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KS4 Performance Tables: inclusion of 14-16 qualifications for 2016

Qu 1: What are the new Pearson qualifications on the List?

The Pearson qualifications on the list cover a range of qualification sectors, sizes and levels. You can see the full list of qualifications on our website www.btec.co.uk/2016KS4list

Qu 2: What does it mean if a qualification is on this List?

All qualifications on the list will count towards headline measures in 2016. This means you can start delivering any of the qualifications on the list in September 2014 (assuming you are teaching a 2 year course), and be confident that your learners' results will count towards school league tables in 2016.

Qu 3: What does it mean if a qualification isn't on the List?

If a qualification that is right for your learners is not on the list, you can still offer it as long as it is accredited by Ofqual, and qualifies for the appropriate level of funding. Qualifications not on the list still have merit in their own right, but will not count towards headline measures reporting in 2016.

Qu 4: Why are there no Public Services qualifications on the List?

The DfE has stated that the BTEC in Public Services doesn't meet the requirement to "develop a broad and comprehensive understanding of a particular curriculum area or vocational sector". We are seeking further clarification from the DfE regarding Public Services qualifications appearing on the list. The BTEC in Public Services has been accredited by Ofqual, so you are still able to teach it, if it's the right qualification for your learners.

Qu 5: Will the qualifications on the List be funded for post-19 learners?

Qualifications must be classed as 'full' at their level to be fully funded for adults by the Skills Funding Agency. Currently, only vocational qualifications on the QCF can be considered 'full'; next generation BTECs, which all sit within the NQF, cannot be fully funded. Therefore, the BTECs that are eligible for 19+ funding, only attract co-funding (i.e. 50%).

The Agency is in the process of developing new business rules for approving qualifications for adult funding. Under the new rules, the Agency will:

- Continue to consider vocational NQF qualifications which are included in Key Stage 4 performance tables.
- Review the definition of 'full' vocational qualifications. There is no guarantee however, that this will include NQF qualifications.

The Pearson funding team are liaising with the Agency to promote the inclusion of substantial NQF qualifications within the definition of 'full' to allow these qualifications to be fully funded. It is not possible to guarantee that this will change, and if it does change, it is not possible to guarantee that it would be applied during 2013/14. Unless an alternative is

confirmed, the most secure option is to retain the assumption that these qualifications will continue to be co-funded. For more information on funding, sign up for our funding team's newsletter www.edexcel.com/funding-focus.

Qu 6: How many qualifications does Pearson have on the List?

Over half of the qualifications on the List are Pearson qualifications, you can see the full breakdown below

Total	Level 1	Level 2
87 of the total of 180 quals are Pearson (55%)	30 are Level 1	57 are Level 2