

Outcomes of Review of Qualifications Reform in England

Your quick funding guide

February 2025

Department for Education resources

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Outcomes of the review

Qualifications

We have removed qualifications with low and no enrolments, and considered which qualifications are needed in each route. We have looked at the needs of learners and the economy. **We will retain 157 qualifications in the system that were previously scheduled to be defunded.** The length of time qualifications will be retained depends upon the needs of each route. Where qualifications need to be retained in the longer-term, they will need to be reformed to improve their quality.

Rules of combination

We will not tell providers and students which types of qualifications they can and cannot mix together. It should be for colleges and sixth forms to work with students to devise the best mix for each individual. **We will therefore not be applying the previously proposed rules of combination.**

Certainty

We have provided clarity for education providers, students, and their families to make the position clear up to 2027.

Qualifications that need to be retained longer-term will be reformed.

In the Spring, we will invite awarding organisations to submit new level 3 qualifications in key areas such as adult social care, health and science, construction, digital, education and early years, and care services. This will continue the process of reforming these routes whilst the Curriculum and Assessment Review looks at the curriculum more broadly.

Who is impacted by the changes to funding?

Are you delivering BTEC Nationals in...

Click on the relevant location to see more information

England

Wales

Northern
Ireland

Isle of Man or
Channel
Islands

Independent
School or
College

Centre as
part of an
Apprenticeship

You are delivering BTEC Nationals in England in..

Click on the relevant sector to see more information

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Not impacted by DfE reforms – continue teaching with confidence

Wales

Qualifications have been extended and made available for 25/26 and 26/27 cohorts.

[→ View updated Funding Guide](#)

Northern Ireland

Qualifications have been extended and made available for 25/26 and 26/27 cohorts.

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Independent Schools and Colleges

Qualifications remain available for two further cohorts, 25/26 and 26/27.

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IOM and Channel Islands

Qualifications remain available for two further cohorts, 25/26 and 26/27.

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Apprentices

Qualifications remain available to be delivered as part of on programme delivery or as mandatory component.

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What are the funding implications for centres in England?

Key outcomes

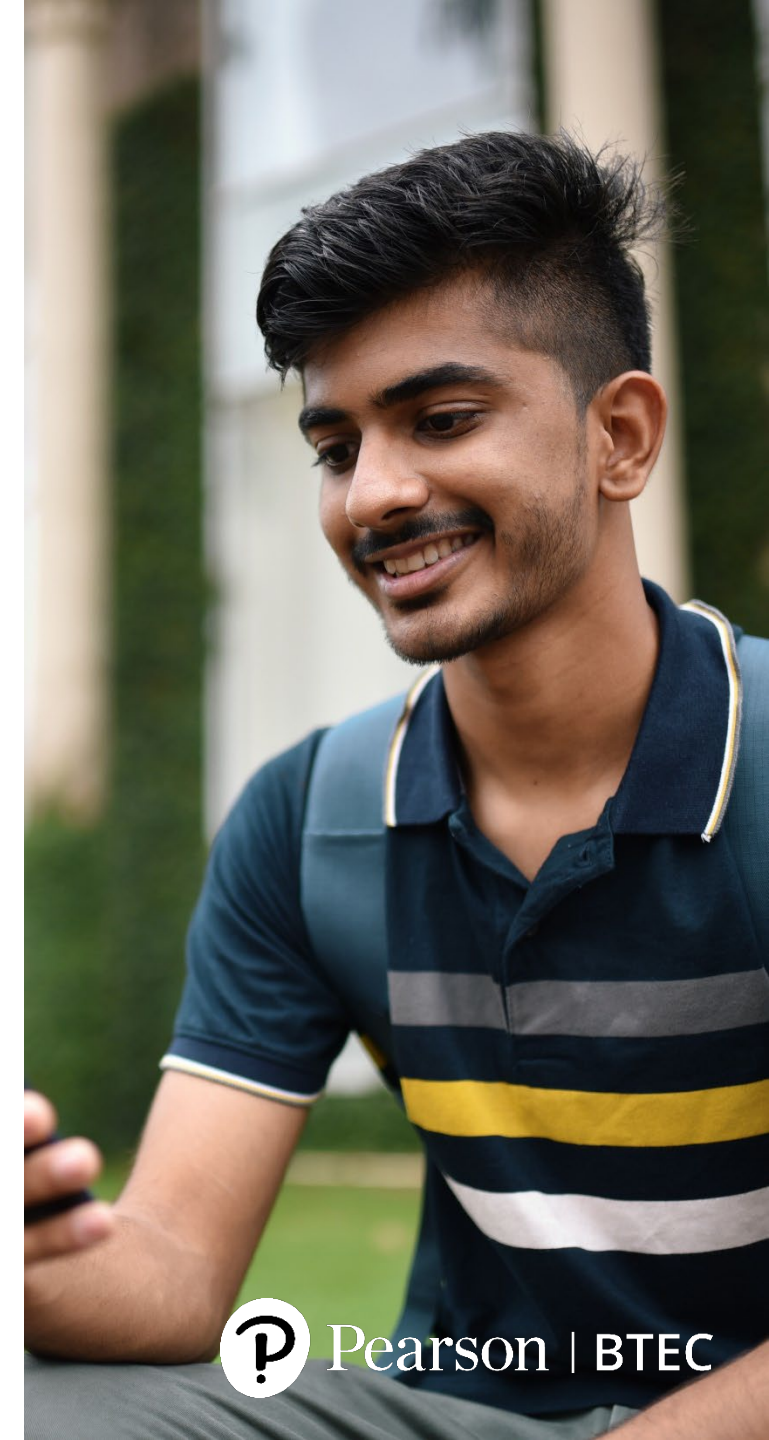
AAQs and Technical Qualifications in Cycle 1 subjects will continue to be first teach September 2025.

All RQF BTEC Nationals 180/360 GLH qualifications in these sectors remain defunded from 31 July 2025 and are replaced with our new BTEC National AAQs and Technicals.

The '1 AAQ and 2 A level' study programme rule has been scrapped. Centres can continue to create study programmes that are right for their learners.

Each sectors' qualification availability and funding reviewed independently and has a bespoke outcome.

Level 2 Cycle 1 will continue to be first teach September 2025.



Sector outcomes, what this means for funding, and actions needed

Refer to funding guide for individual
qualification guidance

Funding guidance

Each qualification's current funding status for BTEC Nationals can be found in our funding guide.

→ [Download the Pearson Level 3 qualifications funding guide](#)

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
601/9064/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Equine Management	360	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/9066/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Equine Management	540	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/9062/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Equitation)	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/9056/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Yard Management)	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/9059/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Equine Management	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/1904/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	540	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Department for Education will update [Qualification Search - List of Qualifications approved for funding](#) to reflect funding decisions for each qualification - expected end of January.



Sectors with confirmed funding for academic years 25/26 and 26/27

Business, Enterprise and Marketing

Sport

Creative Media

Travel and Tourism

Art and Design

Esports

Land and Animal Management

Uniformed Protective Services

Music and Performing Arts

Hospitality

Transport and Logistics

Law

All sizes remain available and funded, refer to the [funding guide for list of qualifications](#), and individual qualification pages.

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What this means for funding and actions

- Learners can continue to be registered on these qualifications.
- No changes to how you register your learners.
- These qualifications are funded until at least 31 July 2027.



Sectors in Cycle 1 with bespoke funding arrangements

Construction

Engineering

Applied Psychology

Health and Social Care

Applied Science and Forensics

Early Years

IT and Computing

Applied Human Biology / Medical Science

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Alternative Academic Qualifications funded for first teach September 2025

Alternative Academic Qualifications (AAQs)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in **Applied Science** (Extended Certificate)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in **Computing** (Extended Certificate)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in **Construction and the Built Environment** (Extended Certificate)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in **Early Childhood Development** (Extended Certificate)

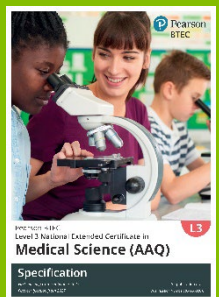
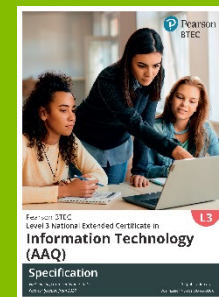
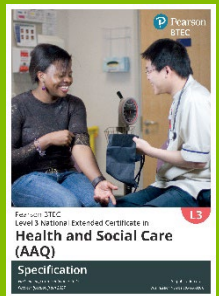
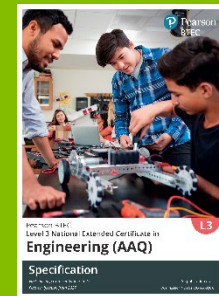
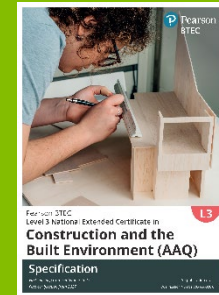
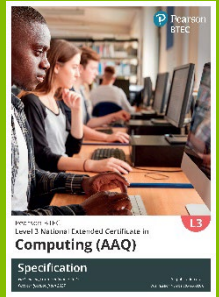
Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in **Engineering** (Extended Certificate)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in **Health and Social Care** (Extended Certificate)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in **Information Technology** (Extended Certificate)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in **Medical Science** (Extended Certificate)

→ [Find out more about BTEC Nationals 2025](#)



What this means for funding, and actions

Health and Social Care

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
601/7193/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Health and Social Care	180	Yes	No	No	
601/7197/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care	360	Yes	No	No	
610/3964/0	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate) *	360		Yes	Yes	<i>NEW funded for first teach September 2025</i>
601/7199/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care	510	Yes	No	No	
601/7194/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care	720	Yes	Yes	No	
601/7198/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	1080	Yes	Yes	No	

Actions for this academic year

Learners who are registered on the Certificate size this academic year with the intention of registering on the Extended Certificate for 2025/26 academic year will need to be transferred to the Extended Certificate by the 31 July 2025 to secure funding.

Actions for 2025/26 academic year

The new AAQ does not nest with the 720 and 1080 GLH qualifications. Learners on a two-year programme starting in 2025/26 must be registered on their final outcome.

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What this means for funding, and actions Applied Science and Forensic Science

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
601/7434/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Science	180	Yes	No	No	
601/7436/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science	360	Yes	No	No	
610/3965/2	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Applied Science (Extended Certificate) *	360		Yes	Yes	<i>NEW funded for first teach September 2025</i>
601/7438/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science	510	Yes	No	No	
601/7435/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science	720	Yes	Yes	No	
601/7437/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science	1080	Yes	Yes	No	
603/0251/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Forensic Investigation	510	Yes	Yes	No	
603/0246/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation	720	Yes	Yes	No	
603/0247/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation	1080	Yes	Yes	No	

Actions for this academic year

Learners who are registered on the Certificate size this academic year with the intention of registering on the Extended Certificate for 2025/26 academic year will need to be transferred to the Extended Certificate by the 31 July 2025 to secure funding.

Actions for 2025/26 academic year

The new AAQ does not nest with the 720 and 1080 GLH qualifications. Learners on a two-year programme starting in 2025/26 must be registered on their final outcome.

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What this means for funding, and actions

Applied Human Biology

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
603/3041/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Human Biology	180	Yes	No	No	
603/3040/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Human Biology	360	Yes	No	No	
610/3958/5	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Medical Science (Extended Certificate) *	360		Yes	Yes	<i>NEW funded for first teach September 2025 replaces Human Biology</i>

Actions for this academic year

Learners who are registered on the Certificate size this academic year with the intention of registering on the Extended Certificate for 2025/26 academic year will need to be transferred to the Extended Certificate by the 31 July 2025 to secure funding.

Actions for 2025/26 academic year

All new starts will register on Medical Science AAQ which is a direct replacement for the Applied Human Biology Extended Certificate.

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What this means for funding, and actions Applied Psychology

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
603/3057/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Psychology	180	Yes	Yes	No	
603/3058/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology	360	Yes	Yes	No	

Actions for this academic year

None.

Actions for 2025/26 academic year

Learners who are registered on the Certificate size this academic year with the intention of registering on the Extended Certificate for 2026/27 academic year will need to be transferred to the Extended Certificate by the 31 July 2026 to secure funding.

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What this means for funding, and actions

Early Years

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
601/7569/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development	410	Yes	No	No	
610/3966/4	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Early Childhood Development (Extended Certificate) *	360		Yes	Yes	<i>NEW funded for first teach September 2025</i>
601/7570/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development	540	Yes	No	No	
601/7571/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)	720	No	No	No	
601/7572/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)	1080	No	No	No	
603/3573/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development	720	Yes	No	No	
603/3572/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development	1080	Yes	No	No	

Actions for this academic year

None.

Actions for 2025/26 academic year

All new starts will register on Early Childhood Development AAQ which is a direct replacement for the CPLD Extended Certificate.

Learners who want to progress into an Early Year Educator Role need to complete the T Level or an Apprenticeship.

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What this means for funding, and actions IT and Computing

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
601/7574/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Information Technology	180	Yes	No	No	
601/7575/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology	360	Yes	No	No	
610/3960/3	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Information Technology (Extended Certificate) *	360		Yes	Yes	<i>NEW funded for first teach September 2025</i>
601/7576/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Information Technology	510	Yes	No	No	
603/0455/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Information Technology	720	Yes	Yes	No	
603/0454/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Information Technology	1080	Yes	Yes	No	
603/0446/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Computing	180	Yes	No	No	
601/7341/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Computing	360	Yes	No	No	
610/3963/9	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Computing (Extended Certificate) *	360		Yes	Yes	<i>NEW funded for first teach September 2025</i>
601/7343/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Computing	510	Yes	No	No	
603/0445/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computing	720	Yes	Yes	No	
601/7342/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing	1080	Yes	Yes	No	

Actions for this academic year

Learners who are registered on the Certificate size this academic year with the intention of registering on the Extended Certificate for 2025/26 academic year will need to be transferred to the Extended Certificate by the 31 July 2025 to secure funding.

Actions for 2025/26 academic year

The new AAQ does not nest with the 720 and 1080 GLH qualifications. Learners on a two-year programme starting in 2025/26 must be registered on their final outcome.

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What this means for funding, and actions

Engineering

Reminder for learners on apprenticeships, these qualifications and AME remain available.

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
603/1197/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Engineering	180	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7584/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Engineering	360	Yes	No	No	
610/3962/7	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Engineering (Extended Certificate) *	360		Yes	Yes	<i>NEW funded for first teach September 2025</i>
601/7591/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Engineering	540	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7577/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7579/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering	720	Yes	No	No	
601/7580/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Engineering	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7582/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7583/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering	720	Yes	No	No	
601/7585/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7587/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7588/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Engineering	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7589/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7590/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Actions for this academic year

Learners who are registered on the Certificate size this academic year with the intention of registering on the Extended Certificate for 2025/26 academic year will need to be transferred to the Extended Certificate by the 31 July 2025 to secure funding.

Actions for 2025/26 academic year

The new AAQ does not nest with the 720 and 1080 GLH qualifications. Learners on a two-year programme starting in 2025/26 must be registered on their final outcome.

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What this means for funding, and actions

Construction

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
603/0862/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment	360	Yes	No	No	
610/3959/7	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Construction and the Built Environment (Extended Certificate) *	360		Yes	Yes	<i>NEW funded for first teach September 2025</i>
603/0863/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment	540	Yes	No	No	
603/1218/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Building Services Engineering	720	Yes	No	No	
603/1217/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Civil Engineering	720	Yes	No	No	
603/0864/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment	720	Yes	No	No	
603/1219/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Building Services Engineering	1080	Yes	No	No	
603/1216/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Civil Engineering	1080	Yes	No	No	
603/0861/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment	1080	Yes	No	No	

Actions for this academic year

Learners who are registered on the Extended Certificate, or the Foundation Diploma size this academic year with the intention of registering on a larger size for next academic year will need to be transferred by the 31 July 2025 to secure funding.

Actions for 2025/26 academic year

All new starts will register AAQ which is a direct replacement for the current extended certificate.

All sizes of the qualifications remain available for apprentices.

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[→ Explore BTEC Nationals 2025 in Construction and the Built Environment](#)

What this means for funding, and actions

Sport

All Level 3 Sport remain funded and available until at least 31 July 2027.

With one exception: 603/4928/1 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training, which is funded until 31 July 2025.

This qualification is replaced with a new Technical Occupational Qualification: Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Personal Trainer (Diploma)

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
603/0458/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Sport	180	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7218/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport	360	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7220/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport	540	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/0460/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/0459/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/0444/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Exercise Science	360	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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Actions for this academic year

Learners who are registered on the Extended Certificate size (603/4925/6 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Fitness) this academic year with the intention of registering on the Diploma for next academic year will need to be transferred to the 603/4928/1 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training by the 31 July 2025 to secure funding.

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What this means for funding in Sport (cont.)

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
603/0443/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science	510	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7421/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	
601/7422/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4925/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Fitness	360	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4927/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Fitness	540	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4928/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training	720	Yes	No	No	
610/3932/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Personal Trainer (Diploma)	720		Yes	Yes	<i>NEW funded for first teach September 2025</i>
603/4929/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4919/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	540	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4920/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Actions for this academic year

Learners who are registered on the Extended Certificate size (603/4925/6 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Fitness) this academic year with the intention of registering on the Diploma for next academic year will need to be transferred to the 603/4928/1 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training by the 31 July 2025 to secure funding.

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What this means for funding in Sport (cont.)

QN	Qualification Title	GLH	First teach			Status
			24/25	25/26	26/27	
603/4921/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4922/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sporting Excellence and Performance	360	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4923/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sporting Excellence and Performance	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4924/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sporting Excellence and Performance	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4930/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sports Coaching	360	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4931/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	540	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4932/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	720	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/4933/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	1080	Yes	Yes	Yes	
603/3338/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sporting Excellence	780	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Actions for this academic year

Learners who are registered on the Extended Certificate size (603/4925/6 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Fitness) this academic year with the intention of registering on the Diploma for next academic year will need to be transferred to the 603/4928/1 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training by the 31 July 2025 to secure funding.

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Qualification availability versus funding arrangements

Centres will need to ensure they check before registering learners that a qualification is funded in their region and for purpose of study.

For England

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Post-16 Level 2 qualifications

Cycle 1 Level 2: first teach September 2025

- The DfE have approved funding from 01 August 2025.
- The new BTEC Technical will replace some of our current Level 2 provision.
- All other Level 2 funding remains in place [BTEC First, BTEC Skills, BTEC Technical Certificates].

New BTEC Technical	Current Level 2 provision Defunded from 31 July 2025
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Early Years Practitioners (Diploma)	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Practitioner)
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Lean Manufacturing Operatives (Diploma)	N/A
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Gym Instructors (Diploma)	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Sports Industry Skills (Instructing Exercise in a Gym Environment)
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Leading Community Activity (Diploma)	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Sports Industry Skills (Leading Children's Sports Activities)
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Recreation Assistants (Diploma)	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Sports Industry Skills (Sport and Active Leisure Recreation Assistant)

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

