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## Pearson UK – Funding News

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In Funding News this week the focus is on the BTEC First and National qualifications eligible for funding in 2016/17. An updated Funding Focus will shortly be available on the funding website detailing the funding situation for all BTEC Firsts and National qualifications. We also introduce a new weekly learner loan update to let you know which qualifications Pearson are currently submitting for advanced learner loan funding, have a brief update on when we might know more about the Sainsbury Review, and include some reminders of where you can find current key funding information.

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## Government departments

### **BIS and DfE: Sainsbury review of technical and professional education, and the post-16 skills white paper**

The Sainsbury review of technical and professional education expected in mid-May will not now be published until early July given we are now in the purdah period until 23 June. The post-16 skills white paper (or a 'Skills Plan' as it was referred to in the Queen's Speech) is also expected in July.

### **BIS: Reminder re update on the apprenticeship levy how it will work**

BIS published this [update](#) on the 21 April on the apprenticeship levy and how it will work. There are still many unanswered questions but the update explains more about how the levy will work and sets out the dates when more information will be available. The update includes information on paying the apprenticeship levy, accessing money paid under the apprenticeship levy, buying apprenticeship training, what you can spend apprenticeship funding on, eligibility for training, and when further information will be available. A Pearson Funding Focus is also available on apprenticeships funding which provides a brief update on the changes to apprenticeship funding.

## Funding agencies

### **SFA: List of qualifications at level 2 and 3 in the 19-23 legal entitlements**

Last week the SFA updated the [list of 19-23 entitlement qualifications at level 2 and 3](#). The list has been updated to include qualifications automatically approved for 19-23 funding in 2016/17 as they are approved in 2018 16-18 performance tables, and additional qualifications approved in 2017 16-18 performance tables.

### **SFA: Reminder, funding hub guidance, new 'categories' to identify qualifications eligible for funding**

The SFA has produced this [updated guide](#) on the definitions and guidance for each category on the [funding hub](#). New categories have been introduced for 2016/17 which help colleges and providers identify qualifications eligible for funding:

- **Legal entitlement level 2:** shows the level 2 qualifications that can be fully funded for 19-23 year olds if they are studying for a first qualification at level 2. These qualifications are also available for local flexibilities where a 19-23 year old learner is not undertaking a first qualification at level 2, or if the learner is 24 years old or above.
- **Legal Entitlement level 3:** shows level 3 qualifications that can be fully-funded for 19-23 year olds if they are studying for a first qualification at level 3.
- **Legal Entitlement English and Maths:** shows English and maths qualifications and their components that are available as part of the English and maths entitlement.
- **Local Flexibility entry to level 2:** shows qualifications at entry to level 2 and their components which can be delivered as part of local flexibilities.

The guide also explains the categories already in place and these include work preparation and work placement (for traineeships), Tech Levels achieved in 2017, Early Years Educators (EYE) 2015/16, loans length for qualifications which are not EYE or Tech Levels which identifies the maximum length which applies when the learning aim is funded by a loan, Local Enterprise Partnership Initiatives, Trades Union Congress, 'Standalone' and Licence to Practise, and class codes.



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### Update on BTEC Firsts and Nationals approved for funding in 2016/17

This update includes important information on funding for the new BTEC Firsts and Nationals and the QCF BTEC Nationals.

#### Additional QCF BTEC Nationals eligible for 19-23 entitlement funding in 2016/17

- Last week, the SFA updated the [list of 19-23 entitlement qualifications at level 2 and 3](#).
- The list has been updated to include qualifications automatically approved as they are approved in 2018 16-18 performance tables, and additional qualifications approved in 2017 16-18 performance tables.
- It means a number of additional QCF BTEC Nationals are now eligible for 19-23 entitlement funding in 2016/17 and these additional qualifications are listed below.
- They have also been added to the *160527 Funding Focus - Updated - BTEC Firsts and Nationals - Adult funding in 2016 17*, which details the full list of BTEC Firsts and Nationals and the funding eligibility, and which will shortly be available on the [Pearson funding website](#).

#### Funding for learners who turn 19 during their study programme

- Learners who turn 19 during their study programme are subject to the EFA funding end dates and therefore can continue to be funded on the QCF BTEC qualifications until 31 December 2017.
- This is because of the way the EFA define learner age for funding eligibility. A 16-18 year-old learner is any learner who is aged 16, 17 or 18 on 31 August 2016. A learner who was 16-18 at the start of the funding year when they began a learning programme, as recorded on their learning agreement, continues to be funded as a 16-18-year-old student if they become 19 years old during their learning programme.
- A table explaining how this impacts learners that turn 19 during their study programme and who are on BTEC QCF Nationals is included in the *160527 Funding Focus - Updated - BTEC Firsts and Nationals - Adult funding in 2016 17*, which will shortly be available on the [Pearson funding website](#).
- It also explains the funding eligibility for the BTEC QCF Nationals for your 19-23 entitlement learners.

#### Information on the funding situation for 19-23 entitlement learners in 2016/17 and 2017/18

- The SFA have approved qualifications for the 19-23 entitlement as 'core' or 'non core'. Core qualifications include all qualifications in 2018 performance tables and some qualifications in 2017 performance tables. Non core qualifications are included to take into account the impact of removing certain qualifications from the 19-23 entitlement.
- As the SFA move towards a single 16 to 23 entitlement offer only core qualifications will remain eligible for 19-23 entitlement funding. Non core qualifications will not be considered for 19-23 entitlement funding 2017/18.
- This means that qualifications identified as 'core' may continue to be funded by the SFA in 2017/18 but until this is confirmed we colleges and providers may want to consider registering learners for the full course at the outset given the potential restrictions on top-ups in 2017.

#### List of additional QCF BTEC Nationals eligible for 19-23 entitlement funding in 2016/17

##### *Animal management*

- 6010563X Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Animal Management (QCF)



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## *Applied Science*

- 50067266 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)
- 50067254 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)
- 60058493 Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)

## *Business*

- 50067485 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Business (QCF)
- 50067503 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Business (QCF)
- 60038895 Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Business (QCF)
- 50067461 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business (QCF)

## *Engineering*

- 50081561 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Engineering (QCF)
- 50078410 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Engineering (QCF)
- 60038883 Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Engineering (QCF)
- 50077995 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering (QCF)

## *Enterprise and entrepreneurship*

- 50062451 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Understanding Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)
- 6010501X Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)
- 60105021 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)

## *Health and social care*

- 50093174 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)
- 60061789 Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)

## *Information technology*

- 50091487 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in IT (QCF)
- 60038871 Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in IT (QCF)

## *Performing arts*

- 50069202 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Performing Arts (QCF)
- 50069196 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)
- 6003953X Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)
- 50068726 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (QCF)

## *Sport*

- 50067539 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Sport (QCF)
- 50067515 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport (QCF)
- 50067552 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport (QCF)

## *Sport and exercise science*



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- 50067655 Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF)
- 60039309 Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (QCF)

## New weekly advanced learner loan update

A new weekly learner loan update has been introduced to let you know which qualifications Pearson are currently submitting for advanced learner loan funding. This, and future updates, will be available on the [Pearson funding website](#). The full update includes information on the submission process, qualifications eligible for loans, the extension of the loan offer in 2016/17, and further information and links.

If you wish to make a request for Pearson to submit a qualification for loan funding that isn't on this list, or isn't already confirmed for loan funding on the [funding hub](#) or in the SFA's [Advanced learner loans qualifications catalogue](#), please email [funding@pearson.com](mailto:funding@pearson.com)

## Pearson's current advanced learner loan submissions

QN	Title	Qualification specification	Status
600/1490/8	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Providing Financial Services (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Submitted in May Approved and on SFA loan catalogue
600/3994/2	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wall and Floor Tiling (Construction) (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Plan to submit in July
600/9097/2	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Decorative Finishing - Painting and Decorating (Construction) (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Plan to submit in July
600/3263/7	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction) (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Plan to submit in July
500/9771/4	Pearson Edexcel Level 6 NVQ Diploma in Senior Site Inspection (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Plan to submit in July
601/6283/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Recruitment Practice (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Plan to submit in July
601/6188/7	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Recruitment (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Plan to submit in July
600/0872/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Hospitality and Catering Principles (Professional Cookery) (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Plan to submit in July
600/3924/3	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Retail Skills (Sales Professional) (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Plan to submit in July
600/4105/5	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Retail Skills (Management) (QCF)	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Plan to submit in July

## Reminder: How to find qualifications approved for adult funding in 2016/17

### Qualifications approved for the 19+ English and maths entitlement 2016/17

- The SFA's list of qualifications approved for the 19+ English and maths entitlement in 2016/17 can be found [here](#) (fourth document down). These are also showing on the [funding hub](#).
- More on how the SFA approve qualifications for this entitlement can be found [here](#).

### Qualifications approved for the 19-23 level 2 and 3 entitlement 2016/17

- The SFA's updated list of qualifications approved for the 19-23 level 2 and 3 entitlement in 2016/17 can be found [here](#) (third document down). The list also now includes the BTEC Nationals recently



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approved by the DfE for 2018 16-18 performance tables which are automatically approved for the 19-23 level 2 and 3 entitlement.

- An updated Pearson Funding Focus will shortly be available on the [Pearson funding website](#) which shows which BTEC Firsts and Nationals are approved for 19-23 entitlement funding in 2016/17. The update includes corrections to the original document.
- More on how the SFA approve qualifications for this entitlement can be found [here](#).

## Qualifications approved for local flexibility funding 2016/17

- The SFA are not producing a list of qualifications eligible for local flexibility funding in 2016/17; these qualifications will be confirmed for funding just on the [funding hub](#).
- More on how the SFA approve qualifications for local flexibility funding can be found [here](#).

## Qualifications approved for loan funding 2015/16 and 2016/17

- The SFA updated the [advanced learner loans catalogue](#) on 26 April which lists qualifications approved for advanced learner loans in 2015/16 and 2016/17. These are also showing on the [funding hub](#).
- The process of approving qualifications for advanced learner loan funding has now been separated from the process for approving qualifications for 19-23 entitlement funding. It means awarding organisations can now make submissions for qualifications to be made eligible for advanced learners loans even where they do not now meet the 19-23 entitlement funding criteria.
- If you are looking to offer a qualification through loan funding which is not on the catalogue do get in touch ([funding@pearson.com](mailto:funding@pearson.com)). We will review any requests and make a submission if the qualification is eligible. Qualifications need to be 150 glh or 15 credits to be eligible.
- More on how the SFA approve qualifications loan funding can be found [here](#).

## 'Do read' document from the SFA

The document published by the SFA on the 28 January, [Adult Education Budget January 2016 Changing Context and Arrangements for 2016/17](#), provides a crucial outline of the changes the SFA plans to make to the adult skills system with the creation of the education budget following the publication of the Skills Funding Letter. It includes information on the move to full devolution and the new funding streams.

## Steve Besley's Policy Watch

The latest from Steve Besley includes [Policy Eye – Highlights of week ending Friday 20 May 2016](#). See the latest from [Policy Watch](#) for these and more.

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