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List of technical and non-technical qualifications approved in cycle 1

**Qualifications approved for funding in
England in cycle 1 of the qualification
reform process.**

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Summary

This publication contains a list of the new technical and non-technical qualifications approved for funding in England in cycle 1 of our approval process.

Who this publication is for

This guidance is for ESFA funded providers who will deliver the new technical and non-technical qualifications.

Main points

This is a list of the new technical and non-technical qualifications approved for funding in England in cycle 1 of our approval process

We are using publication of the list to continue to support colleges and other providers to prepare to deliver the new qualifications.

We have already published a [Post-16 Qualifications Reform FAQs](#) as part of our [Information and support resources for qualification reform](#). These include questions about qualification reform more widely.

We will add more information to our [Information and support resources for qualification reform](#) such as a FAQ document linked to the publication and some early guidance on how the new qualifications are likely to be used in study programmes.

Document history

This is the first version of this list of qualifications document.

The new approved qualifications

The new technical and non-technical qualifications approved for funding in England from 2025 are listed in the Table 1 in sector subject area order.

These qualifications are all at level 3.

The qualification types reflect the qualifications in scope of cycle 1 of the approval process. We will publish similar lists when the further approval cycles end.

Technical qualifications

- Occupational entry - 16 to 19 and adult
- Occupational entry - adult only
- Additional specialist

Academic qualifications

- Small AAQ – a Small Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ)

More information about the new qualifications

Awarding organisations will publish information on the new qualifications on their websites. We encourage you to contact awarding organisations directly if you have any questions about their qualifications.

We have also published a FAQ document linked to the announcement of the new technical and non-technical qualifications which may contain the answer to your question.

Table: List of approved technical and non-technical qualifications

For each qualification, the table shows the title, awarding organisation, category, guided learning hours and the funding offers it is approved for. The qualifications are ordered by sector subject area alphabetically.

Qualification title	Awarding organisation	Category	SSA	GLH	16 to 19 offer	16 to 19 offer approved for 18+ only	L3 legal entitlement offer	L3 advanced learner loans offer	L3 free courses for jobs offer
Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Construction and the Built Environment (Certificate 360 GLH)	Pearson	Small AAQ	Building and Construction	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	
City & Guilds Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Electrical Installation (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry - adult only	Building and construction	490			Yes	Yes	Yes
City & Guilds Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Plumbing and Heating (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry - adult only	Building and construction	445			Yes	Yes	Yes
EAL level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Electrical	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational entry - adult only	Building and construction	440			Yes	Yes	Yes

Qualification title	Awarding organisation	Category	SSA	GLH	16 to 19 offer	16 to 19 offer approved for 18+ only	L3 legal entitlement offer	L3 advanced learner loans offer	L3 free courses for jobs offer
Installation and Maintenance (Diploma)									
EAL level 3 Occupational Entry in Plumbing and Domestic Heating (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational entry - adult only	Building and construction	540			Yes	Yes	Yes
EAL level 3 Technical Specialist in the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment (Award)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Additional specialist	Building and construction	10			Yes		Yes
NOCN Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Craft Carpenters and Joiners (Diploma)	NOCN	Occupational entry - adult only	Building and construction	746			Yes	Yes	Yes
Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Early Childhood Development (Certificate 360 GLH)	Pearson	Small AAQ	Child Development and Wellbeing	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational entry - adult only	Child development and well-being	564			Yes	Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Montessori Pedagogy – Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational entry - adult only	Child development and well-being	290			Yes	Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Specialist in Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators in Early Years Settings (Award)	NCFE	Additional specialist	Child development and well-being	24	Yes		Yes		Yes
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Early Years Educator (Diploma)	Pearson Education Ltd	Occupational entry - adult only	Child development and well-being	424			Yes	Yes	Yes
AIM Qualifications Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Teaching	AIM Qualifications and	Occupational entry - adult only	Direct learning support	370			Yes	Yes	

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Assistants focusing on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (Diploma)	Assessment Group								
City & Guilds Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Teaching Assistants (Certificate)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry - adult only	Direct learning support	187			Yes	Yes	
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Supporting Teaching and Learning (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational entry - adult only	Direct learning support	311			Yes	Yes	
Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Engineering (Certificate 360 GLH)	Pearson	Small AAQ	Engineering	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge	OCR	Small AAQ	Engineering	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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Advanced National in Engineering (Extended Certificate)									
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National in Engineering (Certificate)	OCR	Small AAQ	Engineering	180	Yes		Yes	Yes	
EAL level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Electrical Engineering Principles (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational entry - adult only	Engineering	540			Yes	Yes	Yes
EAL level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Machining (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational entry - adult only	Engineering	600			Yes	Yes	Yes
EAL level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Mechanical Engineering Principles (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational entry - adult only	Engineering	540			Yes	Yes	Yes

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EAL level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Mechatronics (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational entry - adult only	Engineering	545			Yes	Yes	Yes
EAL level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Metal Fabrication (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational entry - adult only	Engineering	545			Yes	Yes	Yes
Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Certificate 360 GLH)	Pearson	Small AAQ	Health and social care	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Health and Social Care (Certificate)	NCFE	Small AAQ	Health and social care	384	Yes		Yes	Yes	
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National	OCR	Small AAQ	Health and social care	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)									
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National in Health and Social Care (Certificate)	OCR	Small AAQ	Health and social care	180	Yes		Yes	Yes	
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Senior Healthcare Support (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational entry - adult only	Health and social care	491			Yes	Yes	Yes
Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Computing (Certificate 360 GLH)	Pearson	Small AAQ	ICT Practitioners	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	
Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in	Pearson	Small AAQ	ICT Practitioners	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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Information Technology (Certificate 360 GLH)									
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National in Computing: Application Development (Extended Certificate)	OCR	Small AAQ	ICT Practitioners	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National in Computing: Application Development (Certificate)	OCR	Small AAQ	ICT Practitioners	150	Yes		Yes	Yes	
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National	OCR	Small AAQ	ICT Practitioners	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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in IT: Data Analytics (Extended Certificate)									
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National in IT: Data Analytics (Certificate)	OCR	Small AAQ	ICT Practitioners	150	Yes		Yes	Yes	
NCFE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Cyber Security (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational entry - adult only	ICT practitioners	360			Yes	Yes	Yes
NCFE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for the Data Technician (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational entry - adult only	ICT practitioners	360			Yes	Yes	Yes
NCFE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Digital Support (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational entry - adult only	ICT practitioners	360			Yes	Yes	Yes

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Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Cyber Security Technician (Diploma)	Pearson Education Ltd	Occupational entry - adult only	ICT practitioners	295			Yes	Yes	Yes
City & Guilds Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry to Professional Practice for Dental Nurses (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry - adult only	Medicine and dentistry	369			Yes	Yes	Yes
Open Awards Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians (Diploma)	Open Awards	Occupational entry - 16 to 19 and adult	Nursing and subjects and vocations allied to medicine	785	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Applied Science (Certificate 360 GLH)	Pearson	Small AAQ	Science	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	
Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic	Pearson	Small AAQ	Science	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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Qualification BTEC National in Medical Science (Certificate 360 GLH)									
IBO Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification HL in Biology (Extended Certificate)	International Baccalaureate Organisation	Small AAQ	Science	400	Yes		Yes	Yes	
IBO Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification SL in Biology (Certificate)	International Baccalaureate Organisation	Small AAQ	Science	250	Yes		Yes	Yes	
IBO Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification HL in Chemistry (Extended Certificate)	International Baccalaureate Organisation	Small AAQ	Science	400	Yes		Yes	Yes	
IBO Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification SL in Chemistry (Certificate)	International Baccalaureate Organisation	Small AAQ	Science	250	Yes		Yes	Yes	
IBO Level 3 Alternative	International Baccalaureate	Small AAQ	Science	400	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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Academic Qualification HL in Physics (Extended Certificate)	e Organisation								
IBO Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification SL in Physics (Certificate)	International Baccalaureate Organisation	Small AAQ	Science	250	Yes		Yes	Yes	
IBO Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification HL in Sports, Exercise and Health Science (Extended Certificate)	International Baccalaureate Organisation	Small AAQ	Science	400	Yes		Yes	Yes	
IBO Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification SL in Sports, Exercise and Health Science (Certificate)	International Baccalaureate Organisation	Small AAQ	Science	250	Yes		Yes	Yes	
WJEC Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Medical Science (Certificate)	WJEC-CBAC	Small AAQ	Science	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National in Applied Science (Extended Certificate)	OCR	Small AAQ	Science	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National in Applied Science (Certificate)	OCR	Small AAQ	Science	180	Yes		Yes	Yes	
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge Advanced National in Human Biology (Extended Certificate)	OCR	Small AAQ	Science	360	Yes		Yes	Yes	
OCR Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Cambridge	OCR	Small AAQ	Science	180	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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Advanced National in Human Biology (Certificate)									
Active IQ Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Personal Training (Diploma)	Active IQ Limited	Occupational entry - 16 to 19 and adult	Sport, leisure and recreation	300	Yes		Yes	Yes	
Active IQ Level 3 Technical Specialist in Adapting Physical Activity for Antenatal and Postnatal Clients (Award)	Active IQ Limited	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	45	Yes		Yes		
Active IQ Level 3 Technical Specialist in Optimising Training for the Ageing Client (Award)	Active IQ Limited	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	45	Yes		Yes		
Active IQ Level 3 Technical Specialist in Sports Massage Therapy (Diploma)	Active IQ Limited	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	295	Yes		Yes	Yes	
BWYQ Level 3 Technical Specialist in Adapting and Developing	The British Wheel of Yoga Qualifications	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	36			Yes		

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Antenatal Yoga Exercise (Award)									
BWYQ Level 3 Technical Specialist in Adapting and Developing Mindbody Exercises for Older Adults (Award)	The British Wheel of Yoga Qualifications	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	38			Yes		
BWYQ Level 3 Technical Specialist in Adapting and Developing Postnatal Yoga Exercise for Mums and Babies (Award)	The British Wheel of Yoga Qualifications	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	36			Yes		
BWYQ Level 3 Technical Specialist in Teaching Yoga (Certificate)	The British Wheel of Yoga Qualifications	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	175			Yes	Yes	
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Personal Trainer (Diploma)	Pearson Education Ltd	Occupational entry - 16 to 19 and adult	Sport, leisure and recreation	720	Yes		Yes	Yes	
VTCT Level 3 Additional Specialist in Sports Massage	Vocational Training Charitable Trust	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	205	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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Therapy (Certificate)									
VTCT Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Personal Training (Certificate)	Vocational Training Charitable Trust	Occupational entry - 16 to 19 and adult	Sport, leisure and recreation	208	Yes		Yes	Yes	
YMCA Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry Diploma in Exercise and Fitness: Personal Trainer	Central Young Men's Christian Association	Occupational entry - 16 to 19 and adult	Sport, leisure and recreation	276	Yes		Yes	Yes	
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Teaching Assistant (Diploma)	Pearson Education Ltd	Occupational entry - adult only	Teaching and lecturing	251			Yes	Yes	Yes
IMI Level 3 Technical Specialist in Automotive Refrigerant Handling (EC842-2006) (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	20	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
IMI Level 3 Technical Specialist in Diagnosing, Rectifying and Recalibrating Advanced Driver	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	39	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

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Assistance System (ADAS) Components (Award)									
IMI Level 3 Technical Specialist in Electric/Hybrid Vehicle System Repair and Replacement (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	34	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
IMI Level 3 Technical Specialist in Heavy Electric/Hybrid Vehicle System Repair and Replacement (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	35	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
IMI Level 3 Technical Specialist in Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle System Repair and Replacement (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	20	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
IMI Level 3 Technical Specialist in MOT Test Centre	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	16	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

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Management (Award)									



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