

# **Awarding Body Linkage (ABL)**

## **Summary information**

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## Changes for Awarding Body Linkage (ABL) exam results processing 2015

### Overview

The Awarding Body Linkage (ABL) process for summer results 2015.

We are pleased to inform you we will be processing additional examination results and passing these details on to you. Please make sure you take note of the new awards being processed. Their inclusion may necessitate reference data changes to be implemented on your systems by the summer. In addition to new qualifications, we will be updating how we collect and pass on results for BTEC examinations and Access to Higher Education Diplomas.

### New qualifications, updates and information

As part of our overall communications regarding ABL, further information can be found at [www.ucas.com/providers/undergraduate/undergraduate-application-process/awarding-body-linkage-abl](http://www.ucas.com/providers/undergraduate/undergraduate-application-process/awarding-body-linkage-abl). 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 2015 when we process the main results provision during ABL weekend (7 - 9 August 2015).

The following highlights the new awards, and changes to existing awards, which will take place for the summer 2015 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/ucas-tariff](http://www.ucas.com/ucas-tariff).

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

#### Access to Higher Education Diploma and changes to unit grades for BTEC

We wrote to you in March to tell you we will now be collecting and passing on unit grades for the Access to Higher Education Diploma. This means you will now receive the overall pass mark and the individual unit grades.

This marks the final stage of changes for the collection of the Access to Higher Education Diploma since the pilot scheme launched in 2013.

The addition of the 'unit value' field will also enable us to provide the value for BTEC unit grades electronically, where previously this information was only available via the paper transcript.

These changes mean we'll be creating two additional fields within the link products to enable us to provide the unit value/credit and indicate whether the unit has been graded or not.

Changes will be made to the following views/method:

- **odbc-link** – cvRefUnits
- **xml-link** – getReferenceUnits
- **web-link** – exam results screen

## **New exams**

### **Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma**

Examination level: CODE = WE

#### **Tariff:**

<b>EXAM_GRADE</b>	<b>Current Tariff</b>
A*	120
A	120
B	120
C	120

### **UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (QCF)**

Exam level = U7

#### **Tariff:**

<b>EXAM_GRADE</b>	<b>Current Tariff</b>
Distinction	420
Merit	280
Pass	180

### **UAL Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (QCF)**

Exam level = U6

#### **Tariff:**

<b>EXAM_GRADE</b>	<b>Current Tariff</b>
Distinction	210
Merit	160
Pass	100

**CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (VRQ)**

Exam level = CJ

**Tariff:**

EXAM_GRADE	Current Tariff
A*	420
A	360
B	300
C	240
D	180

**CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (VRQ)**

Exam level = CK

**Tariff:**

EXAM_GRADE	Current Tariff
A*	140
A	110
B	90
C	70
D	55

**CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education (VRQ)**

Exam level = CL

**Tariff:**

EXAM_GRADE	Current Tariff
A*	35
A	30
B	25
C	20
D	15

**Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance (QCF)**

Exam level = PI

EXAM_GRADE	Current Tariff
P	45

**Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Sports Performance (QCF)**

Exam level = PJ

<b>EXAM_GRADE</b>	<b>Current Tariff</b>
P	40

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## 1. 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 both for your provider staff and for your technical suppliers to be able to set up their systems accordingly to process these examination results.

## 2. Feedback

Please provide any feedback on the content to [sdt@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:sdt@ucas.ac.uk). Please include '**Feedback ABL summary document**' in the subject line of the email.

## 3. Additional UCAS information

### 3.1. UCAS Tariff

For further details regarding Tariff points available for qualifications, please refer to the UCAS website – [www.ucas.com/ucas-tariff](http://www.ucas.com/ucas-tariff).

### 3.2. 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 previous cycle document remains available until the new one is published.

Note: changes are **highlighted** in the exam level table.

#### 4. Board codes currently in use

Awarding body	Board code	Pseudo code	Sitting	Exam level
<b>AQA</b>	A	A	Previous Winter Summer	GCE; Advanced Subsidiary; AQA Baccalaureate; Level 3 Certificate in Enterprise, Employability and Personal Finance; Functional Skills; Free Standing Maths; Extended Project
<b>AQA</b>	A	4	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Double Awards, Advanced Subsidiary Double Awards
<b>AVA</b>	Q	Q	Summer	Access to Higher Education Diploma
<b>Cambridge International</b>	C	C	Previous Winter Summer	AICE
<b>CAO</b>	B	I	Summer	Irish Leaving (Higher)
<b>CAO</b>	B	E	Summer	Irish Leaving (Ordinary)
<b>Pearson</b>	L	L	Previous Winter Summer	GCE; Advanced Extension Award; Extended Project; Key Skills; Functional Skills; Essential Skills; Level 3 Award in Algebra and Statistical Methods
<b>Pearson</b>	L	5	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Double Awards, Advanced Subsidiary Double Awards, Applied Awards
<b>Pearson</b>	T	T	Summer	BTEC
<b>International Baccalaureate</b>	B	B	Summer	International Baccalaureate
<b>NICCEA</b>	N	N	Previous Winter Summer	GCE; Advanced Subsidiary; Key Skills; COPE
<b>NICCEA</b>	N	7	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Double Awards; Advanced Subsidiary; Double Awards
<b>OCR</b>	O	O	Previous Winter Summer	GCE; Advanced Diploma; Progression Diploma; Functional Skills; Extended Project; i-Media Certificate & Diploma, Certificate in Mathematics for Engineers; Certificate for Young Enterprise; Free Standing Maths; Key Skills; Certificate in Mathematics for Engineers; Cambridge Technical; OCR Nationals, iPRO Certificate; Essential Skills; STEP
<b>OCR</b>	O	6	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Double Awards; Advanced Subsidiary Double Awards

<b>SQA</b>	S	S	Previous Winter Summer	SQA Highers; Higher Core Skills; SQA Baccalaureate; PC Passport
<b>SQA</b>	S	G	Previous Winter Summer	SQA Core Skills – Intermediate 2
<b>SQA</b>	S	Z	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Higher
<b>SQA</b>	S	S	Previous Winter Summer	Higher
<b>SQA</b>	S	G	Previous Winter Summer	Intermediate 2
<b>SQA</b>	S	D	Previous Winter Summer	Intermediate 1: Not transferred, only used when original fall back awards came into force
<b>SQA</b>	S	M	Previous Winter Summer	Scottish HND
<b>SQA</b>	S	1	Previous Winter Summer	Scottish HNC
<b>SQA</b>	S	9	Previous Winter Summer	SQA Skills for work
<b>Welsh</b>	W	W	Previous Winter Summer	GCE, Functional Skills, Essential Skills
<b>Welsh</b>	W	8	Previous Winter Summer	Advanced Double Awards, Advanced Subsidiary Double Awards, Applied Awards
<b>Other</b>	Q	Q	Summer	This is used for Music, Financial Services exams, Cache, AAT, ABC awards, EQL, AAT, EDI awards, ASDAN COPE awards, Essential Skills, Speech & Drama, Foundation Art & Design, NPTC qualifications (now City and Guilds)



**5. Examination level codes currently in use**

<b>Exam level</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Possible grades Grade 1 and Grade 2 fields</b>	<b>Offered by Boards</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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#, X, X#, Q	A, L	
A1	GCE Advanced Subsidiary	A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, U, U#, X, X#, Ad, Am, Ap, Bd, Bm, Bp, Cd, Cm, Cp, Dd, Dm, Dp, Ed, Em, Ep, Q, Q#, X#	A C L N O W	
A	GCE Advanced Level	A*, (*), A*#, (*#), A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, 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 (legacy A level – near miss)	A C L N O W	
AB	AQA Baccalaureate	P, M, D, F, Q, X, U	A	
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, 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#)	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	P	Q	
AH	SQA Advanced Highers	A1, A2, B3, B4, C5, C6, D7, F, 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#	A	
AQ	AQA Enrichment	P M D F Q X	A	
AL	Asset Languages (Advanced level) – Listening	10, 11, 12, U, X	O	
AP	Asset Languages (Advanced level) – Speaking	10, 11, 12, U, X	O	
AR	Asset Languages (Advanced level) – Reading	10, 11, 12, U, X	O	
AT	*AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting	P	Q	

AW	Asset Languages (Advanced level) – Writing	10, 11, 12, U, X	O	
BO	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	T	Not in 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	T	Not in Tariff; applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D
BP	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	T	Not in 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	T	Not in Tariff; applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D

		D(Distinction) grade for the award		
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	T	FAD (Foundation Art & Design); not in Tariff; applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D
B5	BTEC National Award	D, M, P, U	T	NQF
B6	BTEC National Certificate	DD, DM, MM, MP, PP, U	T	NQF
B7	BTEC National Diploma	DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP, U	T	NQF
B8	BTEC Higher National Certificate	No overall grade	T	Not in Tariff; applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D
B9	BTEC Higher National Diploma	No overall grade	T	Not in Tariff; applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D

BA	BTEC Award	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL). No Tariff points associated with these subjects
0B	BTEC Award Group A	D ,M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
1C	BTEC Award Group B	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
2C	BTEC Award Group C	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
BB	BTEC Extended Certificate	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
1A	BTEC Extended Certificate	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL). No Tariff points associated with these subjects
0A	BTEC Certificate	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL). No Tariff points associated with these subjects
3C	BTEC Certificate Group A	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
4B	BTEC Certificate Group B	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
5B	BTEC Certificate Group C	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)

6B	BTEC Certificate Group D	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
BC	BTEC Diploma	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL). No Tariff points associated with these subjects
7B	BTEC Diploma Group A	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
8B	BTEC Diploma Group B	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
9B	BTEC Diploma Group C	D, M, P, U	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
BD	BTEC National Award	D, M,P	T	NQF
4C	BTEC National Certificate	DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	T	NQF
BE	BTEC National Early Years  BTEC National Early Years DipTH	DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP	T	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	T	NQF (see note above)
	BTEC National Early Years Practical	D, M, P	T	NQF (see note above)

BF	BTEC National Diploma	DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP	T	NQF / CQF
BG	BTEC Higher National Certificate	No overall grade	T	NQF / CQF applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D
BH	BTEC Higher National Diploma	No overall grade	T	NQF / CQF applicants either complete or do not complete the award. Only units are graded for these exams P,M,D
BI	BTEC Foundation Diploma 120	D, M, P	T	QCF/FAD
BJ	BTEC Foundation Diploma 120+	D, M, P	T	QCF/FAD
BK	BTEC HNC Diploma 120+	D, M, P	T	QCF
BL	BTEC HND Diploma 240+	D, M, P, U	T	QCF
BM	BTEC HNC Diploma 120+	D, M, P	T	QCF
BN	BTEC HND Diploma 240+	D, M, P	T	QCF
B4	BTEC Certificate (=50% of National Award 28-36)	D*, D, M, P	T	QCF
B3	BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (was National Award 60+)	D*, D, M, P, U	T	QCF
B2	BTEC Diploma (was National Certificate 120+)	D*D*, (D*D = SD), DD, DM, MM, MP, PP, U	T	QCF

B1	BTEC Extended Diploma (was National Diploma 180+)	D*D*D* D*D*DD, D*DD, DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP, U	T	QCF
BT	BTEC Certificate (=50% of National Award 28-36)	D* D, M, P	T	QCF / CQF
BU	BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (was National Award 60+)	D*, D, M, P	T	QCF / CQF
BV	BTEC Diploma (was National Certificate 120+)	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	T	QCF / CQF
BW	BTEC Extended Diploma (was National Diploma 180+)	D*D*D*, D*D*D, D*DD, DDD, DDM, DMM, MMM, MMP, MPP, PPP	T	QCF / CQF
BX	BTEC Foundation Diploma	D, M, P	T	NQF/FAD
BY	BTEC Extended Certificate	D, M, P	T	Additional Specialist Learning (NQF/ASL)
BZ	BTEC Diploma 90 Credit	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	T	QCF
1B	BTEC Specialist Diploma	D, M, P	T	QCF Specialist



2B	BTEC Specialist Certificate	D, M, P	T	QCF Specialist
3B	BTEC Specialist Award	D, M, P	T	QCF Specialist
5C	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	T	NQF New 2013
6C	BTEC Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	T	NQF New 2013
7C	BTEC Subsidiary Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP, U	T	NQF New 2013
8C	BTEC Award Nationals in Children's Play, Learning and Development	D*, D, M, P, U	T	NQF New 2013
9C	BTEC Subsidiary Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development	D*, D, M, P, U	T	NQF New 2013
C1	Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	A, B, C, F, Q, V, W, X, F, X, Z	Q	
C2	Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)	A, B, C, Q, V, W, X, Z	Q	
CA	CACHE Practical	A B C D E	Q	
CB	CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Wales and Northern Ireland)	A*, A, B, C, D,	Q	
CC	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	<b>CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (VRQ)</b>	<b>A*, B, C, D</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>New 2015</b>
CK	<b>CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (VRQ)</b>	<b>A*, B, C, D</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>New 2015</b>
CL	<b>CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education (VRQ)</b>	<b>A*, B, C, D</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>New 2015</b>
CO	Cope Awards	P	N, Q	
CW	Cache Extended Diploma for Children and Young People's Workforce	A*, A, B, C, D, E	Q	
D6	Speech and Drama Examinations Grade 6	P, M, D, F, X	Q	
D7	Speech and Drama Examinations Grade 7	P, M, D, F, X	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, D#, DD, D#D, DE, D#E, D#E#, E#, EE, E#E, U, UU, U#, U#U, XX, X#, Q, Q#, X	4, 5, 6, 7, 8	

		(B#B#, B#C#, C#C#, C#D#, D#D#, D#E#, E#E#, #U#)		
E1	Essential Skills (Level 1)	P, Q, U	N, Q	
E2	Essential Skills (Level 2)	P, Q, U	N, K, Q	
E3	Essential Skills (Level 3)	P, Q, U	N, Q	
E4	Essential Skills (Level 4)	P, Q, U	N, Q	
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	P	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	

F2	Functional Skills (Level 2)	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, B, C, D, E, U	Q	
FM	Free Standing Maths	A, B, C, D, E, U, X, Q, E#, U#	O, A	
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	
H	SQA Highers	A1, A2, B3, B4, C5, C6, D7, F, X, ('old highers' pre 2000: A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B6, B7, C8, C9, D, F, X) A* = compensatory award, P	S	
H1	Cambridge International Singapore Higher 1	A, B, C, D, E, S, U, X, T	C	
H2	Cambridge International Singapore Higher 2	A, B, C, D, E, S, U, X, T	C	
H3	Cambridge International Singapore Higher 3	D – Distinction M – Merit P – Pass U	C	

HK	SQA Core Skill – Higher	P	S	
HL	Sports Leadership Award	P	Q	
HC	Sports Leadership Certificate	P	Q	
I1	SQA Intermediate 1	A* a* = compensatory award	D	
I2	SQA Intermediate 2	A*, A1, A2, B3, B4, C5, C6, D7, F, X, a* = compensatory award, P	G	
IB	IB Higher Level	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HN, HP	B	
IC	IB Theory of Knowledge	A, B, C, D, E, N, P	B	
ID	IB Bonus points	0 +1 +2 +3 FC N P	B	
IE	IB Total points	Numeric value nn 0-45	B	
IF	IB Overall result	B, D, F, J, K, P, W	B	
IK	SQA Core Skill – Intermediate 2	P	G	
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	
IO	Irish Leaving (Ordinary)	A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3, D1, D2, D3, E, F,	E	

IS	IB Standard Level	S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, SN, SP	B	
IX	IB Extended Essay	EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EN, EP	B	
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	
K3	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	
MC	i-Media Certificate	P	O	
MD	i-Media Diploma	P	O	
ME	Certificate in Mathematics for Engineers	A*, A, B, C, D, E, U, X	O	
N1	City and Guilds Extended Diploma	D*, D, M, P	K	
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	K	

N5	City and Guilds 90 Credit Diploma	D*, D, M, P	K	
ND	SQA HND	P, X	M	
NC	SQA HNC	P, X	1	
O1	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	O	
O2	Cambridge Technical Diploma	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	O	
O3	Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma	D*D*, D*D, DD, DM, MM, MP, PP	O	
O4	Cambridge Introductory Diploma	D*, D, M, P	O	
O5	Cambridge Technical Certificate	D*, D, M, P	O	
O6	OCR National Certificate	D, M, P	O	
O7	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Methods	A, B, C, D, E	O	
OC	OCR iPro Certificate	P	O	
OD	OCR iPro Diploma	P	O	
OE	OCR National Extended Diploma	D1, D2, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2, P3	O	
OT	OCR National Diploma	D, M1, M2, P1, P2, P3	O	

PA	Advanced Diploma	A*,(*), A, B, C, D, E, U	A, L, O, Q	
PB	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Award in Algebra (NQF)	P, U, X	L	
PC	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	
<b>PI</b>	<b>Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance (QCF)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>New 2015</b>
<b>PJ</b>	<b>Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Sports Performance (QCF)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>New 2015</b>
PL	Level 3 Certificate in Speech & Drama: Performance Studies (PCertLAM)	P, M, D	Q	
PP	SQA PC Passport	P	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	



R3	Music Practitioner 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)	P	S	
S2	Scottish National Certificate (Band B)	P	S	
S3	Scottish National Certificate (Band C)	P	S	
SB	Scottish Baccalaureate	D (Distinction), P (Pass)	S	
SI	CISI Introduction to Securities and Investment	D, M, P	Q	
SP	GCE Advanced Level Special Paper	A level grades: A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, Special paper grades: Ad, Am, Ap, Au Bd, Bm, Bp, Bu, Cd, Cm, Cp, Cu, Dd, Dm, Dp, Du, Ed, Em, Ep, Eu	3	
ST	Step Award	S, 1, 2, 3, U, X, A	O	
SW	Skills for work – Intermediate 2	P	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	C	
UD	Cambridge Pre-U Diploma	D1, D2, D3, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2, P3; 0, 32 to 96, X, P, NA	C	
<b>U6</b>	<b>UAL Diploma in Creative Media Production &amp; Technology (QCF)</b>	<b>D, M, P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>New 2015</b>
<b>U7</b>	<b>UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production &amp; Technology (QCF)</b>	<b>D, M, P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>New 2015</b>
U8	University of the Arts London Level 3 Diploma in Performing and Production Arts	D, M, P	Q	
U9	University of the Arts London Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing and Production Arts	D, M, P	Q	
UG	Cambridge Pre-U Certificate (Global Perspectives & Independent Research Project)	D1, D2, D3, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2, P3, Q, U, UG, W, X	C	

US	Cambridge Pre-U Short Course	D1, D2, D3, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2, P3, Q, U, X	C	
V	<i>(Historical information only)</i> VCE Advanced	A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, U, U#, X, X#	U, V, X	
V1	<i>(Historical information only)</i> VCE Advanced Subsidiary	A, A#, B, B#, C, C#, D, D#, E, E#, U, U#, X, X#	U, V, X	
V2	<i>(Historical information only)</i> 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	
VA	ASDAN Community Volunteering Award	P	Q	
VC	ASDAN Community Volunteering Certificate	P	Q	
VF	Vocational Dance Advanced Foundation	D, M, P	Q	
VI	Vocational Dance Intermediate	D, M, P	Q	
W1	Essential Skills Wales (Level 1)	P, Q, U	W	
W2	Essential Skills Wales (Level 2)	P, Q, U	W	
W3	Essential Skills Wales (Level 3)	P, Q, U	W	
W4	Essential Skills Wales (Level 4)	P, Q, U	W	
WA	WJEC Level 3 Award	D, M, P, Q, X	W	
WB	Welsh Baccalaureate	P, F, Q	W	

WC	WJEC Level 3 Certificate	D, M, P, Q, X	W	
WD	WJEC Level 3 Diploma	D*, D, M, P, Q, X	W	
<b>WE</b>	<b>Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma</b>	<b>A*, A, B, C</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>New 2015</b>
Y1	Access to HE Diploma (CAVA)	P, F, U, X	Q	
Y2	Access to HE Diploma (West Midlands)	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	
Y9	Access to HE Diploma (Credit 4 Learning)	P, F	Q	
YA	Access to HE Diploma (Laser Learning Awards)	P, F	Q	
YB	Access to HE Diploma (APT Awards formerly South West Learning)	P, F, U, X	Q	

YC	Access to HE Diploma (Agored Cymru)	P, F	Q	
YD	Access to HE Diploma (CERTA formerly Yorkshire & Humber)	P, F, U, X	Q	

## **6. Additional information**

### **6.1. Other grades**

# = Partial absence indicator award

Q = Query grade

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

U = unclassified

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