C9, D, F, X) A*, P, A* = Compensatory award
H1	Cambridge International Singapore Higher 1	A, B, C, D, E, S, U, X, T	С	
H2	Cambridge International Singapore Higher 2	A, B, C, D, E, S, U, X, T	С	
Н3	Cambridge International Singapore Higher 3	D – Distinction M – Merit P – Pass U	С	
НК	SQA Core Skill – Higher	P	S	

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HL	Sports Leadership Award	P	Q	
НС	Sports Leadership Certificate	P	Q	
11	SQA Intermediate 1	A* a*	D	a* = Compensatory award
12	SQA Intermediate 2	A*, A1, A2, B3, B4, C5, C6, D7, F, X, P, a*	G	a* = Compensatory award
IB	IB Higher Level	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HN, HP	В	Note: for winter results, we received a result of 'I' which indicates that the applicant will be taking their exams as part of the summer series. Note: Exam code IB is presented to you in the exam description as International Baccalaureate and not IB Higher Level. Exam code IB is IB Higher Level.
IC	IB Theory of Knowledge	A, B, C, D, E, N, P	В	
IE	IB Total points	0-45	В	Numeric value nn
IF	IB Overall result	B, D, F, J, K, P, W	В	
ID	IB Core Points (Bonus)	+1, +2, +3, 0, N, P	В	
IX	IB Extended Essay	EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EN	В	
IS	IB Standard Level	S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, SN, SP	В	
IK	SQA Core Skill – Intermediate 2	Р	G, S	
IL	Irish Leaving (Higher)	A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3, D1, D2, D3, E, F	I	
IN	SQA Interdisciplinary Project	A, B, C, F	S	
Ю	Irish Leaving (Ordinary)	A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3, D1, D2, D3, E, F,	E	
K1	Key Skill Level 1	P, F	A, K, L, N, O, W	
K2	Key Skill Level 2	P, F	A, K, L, N, O, W	
К3	Key Skill Level 3	P, F	A, K, L, N, O, W, Q	
K4	Key Skill Level 4	P, F	A, K, L, O, W, Q	
M6, M7, M8	Music Practical	D, M, P, F	Q	

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MC	iMedia Certificate	P	0	
MD	iMedia Diploma	P	0	
ME	Certificate in Mathematics for Engineers	A*, A, B, C, D, E, U, X	0	
MU	Rock School Level 3 Certificate	M, P	Q	
N1	City and Guilds Extended Diploma	D*, D, M, P	К	
N2	City and Guilds Diploma	D*, D, M, P	K	
N3	City and Guilds Subsidiary Diploma	D*, D, M, P	K	
N4	City and Guilds Certificate	D*, D, M, P	К	
N5	City and Guilds 90 Credit Diploma	D*, D, M, P	K	
N6	City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Using and Applying Mathematics	A, B, C, D, E	К	New 2016
N8	City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Project	A*, A, B, C, D, E	К	New 2016
N9	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (360)	D*, D, M, P	К	New 2016
N0	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma (540)	D*, D, M, P	К	New 2016
NA	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720)	D*, D, M, P	К	New 2016
NB	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)	D*, D, M, P	К	New 2016
NC	SQA HNC	P, X	1	
ND	SQA HND	P, X	М	1
NE	City & Guilds Level 3 Technical Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator) (NRF)	D*, D, M, P	K	New 2016
NF	City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in	D*, D, M, P	K	New 2016

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	Children's Care, Learning			
	and Development			
	(Northern Ireland and			
	Wales)			
NG	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Art and Design	Р	Q	New 2016
NH	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Photography	Р	Q	New 2016
NI	NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Photography	Р	Q	New 2016
NJ	NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services	D*, D, M, P	Q	New 2016
NK	NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Sport	D*, D, M, P	Q	New 2016
NL	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Sport	D*, D, M, P	Q	New 2016
NM	NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport	D*, D, M, P	Q	New 2016
NN	NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Preparing to Work in Renewable Energy Engineering	D*, D, M, P	Q	New 2016
NP	NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media	D*, D, M, P	Q	New 2016
NQ	NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media	D*, D, M, P	Q	New 2016
NS	NCFE Level 3 Extended Award in Higher Level Studies		Q	New 2016 (not on the Tariff).
NR	NCFE Level 3 Award in Higher Level Studies		Q	New 2016 (not on the Tariff).
01	Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma	D*D*D*, D*D*D, D*DD, DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP, D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP, D*, D, M, P	0	•
02	Cambridge Technical Diploma	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	0	
03	Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	0	
04	Cambridge Introductory Diploma	D*, D, M , P	0	

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O 5	Cambridge Technical Certificate	D*, D, M , P	О	
06	OCR National Certificate	D, M, P	0	
07	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Methods	A, B, C, D, E, E#, U, U#, X	0	
08	OCR Level 3 Award in Being Entrepreneurial		0	New 2016
ОС	OCR iPro Certificate	P	0	
OD	OCR iPro Diploma	P	0	
OE	OCR National Extended Diploma	D1, D2, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2, P3	0	
ОТ	OCR National Diploma	D, M1, M2, P1, P2, P3	0	
PA	Advanced Diploma	A*,(*), A, B, C, D, E, U	A, L, O, Q	
РВ	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Award in Algebra (NQF)	P, U, X	L	
РС	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Award in Statistical Methods (NQF)	P, U, X	L	
PD	Progression Diploma	A*,(*), A, B, C, D, E, U	A, L, O, Q	
PI	Pearson Edexcel Level 3Certificate in Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance (QCF)	Р	Т	
PJ	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Sports Performance (QCF)	Р	Т	
PK	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma (was National Award 60+)	D*, D, M, P	Т	New 2016
PL	Level 3 Certificate in Speech & Drama: Performance Studies (PCertLAM)	P, M, D	Q	
РО	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics in Context	A, B, C, D, E	L	New 2016
PP	SQA PC Passport	Р	S	
PR	Principal Learning	A*, A, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, U, U#, X	A, L, O, W, Q	
R1	Music Practitioner Extended Diploma	D*, D, M, P	Q	
R2	Music Practitioner Diploma	D*, D, M, P	Q	

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	Music Practitioner			
R3	Subsidiary Diploma	D*, D, M, P	Q	
R4	Music Practitioner Extended Certificate	D*, D, M, P	Q	
R5	Music Practitioner Certificate	D*, D, M, P	Q	
S1	Scottish National Certificate (Band A)	Р	S	
S2	Scottish National Certificate (Band B)	Р	S	
S 3	Scottish National Certificate (Band C)	Р	S	
SB	Scottish Baccalaureate	D (Distinction), P (Pass)	S	
SI	CISI Introduction to Securities and Investment	D, M, P	Q	
ST	Step Award	S, 1, 2, 3, U, X, A	0	A indicates absent
SW	Skills for work – Intermediate 2	Р	9	
TA	Institute of Arts Award (Gold)	P, F	Q	
UA	University of the Arts London Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design	D, M, P	Q	
UB	University of the Arts London Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design	D, M, P	Q	
UC	Cambridge Pre-U Certificate	D1, D2, D3, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2, P3, Q, U, X, Q	С	
UD	Cambridge Pre-U Diploma	D1, D2, D3, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2, P3; 0, 32 to 96, X, P, NA	С	
U6	UAL Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (QCF)	D, M, P	Q	
U7	UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (QCF)	D, M, P	Q	
U8	University of the Arts London Level 3 Diploma in Performing and Production Arts	D, M, P	Q	

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WF	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Environmental Science	D*, D, M, P	W	New 2016
WE	Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma	A*, A, B, C, F, P, Q, FF, PA, PA*, PA, PB, PC, QA, QA*, QB, QC, QQ	W	
WD	WJEC Level 3 Diploma	*, D*, D, M, P, Q, X	W	* Denotes D*
WC	WJEC Level 3 Certificate	D, M, P, Q, X	W	
WB	Welsh Baccalaureate	P, F, Q	W	
WA	WJEC Level 3 Award	D, M, P, Q, X	W	
W4	Essential Skills Wales (Level 4)	P, Q, U	L, W	
W3	(Level 2) Essential Skills Wales (Level 3)	P, Q, U	L, W	
W2	(Level 1) Essential Skills Wales	P, Q, U	L, W	
W1	Intermediate Essential Skills Wales	P, Q, U	L,W	
VI	Vocational Dance	D, M, P	Q	
VF	Vocational Dance Advanced Foundation	D, M, P	Q	
VC	ASDAN Community Volunteering Award Volunteering Award	P	Q	
VA	ASDAN Community Volunteering Award	P	Q	
V2	(Historical information only) VCE Advanced Double Award	AA, AB, BB, BC, CC, CD, DD, DE, EE, A#, B#, C#, D#, E#, U, U#, X, X#	U, V, X	
V1	(Historical information only) VCE Advanced Subsidiary	A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, U, U#, X, X#	U, V, X	
V	(Historical information only) VCE Advanced	A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, U, U#, X, X#	U, V, X	
US	Cambridge Pre-U Short Course	D1, D2, D3, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2, P3, Q, U, X	С	
UG	Cambridge Pre-U Certificate (Global Perspectives & Independent Research Project)	D1, D2, D3, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2, P3, Q, U, UG, W, X	С	
U9	University of the Arts London Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing and Production Arts	D, M, P	Q	

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	WJEC Eduqas Level 3			
WJ	Certificate in Mathematics for Work and Life	A, B, C, D, E	Р	New 2016
WK	WJEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Science	D*, D, M, P	W	New 2016
WL	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition	D*, D, M, P	W	New 2016
Y1	Access to HE Diploma (CAVA)	P, F, U, X	Q	
Y2	Access to HE Diploma (Open College Network West Midlands Region)	P, F, U, X	Q	
Y3	Access to HE Diploma (Gateway Qualifications formerly Eastern Region)	P, F, U, X	Q	
Y4	Access to HE Diploma (AIM Awards)	P, F, U, X	Q	
Y5	Access to HE Diploma (OCN London)	P, F	Q	
Y6	Access to HE Diploma (North East Region)	P, F	Q	
Y7	Access to HE Diploma (Ascentis)	P, F	Q	
Y8	Access to HE Diploma (Open Awards)	P, F	Q	
YA	Access to HE Diploma (Laser Learning Awards)	P, F	Q	
YB	Access to HE Diploma (APted Awards formerly South West Learning)	P, F, U, X	Q	Final results 2016. All results will come through Ascentis from 2017.
YC	Access to HE Diploma (Agored Cymru)	P, F	Q	
YD	Access to HE Diploma (CERTA formerly Yorkshire & Humber)	P, F, U, X	Q	
YK	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Reasoning	A, B, C, D, E	0	New 2016
YL	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Problem Solving	A, B, C, D, E	0	New 2016

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Additional information

Other grades:

F = Fail

= partial absence indicator

Q = query grade

X = not taken, no show by candidate/declined grade

U = unclassified

Z = Cheating occurred during examination

GCE Advanced Level: OCR also provides grades P, M, D in the second grade field for the oral component in language subjects.

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