

## 2015 Results Publication: Data Definitions

### Data Definitions

The qualifications in this data are the BTEC First and BTEC National qualifications, both NQF and QCF qualifications. The qualification types included are shown in the table below, together with the relevant qualification type codes. Older, legacy versions of the qualifications and international versions, which have different codes, are not included.

Registrations are included if the centres are schools or further education (FE) establishments in the UK, Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man (centre numbers in the range 1 to 72999).

Registrations are included in the cohort for the academic year in which learners are expected to complete, given their registration date and the specified course duration. The academic year is considered to be 1 September to 31 August.

Learners are expected to complete in the last academic year of the course, where the first academic year is the year the learner is registered, and the course has the specified course duration shown in the table below.

The specified course duration in the table has only been created to allow standardised reporting and does not affect the learner's actual registration, so learners who take longer to complete are awarded grades according to the same eligibility rules. The specified duration is based on typical course completion patterns.

A learner's age at registration is taken to be their age at the start of the academic year in which they register. For the very small number of cases where the date of birth is not available, the age at registration is included with registrations at age 13 or below.

For this results publication, registrations are included as grade U (Unclassified) if the centre has claimed a grade for the learner but the learner did not meet the requirements of the qualification. These results are included as 'completions' in this publication.

For this results publication, registrations are included as 'not completed' if a centre has not claimed a grade, if the actual completion date falls after the end of the projected course period, if a registration is withdrawn, or if a fallback Certificate of Unit Achievement for a registration is requested. These are included in the results in this publication but are not included as 'completions'.

Note: This categorisation is different from the 2014 results publication, where the term 'Unclassified' was used to cover both registrations with grade U (Unclassified) and the registrations which would be classified as 'not completed' in the 2015 results. Neither type was included in 'completions'. Only a small proportion of learners are awarded grade U (Unclassified).

For a very small number of registrations, information on gender or region may not be available in the data. These cases are omitted from the data when it is shown analysed by gender or region.

## Table of qualifications and specified course durations

Qualification type	Code	Outcome	Specified course duration
BTEC First (NQF) Award	FA	1 grade	All centres, if registration age is 13 or under: 3 years  FE centres, if registration age is 14 or over: 1 year  Schools, if registration age is 14 or over: 2 years
BTEC First (NQF) Certificate Extended Certificate Diploma	FC FX FD	2 grades	All centres, if registration age is 13 or under: 3 years  FE centres, if registration age is 14 or over: 1 year  Schools, if registration age is 14 or over: 2 years
BTEC First (QCF) Certificate Extended Certificate Diploma	QA QB QC	1 grade	1 year for FE centres, 2 years for schools
BTEC National (NQF) Subsidiary Award BTEC National (QCF) Certificate	N1 QD	1 grade	1 year
BTEC National (NQF) Award BTEC National (QCF) Subsidiary Diploma	N2 QE	1 grade	1 year for FE centres, 2 years for schools
BTEC National (NQF) Subsidiary Certificate BTEC National (QCF) 90 Credit Diploma	N3 QP	2 grades	1 year
BTEC National (NQF) Certificate BTEC National (QCF) Diploma	N4 QF	2 grades	2 years
BTEC National (NQF) Diploma BTEC National (QCF) Extended Diploma	N5 QG	3 grades	2 years