



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.

What does this mean for Year 9 students starting 3-year Key Stage 4 in 2017/18 academic year whose achievements will count in 2020 results?

If your Year 9 students who started 3-year Key Stage 4 in September 2017 are studying qualifications which are included on performance tables for 2019 results, it is more likely - although not yet definite - that those qualifications will remain on tables for 2020 results and your students' achievements would be recognised at the end of their course.

We hope to have confirmation of what's included on 2020 performance tables around Easter 2018 (beginning of the summer term) at the earliest.

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, choose "Sign up for email updates" and then "Sign up for subject advisor updates for teachers and tutors".

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 from December 2017.

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

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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, 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 parents and students during the autumn and spring terms about their KS4 and KS5 options for students starting 1-, 2- and 3-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.

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, choose "Sign up for email updates" and then "Sign up for subject advisor updates for teachers and tutors".