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Pearson UK – Monthly advanced learner loan submissions update

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The monthly advanced learner loan update lets you know which qualifications Pearson are currently submitting, and plan to submit, for advanced learner loan funding. The update can be found on the [Pearson UK](#) website along with *Funding News* and *Funding Focus* documents. Internal and external colleagues can sign up to receive *Funding News* directly to their inbox by subscribing [here](#).

This update is published at the beginning of each month after we have made our monthly submission for qualifications to be added to the list of qualifications eligible for 19+ advanced learner loan funding. It lets you know which qualifications Pearson have recently submitted, and are currently submitting. This, and future updates, will be available on the [Pearson Funding](#) page. It also 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 listed below, 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

Pearson's advanced learner loan submissions

Loan funding was confirmed on the 1 August for three qualifications submitted in July. No submissions were made at the beginning of August. One submission was made at the beginning of September.

QN	Title	Specification	Status
600/0872/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Hospitality and Catering Principles (Professional Cookery) (QCF)	Click here	Confirmed for loan funding
600/3924/3	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Retail Skills (Sales Professional) (QCF)	Click here	Confirmed for loan funding
600/4105/5	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Retail Skills (Management) (QCF)	Click here	Confirmed for loan funding
501/1291/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms Professionals	Click here	Submitted on 6 September



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The monthly submission process



Qualifications eligible for advanced learner loans

- QAA Access to HE Diplomas, GCE Advanced Level (A-level) and Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS-level) and Tech level and Applied general qualifications the (DfE) recognises in their 16-19 performance tables are automatically designated for the loans offer.
- Other qualifications can be added if they meet the SFA's criteria: it supports progression to and through higher-level technical and professional education and skills; direct entry to a specific job role; continuing professional development in an occupation; or upskilling or reskilling in an occupational area. Qualifications must be 150 GLH or 15 credits (though exceptions can be considered).
- Qualifications that are required by a licensing authority so an individual can operate in a regulated job role, or that provide training to meet employers' legislative responsibilities such as Health and Safety, First Aid and Food Safety, cannot be considered for loan funding.

The extension of the loan offer in 2016/17

- From 2016/17 the loans offer will be extended to **19-23** year-olds studying for a repeat level 3 or level 4 qualification (previously only available to 24+ year-olds), and for those aged 19 and over studying for a **level 5 or 6** qualification (previously only available for levels 3 and 4).
- Delivery to 19-23 learners, and delivery of level 5 and 6 qualifications, cannot begin until the start of the 2016/17 funding year. Applications for the expanded advanced learner loan can be made from May 2016 for courses starting from 1 August 2016.

Removal of sub-contracting from 2017/18

- The delivery of all loans-funded subcontracted learning aims must be completed by 31 July 2017, and providers must not enter any new subcontracting agreements for the delivery of loans funded provision in 2016/17, over and above those which they are already be engaged with in 2015/16.
- In 2016/17 any provider which holds a loans facility directly with the SFA cannot also act as a subcontractor to another prime contractor for the delivery of loans funded provision.
- The SFA will cease to allow subcontracting for advanced learner loans programme from 2017/18.

Further information and links

- [Funding Focus – Advanced learner loans – Where to find out more](#) provides links to further information including the qualifications eligible, tools and resources from the SLC to support delivery, information for learners, operational, policy and funding information for colleges, training organisations and employers, and Pearson qualifications approved for advanced learner loans.

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