



Department for Education Performance Tables

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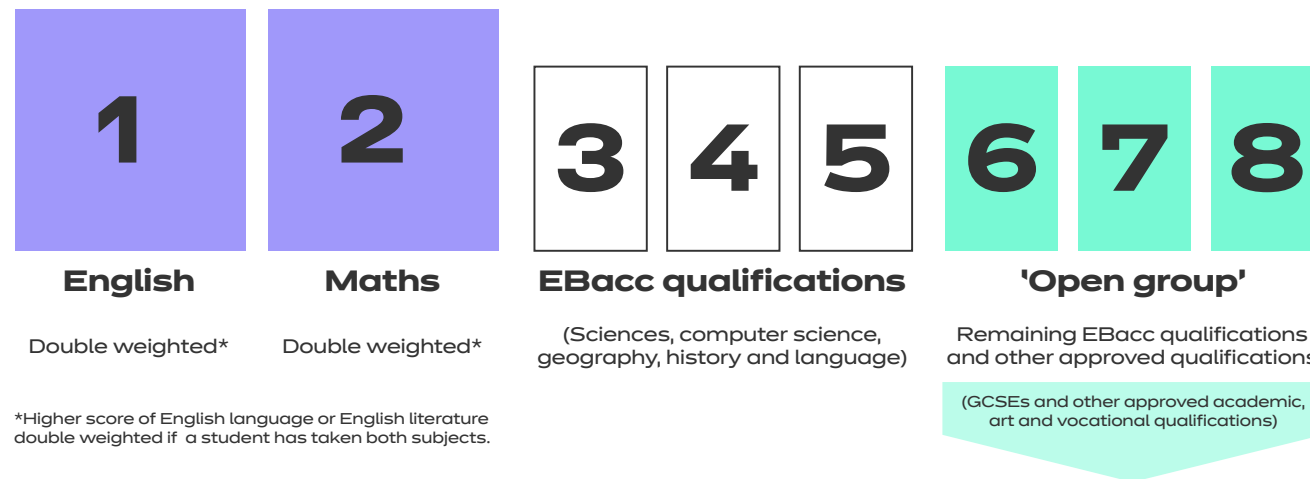
Performance tables quick guide

This guide has been created to support schools with information on which qualifications have been approved by the Department for Education (DfE) and count towards Key Stage 4 performance tables.

Qualification definitions

V Cert Technical Awards are eligible to be counted in the 'open group' for school accountability measures. They offer a robust and challenging learning experience for learners motivated by hands-on technical learning and support Progress 8 and Attainment 8.

Progress 8 measure



*Higher score of English language or English literature double weighted if a student has taken both subjects.



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Business management

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	GLH	Discount Code	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1/2	603/2955/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise	120	AE5	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1/2	603/7004/X	NEW NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise	143	AA3	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC

What's next?

- **Further study:** a T Level in management and administration, or a Business A Level or Applied General at college or sixth form
- **Apprenticeship:** in business administration or as a marketing assistant.



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Child development and wellbeing

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	GLH	Discount Code	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
2	603/3293/1	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care	125	PT21	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1/2	603/7012/9	NEW NCFE CACHE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care in the Early Years	136	PT21	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC

What's next?

- **Further study:** a T Level in education and childcare or Applied General at college or sixth form
- **Apprenticeship:** as an early years educator or teaching assistant.



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Craft, creative arts and design

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	GLH	Discount Code	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1/2	603/2964/6	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Art & Design	120	JA2	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1/2	603/7003/8	NEW NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Creative Design and Production	136	JA2	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC
1	603/0844/8	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Graphic Design	130	JA2	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
2	603/0845/X	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Graphic Design	130	JA2	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1/2	603/7011/7	NEW NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Graphic Design	139	JA2	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC

What's next?

- **Further study:** a T Level in craft and design, A Level in Design and Technology, or an Applied General in Art and Design at college or sixth form
- **Apprenticeship:** in jewellery design or furniture making.



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Engineering

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	GLH	Discount Code	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1/2	603/2963/4	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Engineering	120	XA1	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1/2	603/7006/3	NEW NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Engineering	140	XA1	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC

What's next?

- **Further study:** a T Level in engineering, manufacturing, processing and control, or an A Level or Applied General in Engineering
- **Apprenticeship:** in welding, lean manufacturing or as a metal fabricator.



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Health and social care

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	GLH	Discount Code	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
2	603/3294/3	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care	120	PA1	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1/2	603/7013/0	NEW NCFE CACHE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care	135	PA1	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC

What's next?

- **Further study:** a T Level in health or healthcare science, or Applied Generals or Level 3 study programmes in health and social care at college or sixth form
- **Apprenticeship:** as an adult care or youth support worker.



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Hospitality and catering

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	GLH	Discount Code	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1/2	603/7014/2	NEW NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Food and Cookery	138	NH	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC

What's next?

- **Further study:** a T Level in catering, Level 3 Applied Certificate/Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition, or an Advanced Technical Diploma in Professional Cookery
- **Apprenticeship:** as a production chef, commis chef or chef de partie.



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Media and communication

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	GLH	Discount Code	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1	603/0851/5	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Interactive Media	135	KA4	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
2	603/0852/7	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Interactive Media	135	KA4	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1/2	603/7005/1	NEW NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Interactive Media	139	KA4	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC

What's next?

→ **Further study:** a T Level in media, broadcast and production or an A Level in Media Studies at college or sixth form

→ **Apprenticeship:** as a junior content producer or broadcast production assistant.



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Performing arts

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	GLH	Discount Code	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1/2	603/2960/9	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Performance Skills	120	LC11	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1	601/6774/9	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Music Technology	144	LJ9	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
2	601/6777/4	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Music Technology	144	LJ9	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1/2	603/7008/7	NEW NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Music Technology	139	LJ9	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC

What's next?

- **Further study:** a T Level in media, broadcast and production or an A Level in Music at college or sixth form
- **Apprenticeship:** as a live event rigger.



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Sports, leisure and recreation

Level	Qualification Reference Number (QRN)	Title	GLH	Discount Code	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1/2	603/2650/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Fitness	120	MA1	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
1/2	603/7007/5	NEW NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Fitness	144	MA1	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC
1/2	603/7010/5	NEW NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Sports Studies	142	MA1	NO	NO	YES	YES	TBC

What's next?

- **Further study:** an A Level in Physical Education and Sport, or a Level 3 study programme in sports coaching at college or sixth form
- **Apprenticeship:** as a personal trainer or community sport and health officer.



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Performance tables FAQs

Where do Technical Awards fit in the performance tables?

V Cert Technical Awards are a suite of high quality technical qualifications which count in the 'open group' of the Progress 8 measure.

How do V Cert Technical Awards measure up to GCSEs?

V Cert Technical Awards are designed as technical alternatives to GCSEs. Below you can see how our V Cert grading equates to GCSE grading.

Old GCSE grading structure	New GCSE grading structure	Old V Cert grading structure (22/23 PT)	New V Cert grading structure (24/25 PT)
A*	9	Level 2	D* 8.5
A	8 7		D 7
B	6	Level 2	M 5.5
C	5 4		P 4
D	3	Level 1	D* 3
E	2		D 2
F	1		M 1.5
G		P 1	
U	U	NYA (Not Yet Achieved)	U

Why did you remove the L1D* grade?

This grade was removed to help decompress the lower L1 grade boundaries.

Claiming points for qualifications with the same discount code

In the event that a learner has undertaken 2 qualifications with the same discount code, for example GCSE in Physical Education and the NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Sports Studies, then the school will only be able to apply for the performance points for the qualification where the examination has been taken first.

In cases where exams in the same subject are scheduled for different days in the same series, only the qualification with the earlier exam counts in performance measures. In cases where qualifications have no formal examination date, the certification date or coursework deadline date is used as the examination date.



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Performance tables FAQs (continued)

What is replacing the legacy Level 1/2 Technical Award in Art and Design?

The legacy Level 1/2 Technical Award in Art and Design (603/2964/6) will expire on 31/12/2022 and this is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Our new Level 1/2 Technical Award in Creative Design and Production (603/7003/8) is a close match, and is approved for performance tables in 2024 and 2025.

What is replacing the legacy Level 1/2 Technical Award in Performance Skills?

The current L1/2 Performance Skills V Cert will still carry performance points until 2023, however this qualification will be withdrawn from any new registrations in January 2023.

We're disappointed to see this qualification go. We will have the opportunity to redevelop a new version for September 2024 (for 2026 performance tables), and intend to do so.

We understand that you may be looking for alternatives in the interim. Our Performance Skills certificates will still be available at Level 1 and Level 2. These are a similar size to GCSEs and are internally assessed and externally quality assured. While they are appropriate and funded for KS4 learners, these do not carry performance points.

> [Level 1 Certificate in Performance Skills](#)

> [Level 2 Certificate in Performance Skills](#)

Non-point carrying qualifications

We offer a number of qualifications, such as RSHE and Uniformed Services, which are not approved by the DfE to carry performance points, but are still funded for 14-16 learners. You may still wish to offer these qualifications to pupils with specific learning needs, but they will not count towards your progress 8 measures.

2022 and 2023 performance tables

Our legacy V Certs will expire on 31/12/2022 and this is the last date we can accept learner registrations. The last date for certificate claims is 31/12/2024.

2024 and 2025 performance tables

Our suite of new V Cert qualifications go live for first teach in September 2022, and will replace the legacy V Certs. The first live assessments will take place in the 2023/24 session.

Talk to us

If you'd like to speak to a member of the team about any of these qualifications, please email vcerts@ncfe.org.uk



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