

New QN codes for GCSE English and English Language

In August 2013, Ofqual confirmed that from summer 2014 achievement in the speaking and listening unit will no longer count towards the final qualification grade for GCSE English and English Language. Going forwards, these qualifications, offered in England (with the changes to the speaking and listening unit) will have the following titles and Qualification Numbers (QN):

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English	601/3157/3
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English Language	601/3158/5

The previously offered qualifications (with the speaking and listening unit counting towards the final qualification grade) will continue to be offered in Northern Ireland with the following titles and QNs:

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English	500/7909/8
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English Language	500/7887/2

We issued specifications (draft-subject to revised Ofqual regulatory criteria) for the new qualifications on 15 May 2014:

[GCSE English](#)

[GCSE English Language](#)

We will publish final versions of the new specifications when Ofqual has issued revised regulatory criteria to reflect the changes to speaking and listening.

What do teachers and exams officers need to do?

- On 14 May 2014 we reissued the basedata. Please download the new version of the basedata. In order for your summer 2014 results to transfer into your MIS correctly, and for the correct results to be used by the DfE when compiling performance tables, you must use the updated basedata.
- Use the new QN codes in England.
- For summer 2014 and subsequent series, please ensure that you use the issue 3, 2014 specifications.