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# **List of level 2 technical qualifications approved in cycle 1**

**Qualifications approved for funding in  
England in cycle 1 of the qualification  
reform process from August 2025.**

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## Summary

This publication contains a list of the new level 2 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 level 2 technical qualifications.

### Main points

This is a list of the new level 2 technical qualifications approved for funding in England in cycle 1 of our approval process

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

## Pause and review announcement

On 25 July 2024 the government launched a focused review of post-16 qualifications reform. This review will assess how best to improve the quality of the overall qualifications landscape, support the growth of T-levels, and ensure that all young people and adults have high-quality options that meet their needs. We will conclude and communicate the outcomes of this review before the turn of the year.

### Document history

This is the first version of this document.

## The new approved qualifications

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

These qualifications are all at level 2.

The qualification types reflect the qualifications in scope of cycle 1 of the approval process.

## Technical qualifications

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

## 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 Q&A document linked to the publication of the new level 2 technical qualifications which may contain the answer to your question.

**Table: List of approved 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	L2 legal entitlement offer	Local Flexibility offer
Ascentis Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Painting and Decorating (Certificate)	Ascentis	Occupational focus	Building and construction	303	Yes		Yes	Yes
Ascentis Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Bricklaying (Diploma)	Ascentis	Occupational focus	Building and construction	413	Yes		Yes	Yes
Ascentis Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Solid Plastering (Diploma)	Ascentis	Occupational focus	Building and construction	396	Yes		Yes	Yes
Ascentis Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Carpentry and Joinery (Diploma)	Ascentis	Occupational focus	Building and construction	407	Yes		Yes	Yes
Ascentis Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Bricklaying (Diploma)	Ascentis	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	553	Yes		Yes	Yes
Ascentis Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Carpentry and Joinery (Diploma)	Ascentis	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	647	Yes		Yes	Yes
Ascentis Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational	Ascentis	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	536	Yes		Yes	Yes

Entry in Solid Plastering (Diploma)								
Ascentis Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Painting and Decorating (Diploma)	Ascentis	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	443	Yes		Yes	Yes
City & Guilds Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Bricklaying (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	480	Yes		Yes	Yes
City & Guilds Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Plastering (Solid Plastering and Dry Lining) (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	441	Yes		Yes	Yes
City & Guilds Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Painting and Decorating (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	375	Yes		Yes	Yes
City & Guilds Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Maintenance Operations (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	490	Yes		Yes	Yes
City & Guilds Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Wood Occupations (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	411	Yes		Yes	Yes
NOCN Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry (NVQ) for Plant Operations	NOCN	Occupational focus	Building and construction	70	Yes		Yes	Yes

(Certificate) – Fork-Lift Trucks								
NOCN Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry (NVQ) for Plant Operations (Certificate) – Transporting Loads	NOCN	Occupational focus	Building and construction	57		Yes	Yes	Yes
NOCN Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for Carpenters and Joiners (Diploma)	NOCN	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	637	Yes		Yes	Yes
NOCN Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for Painting and Decorating (Diploma)	NOCN	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	667	Yes		Yes	Yes
NOCN Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for Plastering (Diploma)	NOCN	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	467	Yes		Yes	Yes
NOCN Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for Bricklaying (Diploma)	NOCN	Occupational entry extended	Building and construction	618	Yes		Yes	Yes
NOCN Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry (NVQ) for Construction and Civil Engineering Operations (Certificate) – General Construction	NOCN	Occupational focus	Building and construction	198	Yes		Yes	Yes
NOCN Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry (NVQ) for Plant Operations (Diploma) – Excavating	NOCN	Occupational focus	Building and construction	184		Yes	Yes	Yes

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Practitioner (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational focus	Child development and well being	293	Yes		Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Practitioner (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational entry extended	Child development and well being	348	Yes		Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Adverse Childhood Experiences in Early Years (Certificate)	NCFE	Additional specialist	Child development and well being	120			Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist for Designated Safeguarding Officers in Early Years (Award)	NCFE	Additional specialist	Child development and well being	60	Yes		Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist for the Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator Assistant (Award)	NCFE	Additional specialist	Child development and well being	35	Yes		Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Neuroscience in Early Years (Award)	NCFE	Additional specialist	Child development and well being	105	Yes		Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Early Years Nutrition (Award)	NCFE	Additional specialist	Child development and well being	40	Yes		Yes	Yes



NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Mental Health in the Early Years (Certificate)	NCFE	Additional specialist	Child development and well being	105	Yes		Yes	Yes
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Early Years Practitioners (Diploma)	Pearson Education Ltd	Occupational focus	Child development and well being	258	Yes		Yes	Yes
City & Guilds Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Engineering (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry extended	Engineering	360	Yes		Yes	Yes
ETCAL Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Fabrication and Welding (Diploma)	ETC Awards Limited	Occupational focus	Engineering	430	Yes		Yes	Yes
ETCAL Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Electrical and Electronics (Diploma)	ETC Awards Limited	Occupational focus	Engineering	430	Yes		Yes	Yes
ETCAL Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Maintenance (Diploma)	ETC Awards Limited	Occupational focus	Engineering	430	Yes		Yes	Yes
ETCAL Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Machining (Diploma)	ETC Awards Limited	Occupational focus	Engineering	430	Yes		Yes	Yes
EAL Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Fabrication and Welding (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational focus	Engineering	410	Yes		Yes	Yes
EAL Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Electrical Engineering (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational focus	Engineering	410	Yes		Yes	Yes

EAL Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Mechanical Maintenance (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational focus	Engineering	410	Yes		Yes	Yes
EAL Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Technical Support (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational focus	Engineering	410	Yes		Yes	Yes
EAL Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Machining (Diploma)	Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	Occupational focus	Engineering	410	Yes		Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Healthcare Support (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational focus	Health and social care	332	Yes		Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Technology Enabled Care (Certificate)	NCFE	Additional specialist	Health and social care	110	Yes		Yes	Yes
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Healthcare Support (Diploma)	NCFE	Occupational entry extended	Health and social care	385	Yes		Yes	Yes
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Lean Manufacturing Operatives (Diploma)	Pearson Education Ltd	Occupational focus	Manufacturing technologies	360	Yes		Yes	Yes
Open Awards Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy	Open Awards	Occupational focus	Nursing and subjects and vocations	265	Yes		Yes	Yes

Support Staff (Certificate) (RQF)			allied to medicine					
Active IQ Level 2 Technical Specialist in Instructing Circuit Training (Award)	Active IQ Limited	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	25	Yes		Yes	Yes
Active IQ Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Fitness Coaching (Certificate)	Active IQ Limited	Occupational focus	Sport, leisure and recreation	310	Yes		Yes	Yes
Active IQ Level 2 Technical Specialist in Instructing Kettlebell Training (Award)	Active IQ Limited	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	25	Yes		Yes	Yes
Active IQ Level 2 Technical Specialist in Instructing Physical Activity for Children (Award)	Active IQ Limited	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	40	Yes		Yes	Yes
Active IQ Level 2 Technical Specialist in Instructing Studio Cycling (Award)	Active IQ Limited	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	25	Yes		Yes	Yes
Active IQ Level 2 Technical Specialist in Instructing Water-based Exercise (Award)	Active IQ Limited	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	45	Yes		Yes	Yes
Active IQ Level 2 Technical Specialist in Physical Activity and Exercise for Adolescents (Award)	Active IQ Limited	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	60	Yes		Yes	Yes

YMCA Level 2 Technical Specialist in Exercise and Fitness: Group Exercise Instructor (Circuit Training) (Award)	Central Young Men's Christian Association	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	27	Yes		Yes	Yes
YMCA Level 2 Technical Specialist in Exercise and Fitness: Group Exercise Instructor (Indoor Cycling) (Award)	Central Young Men's Christian Association	Additional specialist	Sport, leisure and recreation	27	Yes		Yes	Yes
YMCA Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Exercise and Fitness: Gym Instructor (Diploma)	Central Young Men's Christian Association	Occupational entry extended	Sport, leisure and recreation	202	Yes		Yes	Yes
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Gym Instructors (Diploma)	Pearson Education Ltd	Occupational focus	Sport, leisure and recreation	360	Yes		Yes	Yes
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Recreation Assistants (Diploma)	Pearson Education Ltd	Occupational focus	Sport, leisure and recreation	360	Yes		Yes	Yes
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Leading Community Activity (Diploma)	Pearson Education Ltd	Occupational focus	Sport, leisure and recreation	360	Yes		Yes	Yes
City & Guilds Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for Light Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technicians (Diploma)	City and Guilds of London Institute	Occupational entry extended	Transportation operations and maintenance	365	Yes		Yes	Yes

IMI Level 2 Technical Specialist in Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) Calibration (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	16		Yes	Yes	Yes
IMI Level 2 Technical Specialist in Electric/Hybrid Vehicle Routine Maintenance Activities (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	14		Yes	Yes	Yes
IMI Level 2 Technical Specialist in Preparing Heavy Electric/Hybrid Vehicles for Repair (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	15		Yes	Yes	Yes
IMI Level 2 Technical Specialist in Hydrogen Vehicle Routine Maintenance Activities (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	14		Yes	Yes	Yes
IMI Level 2 Technical Specialist in MOT Testing (Classes 1 & 2) (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	16			Yes	Yes
IMI Level 2 Technical Specialist in MOT Testing (Classes 4 & 7) (Award)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Additional specialist	Transportation operations and maintenance	29			Yes	Yes
IMI Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Automotive Care (Diploma)	The Institute of the Motor Industry	Occupational focus	Transportation operations and maintenance	641	Yes		Yes	Yes



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