



Level 3 and Level 2 vocational qualifications reform programme

March 2026

Post-16 Level 3 and below pathways –
Government consultation response

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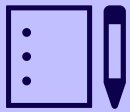
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Post-16 Level 3 and below pathways government consultation response

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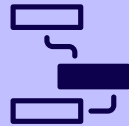
The response includes:



Consultation response, impact assessment and transition plan

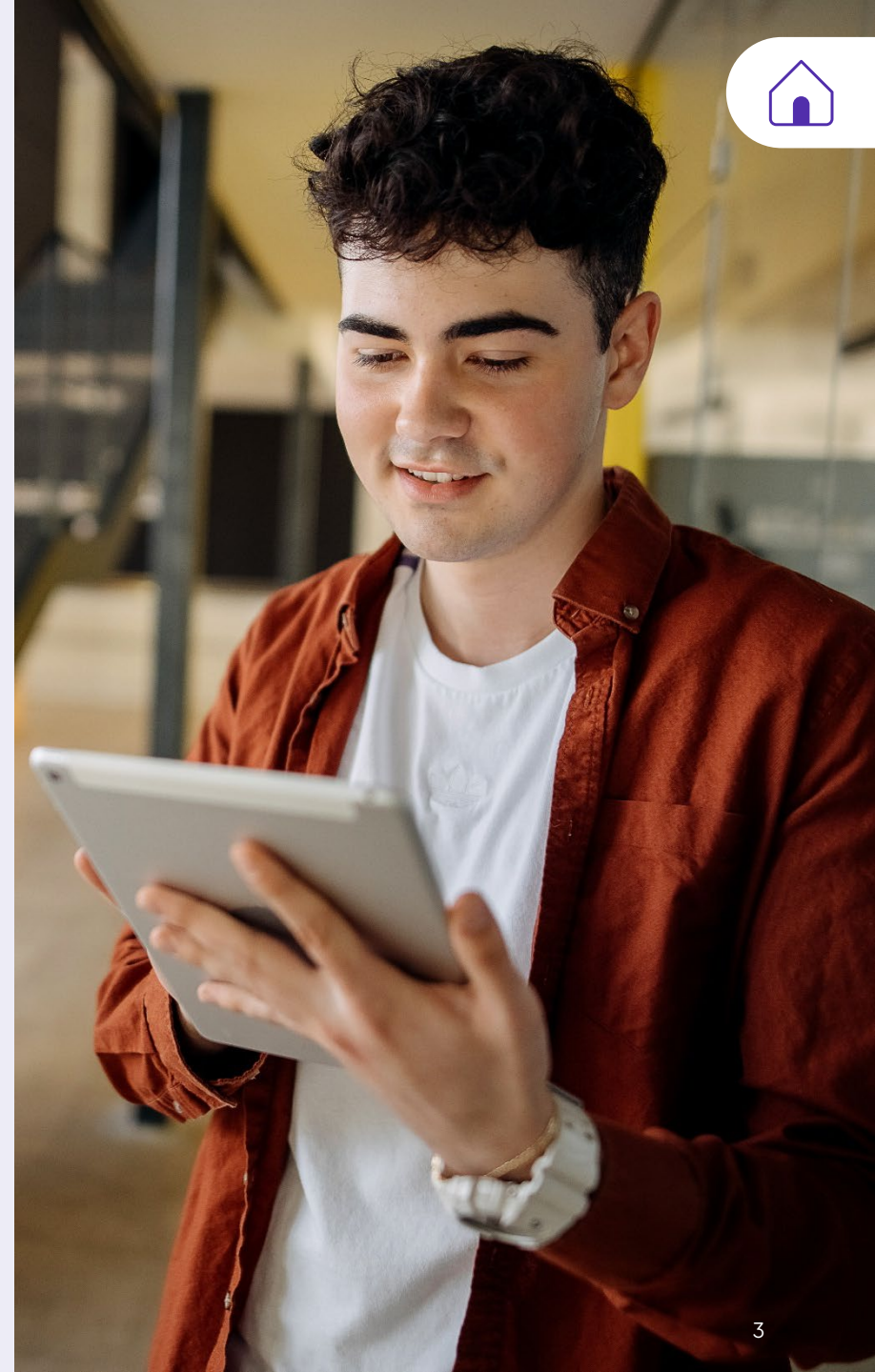


List of qualifications due to have funding removed from August 2027



A full implementation plan is expected in June 2026

This guide relates to reform and impact on qualifications and funding in England only.





Future 16 to 19 Level 3 and Level 2 landscape summary

LEVEL 3 OR LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIPS (WORK-BASED)	LEVEL 2	<p>Foundation Certificates – Further Study Pathway (classroom-based)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students who want to, and are capable of, progressing onto further study on a level 3 pathway, whether T Levels, V Levels or A Levels, after one additional year at level 2. Strong focus on English and maths, alongside other enrichment activity and exposure to level 3 study. Sat over 1 year, providing a balance of breadth and depth in a broad vocational area, with content set nationally – 240-300 GLH TBC Foundation Certificates focus on applied and practical learning, with content aligned to the level 3 options they support progression onto. 	<p>Occupational Certificates – Occupational Pathway (classroom-based)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students who want to enter a particular level 2 occupation and need to develop their technical knowledge and skills over 2 years, with the aim of progressing into skilled employment in relevant level 2 roles. Tailored to support progression to work, including employability and enrichment activity. Sat over 2 years- GLH driven by the relevant occupational standard – 540-720 GLH TBC Strong focus on English and maths. Broad introductory content based on the occupational standards and set nationally, as well as occupation specific content. 	
	LEVEL 3	<p>V Levels (classroom-based)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide broad, vocational qualifications for students who wish to explore a range of routes. 360 GLH TBC, to be studied alongside other qualifications such as other V Levels, A Levels or an English or maths retake. Blend applied learning with practical assessment, and content will be linked to occupational standards and set nationally. Enable progression to related higher education or an apprenticeship. 	<p>T Levels (classroom-based)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The classroom-based technical route for students who know which broad career area they want to pursue. A single, large qualification equivalent to three A Levels. Based on occupational standards. Includes a minimum 45-day industry placement. Combine route-specific core content with a specialist component that develops threshold competence in an occupation. Enable progression to related higher education, apprenticeships, or skilled employment. 	AS/A Levels

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What we know so far – Level 3

V Level = 360 GLH

The government aims to have only one V Level in a subject. Depending on the occupational route, there could be more than one V Level subject in a route.

Exceptional case

Will consider whether a V Level may be 'partnered' with one other V Level from the same route. A maximum of two V Level subjects in the same route can be studied together for 720 GLH.

Subjects

DfE will be publishing more details about available subjects in the Implementation Plan.

Range of Subjects

DfE will continue to refine the range of subjects to ensure they relate to the priority areas of the economy, such as those linked to the growth-driving sectors as set out in the Industrial Strategy.

T Levels

DfE will continue to test the viability of new T Levels including consideration of whether further design flexibilities are required and proportionate.

Further information on new T Level subjects will be set out in the Implementation Plan.





What we know so far – Level 2

Foundation Certificates

Size range of 240 to 300 GLH in a single year.

Range of subjects

DfE will continue to refine the range of subjects to ensure they relate to the priority areas of the economy, such as those linked to the growth-driving sectors as set out in the Industrial Strategy.

Occupational Certificates

- Variable in size –540–720 GLH
- Two-year study programme.
- Support tailored to preparing students for entry to work and which aims to be enriching and inspiring.

Foundation Certificates study programme

- Provides meaningful vocational area content and practical learning.
- Leaves sufficient time for English and/or maths.
- Ensures time for enrichment, employability, and pastoral (EEP) provision.
- Enables supported preparation for level 3.
- Provides flexibility for students with SEND or other forms of disadvantage.
- Fits within the expected hours of a full-time study programme.





Ofqual Proposed Conditions and Requirements

Consultation closes 2nd July

	Foundation Certificates – Further Study Pathway	Occupational Certificates – Occupational Pathway
LEVEL 2	<p>Structure: Modular - synopticity mandatory; mixed methods (exam - practical/performance - projects where valid)</p> <p>Assessment Windows: 1 or 2 per year</p> <p>External Assessment: 40% - set and marked by AO - can be assessed via exam or other timetabled assessment method (written task, practical task)</p> <p>Internal Assessment: 60% - set by AO, can be marked by AO or marked/graded by centre and moderated</p> <p>Grading: Pass/Merit/Distinction (plus U); compensatory aggregation allowed</p> <p>Aggregation: Compensation allowed</p>	<p>Structure: Modular - synopticity mandatory; mixed methods (exam - practical/performance - projects where valid)</p> <p>Assessment Windows: 1 or 2 per year</p> <p>External Assessment: 30% - set and marked by AO - can be assessed via exam or other timetabled assessment method (written task, practical task)</p> <p>Internal Assessment: 70% - set by AO, can be marked/graded by AO or marked by centre and moderated</p> <p>Grading: Pass/Merit/Distinction (plus U); compensatory aggregation allowed</p> <p>Aggregation: Compensation allowed</p>
LEVEL 3	<p>V Levels</p> <p>Structure: Modular with terminal external assessment requirement; synopticity mandatory; mixed methods (exam - practical/performance - projects where valid)</p> <p>Assessment Windows: 1 per year for internal, 1 per year for external assessment in May or June</p> <p>External Assessment: 40% - set and marked by AO. Must be sat terminally (at the end of the qualification) - can be assessed via exam or other timetabled assessment method (written task, practical task)</p> <p>Internal Assessment: 60% - set by AO, marked numerically by AO or by centre and moderated</p> <p>Grading: A*–E (plus U) and N; comparable grade boundaries to maintain standards over time</p> <p>Aggregation: Compensation through use of numerical marking</p>	

Summary of outcomes for Pearson BTEC qualifications

Confirms the introduction of new Level 2 pathways and a third vocational route at Level 3 – V Levels – alongside A levels and T Levels, recognising that learners need choice as they progress into work, further study or higher education.



Funding in 2026/27

The government has confirmed that no additional existing qualifications will have their funding removed in 2026/27.

This means the following qualifications will remain funded:

- **BTEC National Extended Diplomas** (1,080 GLH) in Health and Social Care, Applied Science, IT, Computing, and Forensics.
- **BTEC National Diplomas** (720 GLH) in Health and Social Care, Applied Science, IT, Computing and Forensics.
- **BTEC National Foundation Diploma** in Forensics (510 GLH).
- **BTEC National Extended Certificate** (360 GLH) and Certificate (180 GLH) in Applied Psychology.



Funding from 2027/28

Changes to qualification funding will begin on a phased basis.

Level 3

- **BTEC National Extended Diplomas (1,080 GLH)** will have funding removed where a T Level is available.
 - As a result, Extended Diplomas in Agriculture, Animal Management, Business, Digital, Enterprise, Engineering, Horticulture and Forestry, Marketing, Media, and Science will no longer be available for new learners from 2027/28.
- **The BTEC National Extended Diploma** in Health and Social Care will remain available in 2027/28.
- **BTEC Nationals (720 GLH and below)** in IT and Computing will have funding removed and will be replaced V Level (s).
- **The BTEC National in Early Childhood Development (AAQ)** will have funding removed and will be replaced by the V Level.

Level 2

- The Level 2 Technical qualification in Early Year Practitioners will have funding removed and will be replaced by new level 2 qualifications.



Introduction of V Levels and Level 2 pathways

The government has confirmed that V Levels, and the two new level 2 pathways will be first introduced from 2027/28 in a limited number of sectors.

- **V Levels** in Digital, Education and Early Years, and Finance and Accounting.
- **Level 2 Foundation Certificates** leading to further study in Education and Early Years, and Digital.
- **Level 2 Occupational Certificates** leading to work or an apprenticeship in Catering and Hospitality, and Education and Early Years.

First teach for qualification routes

June 2026 – DfE will publish final list of qualifications



Academic year 2027/28 (Tranche 1)

Occupational Certificates

- Catering and Hospitality
- Education and Early Years

Foundation Certificates

- Digital
- Education and Early Years

V Levels

- Digital
- Education and Early Years
- Finance and Accounting

*June 2026 – DfE will publish final list of qualifications



Academic year 2028/29 (Tranche 2)

*June 2026 – DfE will publish final list of qualifications

Occupational certificates

- Business and Administration
- Care Services
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Digital
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Finance and Administration
- Health and Science
- Sports and Leisure

Foundation certificates

- Business, Administration and Law
- Care Services
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Health and Science
- Sports, Fitness and Exercise Science

V Levels

- Business and Administration
- Care Services
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Health and Science
- Legal
- Sales, Marketing and Procurement
- Sports, Fitness and Exercise Science

T Levels

- Care Services
- Sports, Fitness and Exercise Science



Academic year 2029/30 (Tranche 3)

Occupational Certificates

- Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
- Hair and Beauty
- Horticulture and Floristry

Foundation Certificates

- Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
- Catering and Hospitality
- Hair and Beauty
- Protective Services

V Levels

- Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
- Catering and Hospitality
- Hair and Beauty
- Protective Services

T Levels

- Catering and Hospitality
- Expansion of Creative and Design
- Hair and Beauty
- Protective Services

*June 2026 - DfE will publish final list of qualifications



Academic year 2030/31 (Tranche 4)

Foundation Certificates

- Art and Performing Arts
- Creative and Design
- Travel and Tourism

V Levels

- Art and Performing Arts
- Creative and Design
- Travel and Tourism

T Levels

- Art and Performing Arts
- Travel and Tourism

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Transition timeline in England – post consultation

2025/2026

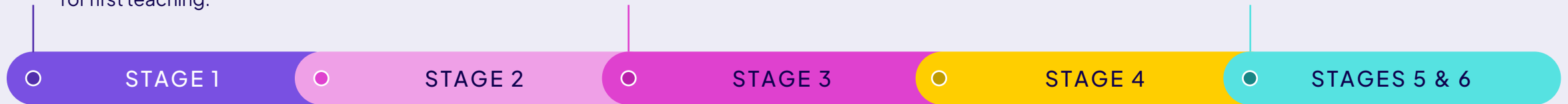
- No change.
- 180/360 GLH BTEC RQF& equiv. qualifications (where is now an AAQ) remain defunded, also applies to large sizes in Childcare & Construction.
- BTEC AAQs (360 GLH) & L2&3 TOEQs remain available for first teaching.

2027/2028

- Defunding of large BTECs in T level subjects.
- First teach Tranche 1.
- Development of Tranche 2 and new T Levels.

2029/2030

- First teach Tranche 3.
- Defunding of corresponding legacy vocational provision.
- Development of Tranche 4 and new T Levels.



STAGE 1

STAGE 2

STAGE 3

STAGE 4

STAGES 5 & 6

2026/2027

- No changes to defunding.
- BTEC AAQs and L2&3 TOEQs remain available.
- Development of L2 and L3 qualifications in first four sectors –Tranche 1:
 - Finance and Accounting (L3 only)
 - Digital (L2 and L3)
 - Early Years and Education (L2 and L3)
 - Hospitality (L2 only)

2028/2029

- First teach Tranche 2.
- Defunding of corresponding legacy vocational.
- Development of Tranche 3.

2030/2031

- First Teach of Tranche 4.
- All industry routes (at Post-16 Level 2 and Level 3 V Levels available.
- Summer 2030 last stage of defunding for corresponding legacy vocational provision (at Level 2 and 3).

Sector transition plans

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Based on current information, further details on qualification titles, and full plan to be published in June 2026 by the DfE.

You are delivering BTECs in England in...

Click on the relevant sector to see more information

[Art and Design](#)

[Business](#)

[Construction](#)

[Digital \(IT and Computing\)](#)

[Early Years](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Esports](#)

[Health and Social Care](#)

[Land-based](#)

[Media](#)

[Music](#)

[Performing Arts](#)

[Protective Services](#)

[Science](#)

[Sport](#)

[Transport and Logistics](#)

[Travel and Tourism](#)



Art and Design

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Art and Performing Arts (TBA)
- Creative and Design (TBA)

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
- T Levels (Level 3)
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)

T Level available and funded

- [Craft and Design](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/0448/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Art and Design	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7228/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Art and Design	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7230/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Art and Design	510	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/0447/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Art and Design	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7229/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art and Design	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4666/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National 540 Diploma in Art and Design Practice	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4667/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art and Design Practice	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5277/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Media Practice	642	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
6035544/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Art and Design Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5547/5	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x



Business

New qualifications will be introduced in these routes:

- Business and Administration
- Finance and Accounting
- Sales, Marketing and Procurement
- Legal

Academic Year 2027 to 2028

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Finance and Accounting

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Business and Administration
 - Legal
 - Sales, Marketing and Procurement

T Levels available and funded

- Accounting
- Finance
- Legal Services
- Marketing
- Management and Administration
(from September 2027)

[Review Level 2 information](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/7155/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Business	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7159/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7161/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Business	510	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7157/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7160/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7413/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7414/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0301/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	510	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7528/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0303/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/5283/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Marketing	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/5282/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Marketing	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/5284/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Marketing	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/9042/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Law	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/9043/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Law	360	✓	✓	x	x	x



Business

New qualifications will be introduced in these routes:

- Business and Administration
- Finance and Accounting
- Sales, Marketing and Procurement
- Legal

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
 - Business, Administration and Law
- Occupational Certificates (Level 2)
 - Business and Administration
 - Finance and Administration

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/3405/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Business Administration	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/3424/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Customer Service	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0481/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate in Business Administration	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0482/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate in Business Enterprise	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/4786/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Business	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6815/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Business	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6816/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Business	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0171/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Business	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/3430/6	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Team Leading	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/1900/8	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate in Marketing	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/3840/4	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate for Retailers	✓	✓	x	x	x



Construction

New qualifications will be introduced in these route:

- Construction and the built environment

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)

T Levels available and funded

- Building Services Engineering for Construction
- [Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction](#)

Qualifications remain available to apprentices, please refer to [Construction and the Built Environment \(2017\)](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/3959/7	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Construction and the Built Environment (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x

[Review Level 2 information](#)



Construction

New qualifications will be introduced in these route:

- Construction and the built environment

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
- Occupational Certificate (Level 2)

Qualifications remain available to apprentices, please refer to [Construction and the Built Environment \(2017\)](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/6817/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Construction and the Built Environment	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/7048/1	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0258/5	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/3254/6	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Construction Occupations	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/2842/3	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Cladding Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4225/0	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Construction and Civil Engineering Operations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4226/2	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Construction and Civil Engineering Operations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4326/6	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Interior Systems (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4327/8	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Interior Systems (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6184/0	Pearson Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6465/8	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6466/X	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6556/0	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Specialist Concrete Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6565/1	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x



Digital

(IT and Computing)

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Digital

Academic Year 2027 to 2028

- V Level(s) (Level 3)

T Levels available and funded

- [Digital Data Analytics](#)
- [Digital Software Development](#)
- [Digital Support and Security](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/6195/5	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Information Technology (Certificate)	180	✓	x	x	x	x
610/3960/3	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Information Technology (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	x	x	x	x
603/0455/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Information Technology	720	✓	x	x	x	x
603/0454/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Information Technology	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
610/6194/3	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Computing (Certificate)	180	✓	x	x	x	x
610/3963/9	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Computing (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	x	x	x	x
603/0445/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computing	720	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7342/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing	1080	✓	x	x	x	x

[Review Level 2 information](#)



Digital

(IT and Computing)

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Digital

Academic Year 2027 to 2028

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Occupational Certificate (Level 2)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/4789/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Information and Creative Technology	✓	x	x	x	x
600/6071/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Information and Creative Technology	✓	x	x	x	x
600/6072/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Information and Creative Technology	✓	x	x	x	x
601/0169/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Information and Creative Technology	✓	x	x	x	x
501/1290/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms Professionals	✓	TBA	x	x	x
501/1381/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in ICT Systems and Principles	✓	TBA	x	x	x
603/0510/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate in IT Support	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0878/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Digital Technology	✓	✓	x	x	x



Early Years

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Education and Early Years

Academic Year 2027 to 2028

- V Level (Level 3)
- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
- Occupational Certificates (Level 2)

T Level available and funded

- Education and Early Years

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/3966/4	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Early Childhood Development (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	x	x	x	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/4251/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Early Years Practitioners (Diploma)	✓	x	x	x	x
603/4999/2	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma for Early Years Practitioners	✓	x	x	x	x



Engineering

New qualifications will be introduced in the route:

- Engineering and Manufacturing

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)

T Levels available and funded

- [Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)
- [Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control](#)
- [Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)

Qualifications remain available to apprentices.

[Review Level 2 information](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/1197/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Engineering	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3962/7	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Engineering (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7591/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Engineering	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7577/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7580/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Engineering	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7582/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7585/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7587/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7588/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Engineering	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7589/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7590/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/9053/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Award in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/9049/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge)	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/9054/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge)	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/9060/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge)	1080	✓	x	x	x	x



Engineering

New qualifications will be introduced in the route:

- Engineering and Manufacturing

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
- Occupational Certificate (Level 2)

Qualifications remain available to apprentices.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/4788/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Engineering	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6628/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Engineering	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6630/1	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Engineering	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0545/8	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Engineering	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/3637/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Aerospace and Aviation Engineering (Foundation Knowledge)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4722/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Engineering Operations (Knowledge)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4722/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Engineering Operations (Knowledge)	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/4342/8	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Vehicle Technology	TBA	TBA	x	x	x
610/4252/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Lean Manufacturing Operatives (Diploma)	✓	✓	x	x	x



Esports

In the current Transition Guide, issued by the DfE, Esports is not listed explicitly.

The DfE will issue fuller guidance in June, which we expect further details regarding qualification titles.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/5425/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Esports	360	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5427/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Esports	540	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5424/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Esports	720	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5426/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Esports	1080	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/5803/8	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Esports	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5804/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Esports	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5805/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Esports	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA



Health and Social Care

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Health and Science
- Care Services

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
- T Level in Care Services (Level 3) TBA
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
- Occupational Certificate (Level 2)

T Level available and funded

- [T Level in Health](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/6196/7	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Certificate)	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3964/0	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7194/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7198/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/6311/7	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Health and Social Care	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6312/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0170/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Health and Social Care	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6166/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Support Staff	✓	✓	x	x	x



Land-based

New qualifications will be introduced in these routes:

- Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
- Horticulture and Floristry

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
 - Horticulture and Floristry

Equine, Blacksmithing and Countryside Management are not explicitly listed current Transition Guide, issued by the DfE

The DfE will issue fuller guidance in June, which we expect further details regarding qualification titles.

T Levels available and funded

- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Animal Care and Management

[Review more Level 3 information](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/0872/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Agriculture	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/0871/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Agriculture	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1212/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Agriculture	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2676/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Agriculture	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7524/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Animal Management	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/7525/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Animal Management	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/7523/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Animal Management	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/3043/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Animal Management	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
501/1217/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)	180	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
501/1220/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)	360	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
501/1219/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)	720	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
501/1218/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)	1080	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/0870/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Countryside Management	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/0869/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Countryside Management	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1213/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Countryside Management	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x



Land-based

New qualifications will be introduced in these routes:

- Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
- Horticulture and Floristry

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
 - Horticulture and Floristry

Equine, Blacksmithing and Countryside Management are not explicitly listed current Transition Guide, issued by the DfE.

The DfE will issue fuller guidance in June, which we expect further details regarding qualification titles.

T Levels available and funded

- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Animal Care and Management

[Review Level 2 information](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3 (cont.)

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/2677/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Countryside Management	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/9064/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Equine Management	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/9066/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Equine Management	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/9062/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Equitation)	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/9056/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Yard Management)	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/9059/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Equine Management	1080	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1904/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2678/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/1214/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Horticulture	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1215/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Horticulture	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2675/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Horticulture	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2679/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Horticulture	1080	✓	x	x	x	x



Land-based

New qualifications will be introduced in these routes:

- Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
- Horticulture and Floristry

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
 - Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
- Occupational Certificate (Level 2)
 - Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care

Equine, Blacksmithing and Countryside Management are not explicitly listed current Transition Guide, issued by the DfE

The DfE will issue fuller guidance in June, which we expect further details regarding qualification titles.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/1906/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Countryside Studies	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1907/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Agriculture	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/4530/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Animal Care	✓	x	x	x	x
603/0420/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Animal Care	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1211/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Equine Studies	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1908/2	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Horticulture	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2719/4	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	✓	✓	✓	x	x



Media

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Creative and Design (TBA)

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- T Levels (TBA – expansion of Creative and Design)

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)

T Level available and funded

- [Media, Broadcast and Production](#)

Due to the availability of the T Level in Media, Broadcast and Production, the Extended Diploma size of current BTEC Nationals will be defunded in July 2027.

An alternative for the 2019 Creative Media Practice qualification is Art and Design Practice, which mirrors the Media qualification in structure and assessment, and shares most teaching content.

The Art and Design Practice Extended Diploma will remain funded until new T Levels are introduced in 2030/31.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/7467/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production	360	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
601/7468/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production	510	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
601/7469/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/1911/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Digital Content Production	360	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/1910/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Digital Film and Video Production	360	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/1912/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Digital Games Production	360	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
601/7470/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Film and Television Production	720	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
601/7473/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Digital Games Design and Development	720	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/4663/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National 540 Diploma in Creative Media Practice	540	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/4665/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Creative Media Practice	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/5277/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Media Practice	642	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/5545/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Creative Media Skills	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5546/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Creative Media Skills	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5548/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Skills	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA



Music

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Art and Performing Arts

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
- T Levels (Level 3)
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)

The DfE will issue fuller guidance in June, which we expect further details regarding qualification titles.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/3027/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Music Performance	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7090/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/3072/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Music	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/3071/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Music	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/2688/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Music Technology	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/1232/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Digital Music Production	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/1233/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sound Engineering	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/0211/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Music Technology	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7350/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Music Technology	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7351/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Music Technology	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/2475/2	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Music Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5530/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Music Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5532/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Music Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5533/5	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Music Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x



Performing Arts

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Art and Performing Arts

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
- T Levels (Level 3)
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)

The DfE will issue fuller guidance in June, which we expect further details regarding qualification titles.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/7231/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Performing Arts	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7233/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7235/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts	510	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7232/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Performing Arts	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7234/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/2993/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performance	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4668/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts Practice	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4669/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4670/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Production Arts Practice	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4671/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Production Arts Practice	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/1901/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Performing and Production Arts Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5535/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Performing and Production Arts Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5537/2	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Performing and Production Arts Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5538/4	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Performing and Production Arts Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x



Protective Services

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Protective Services

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- V Levels (Level 3)
- T Levels (Level 3)
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/5065/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services	180	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/5067/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/5069/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services	510	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/5066/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/5068/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services	1080	✓	✓	✓	x	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/0926/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/3258/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/3259/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6450/6	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6452/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6454/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6006/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6007/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Preparation for Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x



Science

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Health and science

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
- Foundation Certificates((Level 2)
- Occupational Certificates (Level 2)

T Level available and funded

- [T Level in Science](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/6193/1	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Applied Science (Certificate)	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3965/2	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Applied Science (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3958/5	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Medical Science (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7435/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7437/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/3057/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Psychology	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/3058/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0251/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Forensic Investigation	510	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0246/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0247/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/4787/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Principles of Applied Science	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/4796/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Application of Science	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6318/X	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Applied Science	✓	✓	x	x	x



Sport

New qualifications will be introduced in the route:

- Sports, Fitness and Exercise Science

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
- T Level (Level 3)

Qualifications remain available to apprentices, and through Sporting Excellence Funded Schemes

[Review Level 2 information](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/0458/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Sport	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7218/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7220/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0460/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0459/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0444/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Exercise Science	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0443/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science	510	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7421/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7422/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4925/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Fitness	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4927/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Fitness	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3932/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Personal Trainer (Diploma)	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4929/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4919/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4920/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4921/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4922/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sporting Excellence and Performance	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4923/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sporting Excellence and Performance	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4924/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sporting Excellence and Performance	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4930/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sports Coaching	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4931/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4932/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4933/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x



Sport

New qualifications will be introduced in the route:

- Sports, Fitness and Exercise Science

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
 - Sports, Fitness and Exercise Science
- Occupational Certificates
 - Sports and Leisure

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/4779/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Sport	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6819/X	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Sport	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6820/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Sport	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0232/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Sport	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/4254/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Leading Community Activity (Diploma)	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/4255/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Gym Instructors (Diploma)	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/4253/5	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Recreation Assistants (Diploma)	✓	✓	x	x	x



Transport and Logistics

In the current Transition Guide, issued by the DfE, Aviation is not listed explicitly.

The DfE will issue fuller guidance in June, which we expect further details regarding qualification titles.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/6413/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Aviation Operations (QCF)	201	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
600/6438/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Aviation Operations (QCF)	383	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
600/6424/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Aviation Operations (QCF)	563	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
600/6425/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Aviation Operations (QCF)	743	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
600/6439/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aviation Operations	1179	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA



Travel and Tourism

New qualifications will be introduced in this route:

- Travel and Tourism

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
- T Levels (Level 3)
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/1224/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Travel and Tourism	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/9023/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/9024/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Travel and Tourism	510	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4695/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Travel and Tourism	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4696/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/6512/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Travel and Tourism	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
600/7046/8	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Travel and Tourism	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/0233/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Guidance and support

What to expect from Pearson



Centre communications and briefings



[Dedicated level 3 reform page](#)

[Dedicated level 2 reform page](#)

[Regular sector-specific briefings and updates](#)

[Subject advisor guidance and support](#)

Support with transferring learners to funded qualifications, where appropriate

Funding guidance

Take a look at our [Support guide](#)



FAQS

Will I be able to combine multiple V Levels for a full study programme, or does it need to include an A level?

- Yes, a programme of study can be made up of 3 V Levels and does not need to include A levels. However, there will be some limitations on how V Levels in the same subject area can be combined. It is still to be confirmed in coming years how many V Levels will exist in each subject area, and what the rules of combination within a subject might be.
- Note from the response to the Post-16 Skills consultation: 'The government aims to have only one V Level in a subject. *Depending on the occupational route, there could be more than one V Level subject in a route. In a very limited number of exceptional cases, we will consider whether a V Level may be partnered with one other V Level from the same route (in a similar way to the model of maths and further maths A Level), which will enable depth of study whilst retaining flexibility and study programme breadth.*'

Will the V Level replace current Diplomas (720 GLH)?

- V Levels in the sector areas announced by government will replace all current BTECs in those subjects but will only be available in 360 GLH (Extended Certificate) sizes, so they will not be a direct replacement in size. However, V Levels will be able to be combined with other V Levels or A levels to build a programme of study.

Can I switch from an Extended Certificate AAQ to an RQF 720 Diploma now that funding has been extended in my sector?

- No, the content and assessments in the AAQ are not shared with the first year of the RQF, so it is not possible to transfer from the AAQ to any RQF qualification.

What will study programmes look like when centres combine different types of qualifications – burden of teaching, learning and especially assessment and QA.

- It is recognised that moving from large qualifications to 3 smaller qualifications will mean a big change to how centres organise study programmes, combine qualifications and plan their time and teaching staff. We have produced options guides to help centres understand how different qualifications can be combined and will remain committed to designing teacher and learner-centric L2 qualifications and V Levels that seek to minimise admin and assessment burden wherever possible and make processes clear and straightforward.

Will learners be able to 'top up' from certificate (180 GLH) size AAQs to the Extended Certificate (360 GLH) AAQ if they decide to go on to a second year of study in the same academic year that V Levels are introduced in the subject?

- No, AAQs will be defunded on **31st July** of the year prior to the first teach of the equivalent V Level, so topping up after that point will not be possible. In order to ensure a learner who may want to go on to a second year of study, we advise all learners are registered on the Extended Certificate in the year prior to defunding, which will allow them to 'drop down' to the Certificate after one year if they choose to, but ensures they are funded for the full 2 years should they want to continue.

Will BTEC AAQs be recognised given their short life? How will standards be set for such a short-lived qualification?

- Yes – BTEC AAQs are just the latest version of BTECs. BTECs are the most highly-recognised vocational qualifications for entry to HE in the UK. They carry the BTEC name, which means that universities and stakeholders will still know what these qualifications are decades from now. Over 250 university academics were involved in the development of the BTEC AAQ suite, and we received extensive letters of support from universities for the updated qualifications.



Thank you.



