



Pearson

## Your questions answered

### **Will every qualification on the 2019 performance tables be automatically included in the 2020 tables?**

Because the DfE is keeping the process and criteria the same for 2020 tables, it's more likely, although it's not automatically the case.

The DfE reserves the right to review all qualifications included on performance tables each year and remove a qualification if they consider it is no longer suitable or eligible.

This means the DfE may reject selected qualifications for performance tables (2020 results) which were included on tables for 2019 results.

### **Does this mean there could be big changes to what's included on performance tables for 2021 results?**

Yes. The DfE has indicated that there's likely to be significant change to what's included on performance tables (2021 results).

This means new brand-new qualifications could be included in performance tables (2020 results) and updated or removed for the following year's performance tables (2021 results).

### **Are you developing new qualifications for the 2020 performance tables - and when will we see draft specifications?**

The DfE is taking first submissions for the 2020 performance tables from December 2017.

We're planning to submit a small number of new qualifications in addition to the Pearson and BTEC titles already included on the 2019 tables.

We'll announce the new titles as we publish them and you'll be able to download draft specifications from our website at [quals.pearson.com](https://quals.pearson.com) from December 2017.

We'll let you know as soon as we hear from the DfE about inclusion on performance tables for 2020 results.

The Subject Advisers send out regular updates with advice and guidance for teachers, so it's worth signing up to receive the latest news from them. Go to [quals.pearson.com/contactus](https://quals.pearson.com/contactus), choose "Sign up for email updates" and then "Sign up for subject advisor updates for teachers and tutors".

## **When will we have final performance tables for 2020 results so we can plan?**

We hope the DfE will confirm which Pearson qualifications are included on the 2020 performance tables around Easter, or during summer term 2018.

We can't give you a more specific date at the moment, and it could be the end of the summer term 2018 before the performance tables (2020 results) are finalised.

As ever, our Subject Advisers will keep you in touch as soon as we hear anything, and it's worth signing up to their curriculum updates. Go to [quals.pearson.com/contactus](https://quals.pearson.com/contactus), choose "Sign up for email updates" and then "Sign up for subject advisor updates for teachers and tutors".

## **What about September 2018 starts?**

We know you're talking to learners during the autumn and spring terms about their options for starting 1- and 2-year courses in September 2018.

We will keep you up to date and send out news as soon as we hear from the DfE about the performance tables for 2020 results which hope will be during the summer term 2018 at the latest.

## **Does this mean I have to start teaching the new BTEC Nationals in September 2018?**

You can register new learners on the BTEC Nationals (QCF, 2010) until 31 August 2019. That means you can choose when you move to the new BTEC National qualifications and you've got time to plan ahead.

## What about funding?

### **16-19 Study Programme funding**

All BTEC Nationals (2010, QCF) are eligible for 16-19 study programme funding with a last date for new starts of 31 August 2019.

### **19-23 entitlement funding: 2017/18 academic year**

BTEC Nationals (2010, QCF) which were approved for 19-23 entitlement funding in 2016/17 are still eligible for 19-23 entitlement funding in 2017/18.

The only exception to this is the Public Services qualifications, where the last date for new starts is 31 July 2018.

### **19-23 entitlement funding: 2018/19 academic year**

Because the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) reviews 19-23 funding for each new academic year, we cannot yet confirm which qualifications will be eligible in 2018/19.

We will update you when we hear from the ESFA, which is likely to be some time during spring 2018. The best way to stay up to date with all things funding is to sign up for our Funding News alerts at [quals.pearson.com/funding](https://quals.pearson.com/funding).

## How can I keep track of what's happening?

We're here to help and we'll keep you updated as soon as we hear from the DfE.

If you want subject-specific news, it's worth signing up for the Subject Adviser updates which provide curriculum planning information, advice and guidance. Go to [quals.pearson.com/contactus](https://quals.pearson.com/contactus), choose "Sign up for email updates" and then "Sign up for subject advisor updates for teachers and tutors".