



## Pearson UK: Funding News

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*Funding News provides a regular round-up of 16-18, 19+ and apprenticeship funding, and related news from government departments, funding agencies and other relevant organisations.*

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News this week includes the announcement that the ETF has been asked to undertake a programme to reform English and maths Functional Skills, the latest UKCES report analysing the qualification profile of the UK population in comparison with other member states of the OECD, a survey report by Ofsted on the quality of apprenticeships under the current frameworks, a report from Policy Exchange which argues that more than £500m should be taken from UK universities in the Spending Review and given to further education colleges, and a correction to last week's Funding News which lists the 127 qualifications pending 19+ funding approval.

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## Government departments

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### Education and Training Foundation asked to reform English and maths Functional Skills

On the 15 October Skills Minister Nick Boles announced that the ETF has been asked to undertake a programme to [reform English and maths Functional Skills](#). The ETF will work with partners, and consult and engage with teachers and trainers, providers, employers and awarding bodies. Ofqual will be closely involved throughout. The reform programme will produce a report for Ministers in August 2016 and the intention is for new qualifications to be available in 2018.

## Skills Funding Agency

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### 2015 to 2016 funding rules: addendum

The SFA has published an [addendum](#) to the 2015 to 2016 funding rules. The four pages of amendments change the funding rules on ESF match funding, financial contributions, Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications and Traineeships, will be applied to the funding rules from 1 August 2015, and have been identified by striking through the text that is no longer [applicable](#) and underlining text that has been added.

### Financial management: how to prepare colleges' annual financial statements

The SFA has updated their [accounts direction for 2014 to 2015 financial statements](#) to its page providing documents for colleges and auditors in preparing financial statements for colleges.

### A parent's guide to apprenticeships: an update

An updated version of the [parent's guide for apprenticeships](#) about the benefits of apprenticeships and the opportunities they provide is now available.

### Apprenticeship standards in development, and available

The latest list of [apprenticeship standards in development](#) and [list of all occupations available](#) are now available.

## UK Commission for Education and Skills

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### UK skills levels and international competitiveness 2014

UKCES have released their latest [report](#) analysing the qualification profile of the UK population in comparison with other member states of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Using qualifications as a proxy for skills, the report provides an assessment of the current skills profile of UK adults and provides projections of qualification attainment of working age people in 2020. The report notes that the number of people with low or no qualifications is expected to drop by 2.3 million, although nearly 17% of the UK population are still expected to fall into this group, placing the UK behind countries like Estonia, Poland and Hungary.

## Ofsted

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### Apprenticeships: developing skills for future prosperity

On 22 October Ofsted released a [survey report](#) on the quality of apprenticeships under the current frameworks to inform government reforms. Its key findings were that the quality of the apprenticeship provision reviewed was too variable and often poor, growth in apprenticeships in the last eight years has not focused sufficiently on the sectors with skills shortages, leaders of apprenticeship provision reviewed did not focus sufficiently on improving the quality and impact of apprenticeships, employers did not make sufficient contributions to the costs of apprenticeships, small- and medium-sized enterprises were not sufficiently involved in apprenticeships, the most effective apprenticeship provision was for those aged 16 to 24 in skilled technical and professional industries, apprentices aged 25 and over often received too little training while at work or during off-the-job learning sessions, and young people still face too many barriers to becoming apprentices.

## Policy Exchange

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### Higher, further, faster, more: improving higher level professional and technical education

This [report](#) released this week by right-of-centre think tank Policy Exchange argues that more than £500m should be taken from UK universities in the Spending Review and given to further education colleges to improve training for engineers, technicians and skilled construction workers. Universities, it argues, are sitting on vast reserves of £12.3bn while in contrast the National Audit Office has warned that more than one in four further education colleges could be bankrupt within a year.

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### Qualifications pending 19+ funding approval: correction

In last week's Funding News 50 BTEC qualifications were listed which have been submitted to DfE for recognition on performance tables. With apologies for the correction, there are in fact 127 qualifications that have been submitted to the DfE for recognition in the 16 to 19 performance tables as level 3 Tech Level qualifications, level 3 Applied General qualifications, and level 2 Technical Certificate qualifications, which will be automatically approved for 19+ funding if we are successful in our submissions. We will know the outcome of the DfE submissions in late November/early December and then, where successful, these qualifications will be automatically approved for 19+ funding and added to the 2015/16 catalogue and then to the funding hub. The complete list is below.

Qualification no.	Qualification title
<b>Qualifications submitted as level 3 Applied General qualifications for DfE 16-19 performance tables</b>	
601/7434/1	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Science
601/7193/5	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Health and Social Care
601/7574/6	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Information Technology
601/7231/9	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Performing Arts
601/7155/8	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Business
601/7413/4	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
601/7435/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science
601/7157/1	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business

Qualification no.	Qualification title
601/7528/X	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
601/7194/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care
601/7089/X	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Music
601/7232/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Performing Arts
601/7421/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science
601/7436/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science
601/7228/9	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Art and Design
601/7569/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development
601/7341/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Computing
601/7467/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production
601/7584/9	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Engineering
601/7197/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care
601/7575/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology
601/7090/6	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music
601/7233/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts
601/7218/6	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport
601/7437/7	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science
601/7229/0	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art and Design
601/7342/7	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing
601/7469/9	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production
601/7198/4	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care
601/7091/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Music
601/7422/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science
601/7234/4	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts
601/7160/1	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business
601/7438/9	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science
601/7230/7	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Art and Design
601/7343/9	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Computing
601/7199/6	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care
601/7576/X	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Information Technology
601/7092/X	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Music
601/7235/6	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts
601/7220/4	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport
601/7468/7	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production
601/7591/6	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Engineering
601/7414/6	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
601/7159/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business
601/7161/3	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Business
<b>Qualifications submitted as level 3 Tech Level qualifications for DfE 16-19 performance tables</b>	
601/7224/1	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in 3D Design and Crafts

Qualification no.	Qualification title
601/7577/1	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering
601/7523/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Animal Management
601/7337/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business Information Systems
601/7571/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)
601/7578/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computer Engineering
601/7338/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computer Science
601/7339/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computer Systems and Network Support
601/7340/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computing for Creative Industries
601/7473/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Digital Games Design and Development
601/7472/9	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Digital Publishing
601/7579/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
601/7580/1	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Engineering
601/7470/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Film and Television Production
601/7471/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Film and Television Visual Effects
601/7215/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Fitness Services
601/7226/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Graphics
601/7196/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health Care
601/7216/2	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Leisure Operations
601/7582/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering
601/7583/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
601/7350/6	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Music Technology
601/7227/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Photography
601/7158/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Retail
601/7195/9	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Social Care
601/7474/2	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sound Production
601/7217/4	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Performance and Excellence
601/7524/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Animal Management
601/7585/0	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering
601/7527/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Animal Management with Science
601/7586/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computer Engineering
601/7587/4	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
601/7588/6	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Engineering
601/7589/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering
601/7590/4	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
601/7351/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Music Technology
601/7219/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity Development
601/7572/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)
601/7525/4	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Animal Management

Qualification no.	Qualification title
601/7570/9	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development
601/7225/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Fashion Design and Production
601/0259/7	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment
601/0166/0	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production
<b>Qualifications submitted as level 2 Technical Certificate qualifications for DfE 16-19 performance tables</b>	
601/0545/8	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Engineering
601/0230/5	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Hospitality
601/0169/6	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Information and Creative Technology
601/0234/2	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Travel and Tourism
601/0258/5	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment
601/0167/2	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production
600/6630/1	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Engineering
601/0231/7	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Hospitality
600/6072/4	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Information and Creative Technology
601/0233/0	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism
501/1586/8	BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)
601/6945/X	BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Professional Patisserie and Confectionery (QCF)
500/6247/5	BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)
500/9547/X	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture (QCF)
500/8365/X	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care (QCF)
600/0214/1	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)
601/3405/7	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Business Administration (QCF)
600/3254/6	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Construction Occupations (QCF)
500/9930/9	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Countryside and Environment (QCF)
601/3424/0	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Customer Service (QCF)
500/8366/1	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Fish Husbandry (QCF)
501/0339/8	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Floristry (QCF)
500/9929/2	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care (QCF)
500/9934/6	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Horticulture (QCF)
501/0311/8	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Land-based Technology (QCF)
601/6948/5	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery (QCF)
601/6944/8	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Food and Beverage Service (QCF)
500/9932/2	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Agriculture (QCF)
500/8331/4	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Animal Care (QCF)
501/0122/5	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Horticulture (QCF)
601/6890/0	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Business Administration (QCF)
601/6889/4	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Customer Service (QCF)
601/6922/9	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Hospitality and Catering (Food and Beverage Service) (QCF)
601/6958/8	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Hospitality and Catering

Qualification no.	Qualification title
	(Hospitality Services) (QCF)
601/6918/7	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Warehousing and Storage (QCF)
100/6244/0	BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development
500/9940/1	Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)
501/1699/X	Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)

## Steve Besley's Policy Watches

The latest from Steve Besley includes [Policy Eye – week ending October 16 2015](#). This, and more, can be found on the [Pearson UK](#) website or [sign up](#) for policy watch email updates.

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