

Delivery of qualifications to pre-16s – Briefing, list of affected qualifications and FAQs

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Overview

Government regulates which qualifications can be taught to pre-16s by approving them onto 'Section 96'. Pending the result of a consultation on league table points for vocational qualifications pre-16, government has 'frozen' Section 96.

This has meant that a small number of Edexcel qualifications cannot be delivered to pre-16s. Where possible, we have extended the old versions of these qualifications for use in pre-16 settings.

In such cases, Edexcel Online has been configured so that schools only have approval for the old specification pre-16 versions and colleges are only approved on the new post-16 versions. However we realise there may be some exceptions to this, so if you:

- are in a school and wish to teach the new version of the qualifications to post-16s, or;
- are in a college and need to deliver the old version to pre-16s,

you will need to gain approval for the relevant suite. Online approvals for are available and have been clearly labelled as pre-16 and post-16.

For qualifications which either have no predecessor, or for which the predecessor cannot be extended, we have suggested an alternative qualification where possible.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

Qualification unavailable for pre-16s	QAN	Suggested alternative qualification	QAN
Work Skills			
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	600/2292/9	Use predecessor qualification	500/4076/5
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)	600/2296/6	Use predecessor qualification	500/4071/6
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Leadership Skills (QCF)	600/2378/8	Use predecessor qualification	500/7302/3
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Leadership Skills (QCF)	600/2379/X	Use predecessor qualification	500/7321/7
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)	600/2380/6	Use predecessor qualification	500/6719/9
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Diploma in WorkSkills (QCF)	600/2382/X	Use predecessor qualification	500/4072/8
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Diploma in WorkSkills (QCF)	600/2383/1	Use predecessor qualification	500/4077/7
Edexcel BTEC Entry Level Certificate in WorkSkills (Entry 3) (QCF)	600/2392/2	Use predecessor qualification	500/4075/3
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)	600/2393/4	Use predecessor qualification	500/4073/X
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)	600/2394/6	Use predecessor qualification	500/4074/1
Edexcel BTEC Entry Level Award in WorkSkills (Entry 3) (QCF)	600/2395/8	Use predecessor qualification	500/4070/4
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Extended Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)	600/2396/X	Use predecessor qualification	500/6719/9
Hospitality BTECs			
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Hospitality and Catering Principles (Hospitality Services) (QCF)	500/6332/7	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Hospitality and Catering Principles (Front of House Reception) (QCF)	500/6333/9	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Hospitality and Catering Principles (Food and Beverage Service) (QCF)	500/6336/4	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality and Catering Principles (Professional Cookery) (QCF)	500/6337/6	No pre-16 alternative currently available	

Travel and Tourism BTECs

Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Introduction to the Travel and Tourism Industry (QCF)	600/1231/6	Use predecessor qualification	500/6538/5
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to the Travel and Tourism Industry (QCF)	600/1238/9	Use predecessor qualification	500/6001/6
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Award in Introduction to the Travel and Tourism Industry (QCF)	600/1249/3	Use predecessor qualification	500/6000/4

Health and Social Care BTECs

Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Award in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings (QCF)	600/2418/5	Use predecessor qualification	500/5487/9
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Certificate Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings (QCF)	600/2419/7	Use predecessor qualification	500/5458/2
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)	600/2433/1	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to Health and Social Care (Adults and Children and Young People) Early Years and Child Care - Wales and Northern Ireland (QCF)	600/2535/9	Use predecessor qualification	500/5458/2
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Award in Introduction to Health and Social Care (Adults and Children and Young People) Early Years and Child Care - Wales and Northern Ireland (QCF)	600/2536/0	Use predecessor qualification	500/5487/9
Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development	501/1814/6	Use predecessor qualification	100/6243/9
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)	501/1586/8		

Retail BTECs

Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	500/7362/X	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Retail knowledge	500/7339/4
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	500/7363/1	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Retail knowledge	500/7339/4

Edexcel Level 2 Award in Retail Skills (QCF)	500/7467/2	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Other BTECs			
Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Award in Nutrition Awareness	100/5045/0	Edexcel Jamie Oliver Level 2 BTEC in Home Cooking Skills or Edexcel Level 1 BTEC Award in Healthy Eating	
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Peer Mentoring (QCF)	500/9805/6	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Peer Mentoring (QCF)	500/9769/6
Edexcel Level 1 BTEC Award in Customer Service	600/1499/4	Use predecessor qualification	100/3030/X
Employability and Life Skills			
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Learning for Life (QCF)	600/1069/1	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Learning for Life (QCF)	600/1077/0	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel Level 1 Diploma in Personal and Social Development (QCF)	600/1845/8	Edexcel Level 1 Certificate in Personal and Social Development (QCF)	500/6829/5
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Employability Skills (QCF)	600/2692/3	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Enterprise Skills (QCF)	600/2920/1	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Enterprise Skills (QCF)	600/2921/3	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Work Experience for Enterprise (QCF)	600/2924/9	No pre-16 alternative currently available	
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Employability Skills (QCF)	600/2631/5	No pre-16 alternative currently available	

FAQs - General

Q: Why has government stopped approving qualifications onto Section 96?

A: The current system means that all qualifications on Section 96 receive Performance Table points. Since government is currently reviewing the way that vocational qualifications are reflected in the Performance Tables, they have decided to freeze Section 96, pending the outcome of this review.

Q: When will Section 96 be unfrozen?

A: We don't know at this stage. The consultation on performance tables closes at the end of September and government has stated an intention to publish new arrangements as soon as possible after that date, as they recognise the urgent need schools and colleges have for information that will enable them to plan for September 2012. We cannot give a date by which this information will be available, but we would hope that it would be published early in 2012 at the latest.

Q: Why didn't you tell us about this earlier?

A: Unfortunately we were only informed of the changes to the Section 96 criteria after the new specifications had been accredited by Ofqual. Since receiving the information, we have worked tirelessly to identify the affected qualifications and inform centres as quickly as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

Q: Does this apply to all types of centres?

A: Yes this applies in all educational settings.

FAQs – Qualifications for which a predecessor has been extended

Q: Will we have to stop teaching these qualifications altogether at the end of the 2011/12 academic year?

A: No. Government has repeatedly stated that schools and their teachers will continue to be able to choose which qualifications to offer to their students. The scope of the current review is limited to exploring how vocational and skills qualifications are reflected in the SCAAT.

Q: Will resources continue to be available for the old qualifications?

A: Yes. All resources available for the old specifications will continue to be available on the Edexcel website.

Q: I want to co-teach pre-16s with post-16s, which specification should I use?

A: The old 'pre-16' specification, since 16-18 year-olds are funding for either the new or old specifications. Unfortunately it will not be possible to co-teach 14-16 year-olds with 19+ year-olds.

Q: Is it possible for centres to mistakenly register for the new qualifications?

A: Yes, but we've done everything we can to ensure this does not happen. Schools only have pre-16 approval and colleges only have post-16 approval. In addition to this, the qualifications have been labelled to clearly identify whether they relate to pre-16 or post-16 learners.