



Qualifications Reform Timeline

	2025	2026	2027
Approvals	<div><p>(1 August) - New Alternative Academic Qualifications (AAQs) and Level 2 and 3 Reformed Technical qualifications will be available for delivery in Health and Science, Construction, Digital, Education and Early Years, and Engineering and Manufacturing.</p><p>(September) – Qualifications approved for funding through the Spring Submission Window will be added to the DfE database of published qualifications for delivery from August 2026.</p></div>	<div><p>(1 August) – Additional qualifications in Health and Science, Construction, Digital, Education and Early Years, and Care Services submitted during the 2025 Spring Submission Round will be available for delivery.</p></div>	<div><p>Further information about future qualification approvals will be made available following the outcome of the Curriculum and Assessment Review. This will be via our qualifications reform newsletter and on gov.uk.</p></div>
Defunding	<div><p>(31 July) - Qualifications that have been identified as having low or no enrolments through the Review of Qualifications Reform will have funding removed.</p><p>(31 July) – Funding will be removed for qualifications in Health and Science, Construction, Digital, and Education and Early Years where high-quality alternatives are available. Providers will need to register learners on reformed alternatives, for example those with <i>"Alternative Academic Qualification"</i> in the title.</p></div>	<div><p>(31 July) – Funding is expected to be removed for qualifications in Health and Science, Care Services, Construction, Digital, and Education and Early Years that have not been reformed, where fully reformed routes are available.</p></div>	<div><p>(31 July) - Following the recommendations of the Curriculum and Assessment review, July is the earliest possible date for removing funding for qualifications in Engineering and Manufacturing, Business and Administration, Legal and Finance, Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care, and Creative and Design will be announced.</p></div>