

Department for Education Performance Tables

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Performance tables quick guide

This guide has been created to support schools and centres with information on which qualifications have been approved by the Department for Education (DfE) and count towards Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 performance tables.

Qualification definitions

V Cert Technical Awards are eligible to be counted in the 'open group' for school accountability measures. They offer a robust and challenging learning experience for learners motivated by hands-on technical content and support Progress 8 and Attainment 8.

Level 2 (Tech Cert) and Level 3 (Tech Level) qualifications equip post-16 learners with the knowledge and skills they need for skilled employment or for further technical study. Tech levels can support progression to higher education as they also carry UCAS points.

Level 3 Applied General qualifications are for post-16 learners who wish to continue their education through applied learning and have an intention to progress to higher education. Applied Generals also carry UCAS points.

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Art and Design

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If you'd like to speak to a member of the team about any of these qualifications, please give us a call on 0191 240 8833 or email qualificationadvisoryteam@ncfe.org.uk.

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	UCAS Points	Discount Code	2019 Performance Tables	2020 Performance Tables	2021 Performance Tables	2022 Performance Tables
2	600/6905/3	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Art and Design** (150 GLH)	N/A	N/A	N/A*	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/2	603/2964/6	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Art & Design (120 GLH) NEW combined Level 1/2	N/A	JA2	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved
3	601/8898/4	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Art and Design (360 GLH)	YES	JA2	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved

** This qualification is now withdrawn for new registrations. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 25/02/2020 – 18/05/2020.

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Business and Enterprise

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1	603/0835/7	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise* (120 GLH)	N/A	AE5	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	601/0048/5	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Business and Enterprise** (120 GLH)	N/A	AE5	Approved	Approved	N/A	N/A
	603/0838/2	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise* (120 GLH)	N/A	AE5	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/2	603/2955/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise (120 GLH) NEW combined Level 1/2	N/A	AE5	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved
3	601/8908/3	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Business and Enterprise (360 GLH)	YES	AE5	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved

* These qualifications are now withdrawn for new registrations. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 02/07/2020.

** This qualification will be withdrawn for new registrations on 18/02/2020. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 02/03/2021 – 15/03/2021.

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Child Development and Early Years

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Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	UCAS Points	Discount Code	2019 Performance Tables	2020 Performance Tables	2021 Performance Tables	2022 Performance Tables
2	600/6644/1	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Child Development and Care (125GLH)	N/A	PT21	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
	603/3293/1	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care (125GLH)	N/A	PT21	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved
	603/3292/X	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings (240GLH)	N/A	PT21	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved
3	601/8436/X	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (455GLH)	YES	PT21	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
	601/8437/1	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (938GLH)	YES	PT21	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
	601/8438/3	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator) (691GLH)	YES	PT21	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
	603/2987/7	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years Childcare and Education (182GLH)	YES - on 2020 tariff table	PT21	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved
	603/2988/9	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years Childcare and Education (370GLH)	YES - on 2020 tariff table	PT21	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved

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Craft

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1	601/0489/2	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Creative Studies: Craft (120GLH)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	601/0043/6	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Craft* (120GLH)	JA2	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Engineering Studies

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Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	Discount Code	2019 Performance Tables	2020 Performance Tables	2021 Performance Tables	2022 Performance Tables
1	601/4592/4	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Engineering Studies* (120GLH)	XA1	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	601/4532/8	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Engineering Studies** (120GLH)	XA1	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/2	603/2963/4	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Engineering (120 GLH)	XA1	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved

* This qualification is now withdrawn for new registrations. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 20/01/2020.

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Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	Discount Code	2019 Performance Tables	2020 Performance Tables	2021 Performance Tables	2022 Performance Tables
1	601/4661/8	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Food and Cookery* (120GLH)	NH6	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	601/4533/X	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Food and Cookery* (120GLH)	NH6	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	Discount Code	2019 Performance Tables	2020 Performance Tables	2021 Performance Tables	2022 Performance Tables
1	603/0844/8	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Graphic Design (120GLH)	JA2	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
2	603/0845/X	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Graphic Design (120GLH)	JA2	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved

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Health and Fitness

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Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	Discount Code	2019 Performance Tables	2020 Performance Tables	2021 Performance Tables	2022 Performance Tables
1	601/4662/X	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Health and Fitness* (120GLH)	MA1	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	601/4534/1	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Health and Fitness* (120GLH)	MA1	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/2	603/2650/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Fitness (120 GLH) NEW combined Level 1/2	MA1	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved

* These qualifications are now withdrawn for new registrations. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 28/02/2020.

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Health and Social Care

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2	603/3294/3	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care (120GLH) NEW	N/A	PA1	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved
3	601/8434/6	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care (619GLH)	YES	PA1	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
	601/8435/8	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (1189GLH)	YES	PA1	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
	603/2913/0	NCFE CACHE Applied General Award in Health and Social Care (182GLH)	YES - on 2020 tariff table	PA1	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved
	603/2914/2	NCFE CACHE Applied General Certificate in Health and Social Care (370GLH)	YES - on 2020 tariff table	PA1	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved

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Interactive Media

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1	603/0851/5	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Interactive Media (120GLH)	KA4	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
2	603/0852/7	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Interactive Media (120GLH)	KA4	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved

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Music Technology

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Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	UCAS Points	Discount Code	2019 Performance Tables	2020 Performance Tables	2021 Performance Tables	2022 Performance Tables
1	601/6777/4	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Music Technology (140GLH)	N/A	LJ9	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
2	601/6774/9	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award In Music Technology (140GLH)	N/A	LJ9	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
3	601/6779/8	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology (360GLH)	YES	LJ9	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved

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Performance Skills

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Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	Discount Code	2019 Performance Tables	2020 Performance Tables	2021 Performance Tables	2022 Performance Tables
1	500/9177/3	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Performance Skills (120GLH)	N/A	N/A*	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	600/6990/9	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Performance Skills* (120GLH)	LC11	Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/2	603/2960/9	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Performance Skills (120 GLH) NEW combined Level 1/2	LC11	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved

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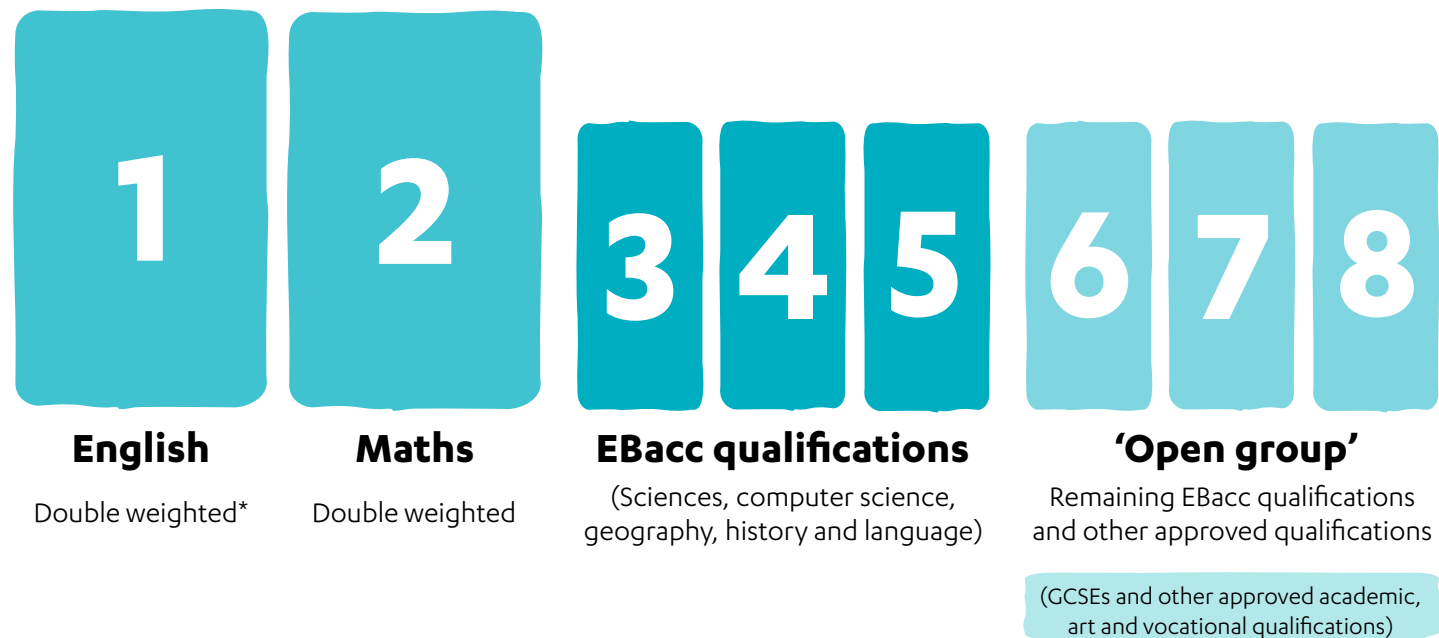
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Where do Technical Awards fit in the performance tables?

NCFE and CACHE Technical Awards are a suite of high quality technical qualifications which count in the 'other approved qualifications' group of the Progress 8 measure.

Progress 8 measure



*Higher score of English language or English literature double weighted if a student has taken both subjects.

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How do V Cert Technical Awards measure up?

V Cert Technical Awards are designed as technical alternatives to GCSEs. Below is our grading model, alongside both the old and new model for GCSE grading, so you can understand comparable achievement rates in other subjects.

Old GCSE grading structure	New GCSE grading structure	V Cert grading structure	
A*	9	Level 2	D* 8.5
A	8		D 7
	7		M 5.5
B	6	Level 1	P 4
C	5		
	4		
D	3		D* 3
E	2		D 2
F	1		M 1.5
G			P 1
U	U	NYA (Not Yet Achieved)	

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Claiming points for qualifications with the same discount code

In the event that a learner has undertaken 2 qualifications with the same discount code, for example GCSE in Art and Design and the NCFE Level 1/ 2 Technical Award in Art and Design, then the school will only be able to apply for the performance points for the qualification where the examination has been taken first.

In cases where exams in the same subject are scheduled for different days in the same series, only the qualification with the earlier exam counts in performance measures. In cases where qualifications have no formal examination date, the certification date or coursework deadline date is used as the examination date.

UCAS points

Level 3 Applied General and Level 3 Tech Level qualifications that are approved for Key Stage 5 16-19 performance tables will gain automatic approval for UCAS points and this is usually announced around May each year.

You can find out more about UCAS points for CACHE qualifications [here](#).

For further FAQs please refer to our 'Q&A and Livechat' available from any of our webpages at www.ncfe.org.uk/schools.

Non-point carrying qualifications

We still include some of our qualifications which were not approved by the DfE in our offer for schools. This is because you may still wish to continue to offer these qualifications to pupils with specific learning needs.

2020, 2021 and 2022 Performance tables

The qualifications approved for 2020 performance tables will roll over into 2021 and 2022. There will not be a different set of lists – the 2020 list will be the one that the DfE uses. If the DfE find themselves in the position of having to amend that list for any reason (for example, if an awarding organisation decides to withdraw a qualification, or if DfE finds that one of the qualifications does not meet the requirements), then they will revise the 2020 list.

Talk to us

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