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# Introduction – National Developments

## AQA

AQA offers qualifications and other accreditation schemes for 14-19 year old students in schools and colleges. Detailed information about individual qualifications offered by AQA and the support available can be found on the AQA Website ([www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)) or by contacting the relevant AQA staff. Contact information for each office (including the AQA Publications Section) is provided on page 31 of this leaflet. In terms of support, AQA has recently formed a partnership with Nelson Thornes who will be providing endorsed texts and electronic materials for use with many new AQA qualifications including revised A Levels and new specialised diplomas and functional skills. Such materials have already been developed for new GCSE courses which started in September 2006. AQA has also formed a partnership with Exampro to provide indexed banks of examination questions, mark schemes and examiners' reports on CD, which teachers can customise to prepare mock examination questions and test papers. For information about these partnerships see the AQA Website.

This leaflet provides information about the AQA portfolio including recent and planned additions and more general information about national developments relating to 14-19.

AQA is working with City & Guilds to develop new specialised diplomas (see the AQA Website). Information about AQA's plans in relation to these will be made available once more detailed information about content, assessment and grading becomes available. The aim is for new specialised diploma specifications for the first five lines (Construction and the Built Environment, Engineering, Health and Social Care, ICT, Media and Creative) to be submitted to QCA by March 2007 for approval by summer 2007 and circulation to centres in autumn 2007. These first five lines will be available for courses starting in September 2008 for those centres which have met the criteria of the Gateway Process (see page 3).

## Achievement and Attainment Tables

For information about Achievement and Attainment Table points for each individual qualification, based on the size, level and award achieved, see the Openquals website ([www.openquals.org.uk](http://www.openquals.org.uk)). Note that Openquals is changing to National Database of Accredited Qualifications. Along with a new look and feel it will have new search functionality such as description of each newly accredited unit and qualification, possible progression routes to jobs and qualifications, links to major education websites and the ability to extract reports.

Performance Table points are available for Entry Level Certificates, Basic Skills (now also available pre-16), Key Skills (including the Wider Key Skills), Free-Standing Mathematics Qualifications (from 2007) and work-related learning qualifications including AQA's Level 1 / Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life which is broadly equivalent to a GCSE Short Course. Performance Table points are also available for Advanced Subsidiary Levels taken early. (See below re new Level 3 tariffs.)

For the latest information about Achievement and Attainment Tables, see the June 2006 document *Publication of 2006 Test and Examination Results in the School and College Achievement and Attainment Tables* which is available to download from the DfES website ([www.dfes.gov.uk](http://www.dfes.gov.uk)).

The main changes to note are:

- The inclusion of English and Mathematics GCSEs in the five A\*-C target (not English Literature or Statistics)
- The inclusion of information about Basic (Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy) and Key (Communication and Application of Number) Skills results in the tables, namely, the percentage achieving at least Level 2 and the percentage achieving Level 1 in functional English and Mathematics ie a C+/G+ GCSE or a Level 2/1 Key Skill or a Level 2/1 Basic Skill
- The adoption of the new QCA tariff (not the UCAS tariff) for Level 3 qualifications
- The inclusion of a four year time series for the new English and Mathematics indicator alongside existing five plus A\*-C GCSEs (and equivalent) time series
- The inclusion of a contextual value added (CVA) measure.

## **Existing Statutory Requirements at Key Stage 4 and Planned Statutory Requirements for All 14-19 Year Olds**

### **Existing Statutory Requirements at Key Stage 4**

For information about statutory requirements at Key Stage 4, see the QCA 14-19 website ([www.qca.org.uk/14-19/](http://www.qca.org.uk/14-19/)). This provides information about compulsory core subjects and areas of learning, entitlement areas, work-related learning and enterprise, the new programme of study for Science and disapplication arrangements in the future. It also provides information about the personal development curriculum including Citizenship and PSHE. Additional information re the entitlement for Modern Foreign Languages can be found in the DfES press release of 15 December 2005 entitled *Modern Foreign Languages: ensuring entitlement at Key Stage 4 is a reality*. It should be noted that, for Science, the Government expects the vast majority of students to continue to do, as a minimum, two GCSEs' worth of Science at Key Stage 4 which will enable them to progress to advanced study. A recent QCA publication on Science (see page 21) states that this expectation is being made a new statutory entitlement subject to parliamentary approval.

### **Planned Statutory Requirements for All 14-19 Year Olds**

The QCA 14-19 website also provides links to information on recent developments relating to the 11-19 Reform Programme including the Key Stage 3 Review, the introduction of Functional Skills and Specialised Diplomas and Revisions to A Levels.

The 14-19 Implementation Plan (see below) sets out the Government's plans for a new entitlement that will guarantee young people a choice of 14 specialised diplomas alongside the existing curriculum and ensure that, by 2015, nine out of ten will choose to stay on in education or training after the age of 16.

The recent Education and Inspections Bill will make access to all 14 lines and all three levels of diplomas an entitlement for all young people from 2013. It will also give local authorities a strategic lead for securing the entitlement of these young people.

### **The 14-19 Education and Skills White Paper and the 14-19 Implementation Plan**

The 14-19 Education and Skills White Paper, which sets out the Government's response to the Tomlinson Review, was published on 23 February 2005. The aim is for more young people to participate post-16 – at least 90% of 17 year olds by 2015, compared to 75% now. It sets out the following priorities – a greater focus on the basics, better curriculum choice, more stretching options and activities and new ways to tackle disengagement. The *14-19 Education and Skills Implementation Plan*, which sets out in detail how the plans in the Education and Skills White Paper will be implemented in terms of developing curriculum and qualifications, local delivery and training the workforce, was published on 14 December 2005. Both are available to download from the DfES website. In addition, the QCA website contains a range of useful Fact Sheets on the *11-19 reform programme* (March 2006), the *Key Stage 3 review* (September 2005 and February 2006) and a list of *Qualifications available for 14-19 learners* (March 2006).

### **New Specialised Diplomas for Courses Starting in September 2008**

As stated above, there will be a statutory entitlement for all 14-19 students to all 14 lines of the specialised diplomas at all three levels from September 2013. AQA is working with City & Guilds to develop specifications at Level 1 (600 guided learning hours equivalent to four to five GCSEs), Level 2 (800 guided learning hours equivalent to five to six GCSEs) and Level 3 (1080 guided learning hours equivalent to three A Levels). There are plans, also, for a Level 3 progression qualification, a subset of the full Level 3 Diploma (720 guided learning hours equivalent to two A Levels).

The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT) and the Quality Improvement Agency (QIA) working closely with the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) and the Skills for Business Network (SfBN) will commission guidance on teaching and learning methods that support the specialised diploma content and assessment, at unit level where appropriate.

Centres wishing to offer the new diplomas from September 2008 will need to have met the requirements of the 'Gateway Process' whereby a DfES chaired Project Steering Group will check that consortia:

- have an effective communication/collaboration network
- can deliver information, advice and guidance to learners
- can deliver high quality general and applied teaching and learning
- have trained teachers, workforce development, transport
- have links with local employers and HE.

Information about the Gateway Process can be found in the latest DfES Newsletter on 14-19 developments (see below).

**Phase One** diplomas from September 2008 will be in Construction and the Built Environment, Creative and Media, Engineering, Health and Social Care, ICT.

**Phase Two** diplomas from September 2009 will be in Business Administration and Finance, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality and Catering, Land-based and Environmental, Manufacturing.

**Phase Three** diplomas from September 2010 will be in Public Services, Retail, Sport and Leisure, Travel and Tourism.

Diplomas are being developed by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and the Skills for Business Network (SfBN) in partnership.

The diplomas include the following components:

- **Generic Learning** – this will be a core, common to all diplomas at a given level. It will include personal, learning and thinking skills, an extended project and functional skills in English, Mathematics and ICT. Generic learning also includes 10 days work experience at each level. Generic Learning is based on 'learning through experience'
- **Principal Learning** – sector-related learning with 50% set in real/realistic contexts
- **Additional/Specialist Learning** – optional specialist or complementary units.

Updates on developments relating to the new diplomas (including content and planned support) can be found on:

- the DfES 14-19 Gateway website ([www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/))
  - The 14-19 Newsletters (two published so far) provide a useful introduction to planned developments and timescales
  - *Specialised Diplomas – your questions answered* (July 2006)
  - *The Specialised Diploma Gateway* (2006)
  - *The Manual of Good Practice from 14-19 Pathfinders* (last updated 25 November 2005)
- The Directgov website ([www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)) This provides information for young people and parents on 14-19 education, including options after 16 and EMAs
- The DfES website ([www.dfes.gov.uk](http://www.dfes.gov.uk)) – see Press Notice entitled *Delivering the Diploma – Knight* dated 28 July 2006 with a link to diploma content
- The following specific websites (diploma content information)
  - Construction ([www.cbediploma.co.uk/pdf/cbecontentandguidance.pdf](http://www.cbediploma.co.uk/pdf/cbecontentandguidance.pdf))
  - Creative and Media ([www.creativeandmediadiploma.org/main/node/29](http://www.creativeandmediadiploma.org/main/node/29))
  - Engineering ([www.engineeringdiploma.com/](http://www.engineeringdiploma.com/))
  - Health and Social Care (renamed Society, Health and Development) ([www.skillsforhealth.org.uk](http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk))
  - ICT ([www.e-skills.com/itdiploma](http://www.e-skills.com/itdiploma))
- The QCA website ([www.qca.org.uk](http://www.qca.org.uk)) The main documents available so far are:
  - *The specialised Diploma Fact Sheet* dated July 2006
  - A booklet entitled *The Specialised Diploma Qualification Structure, Assessment and Grading* updated July 2006. (This includes additional information on unitisation, grading and reporting achievement.)
- The AQA Website ([www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)). There will be regular updates regarding AQA's plans once more detail about content, assessment and grading is available.
- The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust website ([www.ssattrust.org.uk/vocational](http://www.ssattrust.org.uk/vocational)). The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, working with other national partners, has been charged with supporting schools as the 14-19 agenda is implemented.
- The QIA website ([www.qia.org.uk](http://www.qia.org.uk)). The Quality Improvement Agency (QIA) will be working with the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and the National Strategies Contractor to 'develop and commission development programmes for teachers and trainers to support the 14-19 curriculum reforms'.

## **New Functional Skills**

QCA has been given the remit to develop new Functional Skills in English, Mathematics and ICT for 14-19 year olds in schools and colleges and for work-based learning and adult learning. Mention of these can be found in the *14-19 Education and Skills White Paper* (February 2005) and in the second Skills White Paper *Skills: Getting on in business, getting on at work* (March 2005).

QCA defines functional skills as 'those core elements of English, Mathematics and ICT that provide an individual with the essential knowledge, skills and understanding that will enable them to operate confidently, effectively and independently in life and at work.'

The functional skills are intended to:

- ensure that students achieving grade C in GCSE English, Mathematics and ICT will have mastered the functional elements at Level 2. New GCSEs with this requirement will be introduced in English and ICT for courses starting in September 2009 and in Mathematics for courses starting in September 2010
- be incorporated into specialised diplomas for courses starting in September 2008 and, at a later stage, into apprenticeships
- replace adult Basic Skills qualifications (Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy) and Key Skills qualifications (Communication, Application of Number and ICT). These will, however, remain in use until at least 2010
- be available as a stand alone qualification for those who achieve the functional element only and provide a single ladder of progression in these skills, common to all qualifications, for young people and adults.

Updates on the development of the functional skills can be found in:

- The DfES Newsletters mentioned above
- The following publications available from the QCA website:
  - *Developing functional skills qualifications* (February 2006)
  - *Functional skills subject definitions* (February 2006)
  - Fact Sheet on *Functional skills* dated July 2006
  - *Report of Consultation on Draft Functional Skills standards January to May 2006* published June 2006.
- Information Updates on the AQA Website.

## **The Extended Project**

A consultation on proposals for the Extended Project has recently taken place. Information is available on the QCA website ([www.qca.org.uk](http://www.qca.org.uk)). QCA has produced a draft framework and criteria. It is intended that the same framework and criteria will apply to extended projects taken by both students on A Level programmes and those taking Specialised Diplomas at Levels 1, 2 and 3. Plans are for a maximum of 180 guided learning hours with a taught element. It is not yet clear how the Extended Project will fit into an individual's A Level programme.

The aim is for a single piece of work extending from or complementing the candidate's areas of study. This piece of work is designed to test the skills of Planning, Research, Development and Review.

For the Diploma a project will be a compulsory element at each level as part of the Generic Learning component. For other qualifications the project will be available at Level 3 only.

AQA has been awarded a contract to run the Extended Project Pilot from autumn 2006. See page 26 for information about joining the pilot.

## **Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills**

It is expected that further information about the proposals relating to Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTs) will become available in autumn 2006 following the consultation on these which took place in autumn 2005. The Framework of Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills (11-19) comprises six groups of skills, namely team working, self-management, independent enquiry, reflective learning, creative thinking and effective participation skills. It provides a starting point for embedding personal, learning and thinking skills in a range of contexts, including curriculum and qualifications. It is likely that the Wider Key Skills will form part of these PLTs which, together with functional skills in English, Mathematics and ICT, are those most in demand by employers and HE as essential to success in learning, life and work.

The PLTs are generic, applicable across all education and training for 11-19 year olds and adults and are equally important to learners irrespective of the setting. Information about the proposed framework can be found in a letter of 14 March available on the QCA website from Ken Boston, Chief Executive of QCA to Jacqui Smith, the then Minister of State for Schools and 14-19 Learners.

## **The Foundation Learning Tier**

This is a QCA/LSC initiative aimed at establishing an inclusive and appropriate curriculum offer at pre-Entry, Entry and Level 1 for learners from age 14 upwards. Developments relate to the following curriculum strands: key and basic skills; vocational and subject-based learning; personal and social development. A Consultation Draft entitled *Qualifications strategy for the foundation learning tier* July 2006 is available on the QCA website. The aim is for the learner's achievements to be recognised through units and qualifications within the new credit and qualifications framework. See also the QCA Fact Sheet *Building a credit and qualifications framework* dated June 2006 available on the QCA website.

## **The FE White Paper *Further Education: Raising Skills, Improving Life Chances***

This document, published on 27 March 2006, is available to download from the DfES website. It was produced in response to the Foster Review of FE and builds on the 14-19 Education and Skills White Paper and the Skills Strategy to set out a series of reforms which will 'raise skills and qualification levels for young people and adults to world standards and enable the system to achieve its full potential as the driver for economic growth and social mobility'. A useful summary of the contents of this paper, especially in relation to 14-19 developments, can be found in the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) (formerly SHA) Policy Document Number 15 *The FE White Paper* available to download from their website ([www.ascl.org.uk](http://www.ascl.org.uk)). Also of interest will be Lord Leitch's Review of the Skills Needed for 2020 which is due out at the end of this year.

## **GCSEs – Coursework, Achievement and Attainment Tables, Functional Skills, New Applied GCSEs and Revisions to Subject Criteria**

### **GCSEs and Coursework**

See QCA Fact Sheet *A Levels, GCSEs and an extended project* (March 2006). There has been much discussion recently about the role of coursework in GCSEs and a recent consultation on GCSE coursework in Mathematics. At the same time there has been concern that greater opportunities for malpractice have been created by the fact that students carry out coursework at home and by the wide availability of the internet. QCA's recently published interim advice about coursework to the DfES can be seen in Ken Boston's letter of 7 April 2006 to Ruth Kelly, the then Secretary of State, available from the QCA website. In it, QCA advise that the amount of unsupervised coursework should be dramatically reduced. QCA also propose that in subjects that involve such activities as creating a physical product, carrying out investigations or performing with others, internal assessment should continue but under conditions that maximise fairness. According to the DfES, 'the expectation is that in future coursework will only be used where it is the most valid way of assessing subject-specific skills'. Final recommendations are due to be made in the autumn of 2006.

It is to be noted that the Secretary of State announced the withdrawal of coursework in GCSE Mathematics on 27 September 2006 at the Labour Party Conference. See page 21 for further information re this announcement.

To assist teachers and parents QCA have produced the following documents, both available from the QCA website:

- *Authenticating coursework: A teacher's guide* (2006)
- *Coursework: A guide for parents* (2006).

### **GCSEs and Achievement and Attainment Tables (including plans for a new Level 2 General Diploma)**

It is to be noted that the new Performance Tables for 2006 will include English and Mathematics GCSEs as part of the five A\*-C Target (see page 2).

Also a new General Diploma is planned for those students achieving five GCSEs at grade C and above including English and Mathematics. This is due to be introduced for courses starting in September 2009 (although the new GCSE in Mathematics will not be available until September 2010).

## **GCSEs and Functional Skills**

At this stage only the following GCSE revisions have been confirmed, namely:

- English and ICT for courses starting in September 2009
- Mathematics for courses starting in September 2010\*.

The Education and Skills 14-19 Implementation Plan states that a pass in Functional Skills (see page 5) will be required in order to gain a grade C at GCSE in English, Mathematics and ICT. The Government plans to introduce this requirement from September 2009 with the introduction of new GCSEs in English and ICT and from September 2010 with the introduction of the new GCSE in Mathematics.

Functional Skills pilots will take place from September 2007.

The revised GCSEs in English and Mathematics will be included in the planned new Level 2 General Diploma requirements (see page 6).

\* AQA has won a contract with QCA to pilot GCSE, GCE and Free-Standing Mathematics qualifications.

## **GCSEs – New Applied GCSEs**

Awarding Bodies are in the process of piloting new Applied GCSEs in a range of subjects – Performing Arts, PE and Media (AQA), Applied French and Applied Agriculture, Land and Environment. Further Applied GCSEs in Construction and the Built Environment and Hospitality and Catering are planned.

## **GCSEs – Revisions to Subject Criteria**

QCA will begin revisions to GCSE Subject Criteria in autumn 2006. These revisions will take into account any recommendations made with regard to coursework (see page 6). For additional information relating to the revision of GCSE Mathematics see Ken Boston's speech of 8 March 2006 to the Advisory Committee for Mathematics Education outlining actions that are being taken in response to Adrian Smith's report and as part of the 14-19 White Paper changes. This is available on the QCA website.

## **Revisions to A Levels - Timescales and Requirements**

See QCA Fact Sheet *A Levels, GCSEs and an extended project* (March 2006). See also *GCE AS and A Level qualification criteria* and *GCE AS and A Level subject criteria* together with *Consultation summary reports* on the qualification and subject criteria (all September 2006 and available on the QCA website.) Note that Sections on Stretch and Challenge are to be added by December 2006.

## **Timescales**

As part of the recommendations made in the *14-19 Education and Skills White Paper*, GCE AS and A Level qualifications are to be revised for courses starting in September 2008 with first certification of AS in 2009 and first certification of Advanced in 2010.

The revisions do not apply to Applied GCEs nor to GCE Mathematics\* and Statistics which have recently been introduced though there may be changes to Mathematics and Statistics in terms of the introduction of AEA-type questions.

The timetable is as follows:

- Draft specifications to be submitted to QCA by 30 March 2007
- Final hard copy versions of accredited specifications to be available to centres in September 2007
- Teaching begins September 2008
- First certification of AS to be in 2009
- First certification of Advanced to be in 2010.

\* AQA has won a contract with QCA to pilot GCSE, GCE and Free-Standing Mathematics qualifications.

## Requirements

Revisions to GCEs will include the following:

- **A reduction from six to four units in most cases (two AS and two A2)**
  - Music and Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics plus Electronics and Geology) will retain six units while small entry subjects eg in Modern Foreign Languages will move to or remain at two units
  - Consideration will need to be given to the most appropriate unit weightings for each specification (AS and A2) in the light of this reduction and in the light of any other subject-specific requirements such as those relating to internal assessment.
- **Changes to internal assessment requirements**
  - Coursework/written paper alternatives will no longer be allowed. Requirements laid down in subject criteria will be compulsory for all specifications for all Awarding Bodies.
  - Internal Assessment will only be available for practical and expressive subjects and History where it is felt to be the most valid way of assessing subject-specific skills. Maximum weightings for Internal Assessment will be as laid down in the subject criteria (see QCA website for September 2006 versions of the subject criteria.)
    - The following subjects will have no Internal Assessment: Accounting, Business Studies, Citizenship, Classical Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies\* (was Environmental Science), General Studies, Geography, Government and Politics, History of Art, Law, Modern Foreign Languages, Psychology\*, Religious Studies and Sociology.
    - The following subjects will have compulsory Internal Assessment as follows: Art and Design (100%), Computing (15-40%), Design and Technology (30-60%), Drama and Theatre Studies (40%), English Language, English Literature and English Language and Literature (40%), History (15-20%), Home Economics (30%), ICT (15-40%), Media Studies (50%), Music and Music Technology (50%), PE (30-50%), Science\* – Biology, Chemistry, Physics plus Electronics and Geology (20-30% Internal Assessment of Practical Skills but no alternative Practical Examination allowed).

\* Environmental Studies and Psychology are listed in the subject criteria for Science
- **A reduction in the maximum number of testing hours**

The number of testing hours has been reduced from 10 hours 30 minutes to seven hours with a maximum of three hours at AS and four hours at A2.
- **The introduction of AEA-type questions into examination papers**

Note that Sections on Stretch and Challenge are to be added to the Qualification Criteria by December 2006.
- **The introduction of the extended project**

Note that AQA will be piloting the Level 3 extended project from September 2006. See pages 5 and 26
- **Subject Content**
  - Mainly, existing content will be rearranged into fewer units but Awarding Bodies are allowed to revise/update content where necessary.
  - Prescribed changes to content in some subjects eg History are laid down in the subject criteria.

## Changes to AQA Provision

### Changes to the AQA Suite of Entry Level Certificates

The suite of AQA Entry Level Certificates has recently been revised. The revisions relate to the following:

- A reduced number of units for assessment where possible
- The inclusion of Entry 1 in all cases
- A relationship to the AQA Unit Award Scheme (see page 30) in all cases (excluding PE and Geography) allowing for recognition of individual units of work for those students involved in the Scheme.

Some specifications were for courses starting in September 2005 and first certification in 2007 with the last examination in the existing specifications taking place in 2006. In many cases they replaced two specifications which were available previously.

Others, namely Design and Technology, History, Religious Studies and Science have been revised for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in summer 2008 (Science 2007) with the last examination in the existing specifications taking place in 2007.

Some Entry Level Certificates which had only recently been introduced – Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Physical Education (PE) – have remained unchanged.

In addition, AQA has recently introduced a **new** Entry Level Certificate in **Italian** for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2007 and is planning to introduce, subject to QCA approval, a **new** Entry Level Certificate in **Work-related Learning and Enterprise** (exact title still to be agreed) for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008.

The Entry Level Certificate in Travel and Tourism has been **withdrawn** as has English Language Skills (ESOL) (JETSET).

### Summary of Changes to the AQA Suite of Entry Level Certificates

The following specifications have been revised for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in summer 2008 (Science 2007).

Specification	Notes
Design and Technology (Revised Specification)	See page 14.
History (Revised Specification)	
Religious Studies (Revised Specification)	
Science (Revised Specification)	Matches new core Science. First Certification available in 2007.

The following new specifications are being introduced - Italian for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2007 and Work-related Learning and Enterprise for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008. Specifications shaded in blue relate to planned new provision subject to QCA approval.

Specification	Notes
Italian (New Specification)	
Work-related Learning and Enterprise (exact title still to be agreed) New Specification	

The following specifications have been withdrawn

Specification	Notes
Travel and Tourism	Withdrawn after the 2006 examination.
English Language Skills (ESOL) (JETSET)	Withdrawn after the 2006 examination.

### Changes to the AQA Suite of GCSE and Equivalent Qualifications

Several GCSE specifications have been **revised** recently. Many centres will be aware that Modular French, German and Spanish specifications (Specification B) were revised for courses starting in September 2005 and that Mathematics and Science provision has been revised for courses starting in September 2006. See pages 20 and 21 re changes to Mathematics and Science.

In addition AQA's **Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life** (equivalent to a GCSE Short Course) has been **revised** slightly to include coursework and a small section on Enterprise for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. The existing specification will be certificated for the last time in 2007. Those centres providing one year courses from September 2006 will need to enter students for the existing version of this specification.

AQA has also introduced a **new Applied Media Pilot** (Single and Double Award) specification for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. The pilot is limited for courses starting in September 2006 but will be available for centres wishing to join the pilot from September 2007.

In addition the **Applied Performing Arts Pilot** (Single and Double Award) which has been running since September 2004 will be open to centres wishing to join from September 2007.

Centres may be interested to note that the **Free-Standing Mathematics Qualifications (FSMQs)** at Levels 1 and 2, which were introduced originally for use post-16, have now been approved for use pre-16 and will be awarded Achievement and Attainment Table points from 2007. These applied mathematics qualifications can provide recognition of the skills 'for' work. (See page 28).

AQA is also planning to introduce, subject to QCA approval, the following **new** specifications for courses starting in September 2007 and first examination in summer 2008 (Business Subjects and Economics Pilot awards dates to be confirmed).

- **Business Subjects and Economics GCSE Pilot**
- **Citizenship Studies Full Course GCSE Pilot**
- **Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Enterprise (and Employability)** exact title still to be agreed
- **Level 1 Modern Foreign Language 'Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education' (FCSE) Pilot (French, German, Italian and Spanish)**

All of the above new specifications will provide useful recognition of work-related learning and enterprise which is a statutory requirement at Key Stage 4.

Some GCSE qualifications have been **withdrawn** after the 2006 examination namely: Accounting, Archaeology, Classical Greek, Home Economics (Textiles), Latin, Russian, Social Science and Travel and Tourism. GNVQs are also in the process of being withdrawn.

### Summary of Changes to GCSE and Equivalent Qualifications

The following specifications were **revised** for courses starting in September 2005 and first certification in 2007

Specification
French B Modular (Revised Specification)
German B Modular (Revised Specification)
Spanish B Modular (Revised Specification)

The following specifications have been **revised** for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008 (Science Specifications A and B 2007)

Specification	Notes
Mathematics A (two tier) Linear (Revised Specification)	See page 20 which includes information re planned removal of coursework after the 2008 November examination.
Mathematics B (two tier) Modular (Revised Specification)	
Preparation for Working Life Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in (Revised Specification)	See page 22
Science A - six 30 minute Objective Tests (Revised Specification)	See page 21
Science B - three 45 minute Structured Tests (Revised Specification)	
Additional Science (Revised Specification)	
Biology (Revised Specification)	
Chemistry (Revised Specification)	
Physics (Revised Specification)	
Additional Applied Science Single Award (New Specification)	
Applied Science Double Award (Revised Specification)	

Free-Standing Mathematics qualifications have recently been approved for use pre-16.

Specification	Notes
Mathematics Free-Standing Qualifications (Now allowed pre-16)	See page 28

The Applied Performing Arts Pilot continues to be available to new centres interested in joining

Applied Performing Arts Pilot (Single and Double Award)	Centres may not be aware that AQA is running this pilot which is open to new centres in the future.
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The following **new** specifications are being introduced for courses starting in September 2007 (Applied Media Pilot 2006) and first certification in 2008 (Business Subjects and Economics Pilot awards dates to be confirmed). **The introduction of the shaded specifications is subject to QCA approval.** Others have already been accredited.

Specification	Notes
Business Subjects and Economics GCSE Pilot (New Specification)	See page 21
Citizenship Studies GCSE Full Course Pilot (New Specification)	AQA currently offers a Short Course only in this subject. See page 22
Enterprise and Employability Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in (Exact title still to be agreed) New Specification	See page 22
Applied Media GCSE Pilot Single and Double Award (New Specification)	This is a new pilot from September 2006. Centres may wish to join the pilot from September 2007.
Modern Foreign Languages (French, German, Italian and Spanish)  Level 1 Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) Pilot (Exact title still to be agreed) New Specification	See page 22 This new specification will operate as a Pilot from September 2007 and will be open to all centres nationally from September 2008.

The following specifications have been **withdrawn**.

Specification	Notes
Accounting	Last Examination was in 2006.
Archaeology	
Classical Greek	
Home Economics (Textiles)	
Latin	
Russian	
Social Science	

The following specifications are in the process of being **withdrawn**.

Specification	Notes
Foundation and Intermediate GNVQs	AQA is offering Applied GCSEs as replacements in many of the GNVQ Foundation and Intermediate subject areas.

## Changes to the AQA Suite of A Level (GCE Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced) Qualifications

All A Level specifications (except Applied GCEs and Mathematics\* and Statistics which have only recently been introduced) are due to be **revised** for courses starting in September 2008 and first certification AS in 2009 and Advanced in 2010. For information about A Level revision timescales and requirements for all Awarding Bodies see page 7.

Where possible AQA will retain two specifications in a subject but it will be necessary to convince QCA that the two are distinctly different. AQA will, however, take the opportunity of the GCE revisions to rationalise provision where appropriate ie if this proves necessary in the light of the new subject criteria.

AQA will ensure that its draft specifications, as submitted to QCA at the end of March 2007, will be made available for centres to view on the AQA Website from April 2007 and that final hard copy versions of accredited AQA specifications will be made available to centres in September 2007.

AQA will be providing Introductory Meetings for new AQA specifications between June and December 2007.

Nelson Thornes, in partnership with AQA, will be providing publications and electronic support for a large proportion of AQA's new GCE specifications.

AQA will take the opportunity of the revisions to introduce a **new Full GCE in Critical Thinking** as well as **Full GCEs in Science for Public Understanding** and **Citizenship Studies\*\*** both of which exist only as AS courses at the moment.

\* AQA has won a contract with QCA to pilot several GCSE, GCE and Free-Standing Mathematics qualifications.

\*\* The existing AS course is entitled Social Science: Citizenship.

AQA has recently **withdrawn** Classical Greek, Latin and European Studies AS.

### Summary of Changes to the AQA Suite of A Level (GCE Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced) Qualifications

The following **new** full GCE specifications are being introduced for courses starting in September 2008 and first certification AS in 2009 and Advanced in 2010.

Specification	Notes
Critical Thinking (New Full GCE Specification)	
Citizenship Studies (New Full GCE Specification) Note new title	At the moment only Free-Standing AS qualifications exist. Specifications provide suitable progression from recently introduced GCSEs in Citizenship Studies and Science respectively.
Science for Public Understanding (New Full GCE Specification)	

The following specifications have been **withdrawn**.

Specification	Notes
Classical Greek	The last examination was in 2006. Re-sit opportunities for externally assessed units only will be available in January 2007.
Latin	
European Studies - Advanced Subsidiary	

The following specification will be **withdrawn** after the 2009 examination. Information about this has recently been sent separately to centres.

Specification	Notes
Home Economics	There will be full accreditation in 2009, with a re-sit opportunity for all units except coursework in January 2010.

# **AQA Provision as at September 2006 – Entry Level Certificates, GCSE and Equivalent Qualifications and A Levels**

## **The AQA Suite of Entry Level Certificates**

Entry Level Certificates which are mainly taken by candidates unlikely to gain a grade G at GCSE, are now recognised in Achievement and Attainment Tables. See the Openquals website for further information ([www.openquals.org.uk](http://www.openquals.org.uk)).

Entry Level Certificates are being increasingly used to recognise achievement and motivate students during Key Stage 3, especially in those subjects which students may not have included in option choices for Key Stage 4. They are also becoming increasingly popular with students on vocational courses and as part of work-related learning provision for all students, now statutory at Key Stage 4. In addition they are often used in special education.

The AQA suite of Entry Level Certificates includes Entry Level Certificates in the Basic Skills subjects of Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy (which operate as On-demand Tests and are assessed differently from the other Entry Level qualifications in the suite). See below for further information about these.

AQA has introduced an Entry Level Certificate in **Italian** from September 2006 as part of the language options and is planning, subject to QCA approval, to introduce an Entry Level Certificate in **Work-related Learning and Enterprise** (title still to be agreed) from September 2007. Both are suitable as recognition at this level for achievement in work-related learning.

### **A List of Entry Level Certificates Available**

Most Entry Level Certificates have recently been revised. See '**Changes to AQA Provision**' on page 8. Last certification for all specifications which have been revised for first certification in 2007 was in 2006 (except for science where last certification of existing specifications A and B will be available in 2007). Last certification for all specifications which have been revised for first certification in 2008 will be in 2007.

**Those Certificates which are being introduced for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in June 2008 (Italian 2007) are shaded in blue. The introduction of Work-related Learning and Enterprise (exact title still to be agreed) is subject to QCA approval and will be for courses starting in 2007 and first certification in 2008. This is shaded in dark blue as a planned new addition to the suite.**

**The Unit Award Scheme column indicates those specifications which allow (or will allow in the case of Work-related Learning and Enterprise) for recognition of individual units of work for those students involved in the Scheme (See page 30).**

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Related to the AQA Unit Award Scheme	Notes
Adult Literacy		On-demand tests. No changes.
Adult Numeracy		
Art and Design (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2007. Replaces previous single specification.
Design and Technology (Revised Specification) A <b>single</b> specification with <b>two alternative pathways</b> allowing candidates to choose <b>EITHER Pathway 1: Product Design</b> (All four units from a range of specific D and T areas) <b>OR Pathway 2: Specialist Area</b> (All four units from one D and T area).	Y	Revised for first certification in 2008. Replaces previous specifications in: Electronic Products, Food Technology, Graphic Products, Resistant Materials Technology, Systems and Control Technology and Textiles Technology. These specific specialist areas will continue to be available in Pathway 2.
English (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2007. Replaces previous specifications A and B.
French (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2007. Replaces previous specifications A and B.
Geography (Revised Specification)		Revised for first certification in 2007. Replaces previous specifications A and B. This subject does not relate to the AQA Unit Award Scheme.
German(Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2007. Replaces previous single specification.
History (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2008. Replaces previous single specification.
Home Economics: Child Development (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2007. Replaces previous single specification.
Information and Communication Technology (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2007. Replaces previous specifications A and B. Useful assessment as a Basic Skill subject.
Italian (New Specification)	Y	Recently approved for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2007.
Mathematics (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2007. Replaces previous specifications A and B.
Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)	Y	No changes.
Physical Education		No changes.
Religious Studies (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2008. Replaces previous single specification.
Science (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised as part of the new AQA Science suite for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2007. Replaces previous specifications A and B which will be certificated for the last time in 2007.
Spanish (Revised Specification)	Y	Revised for first certification in 2007. Replaces previous single specification.
Work-related Learning and Enterprise (Exact title to be agreed) New Specification	Y	Planned for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008. Note also recently revised Level 1 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life and planned new Level 1 Certificate in Enterprise and Employability. See page 21.

## Entry Level Certificates in Basic Skills Subjects

AQA offers Entry Level On-demand Tests in Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy. These specifications, which were originally available to post-16 students only, are now also available pre-16 and are awarded points in the Achievement and Attainment Tables.

AQA also offers a unit-based Entry Level Certificate in ICT which can be used to recognise achievement in the Basic Skill subject of ICT. The qualification is particularly suitable for post-16 students since development staff took account of the new adult standards for ICT when developing the specification. It is also suitable for many Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students as recognition of their achievement in ICT.

All three qualifications are particularly useful as recognition of the **skills 'for' work** requirements of work-related learning.

Some centres are finding it useful to enter Teaching Assistants for these certificates (or for the Basic Skills qualifications at Levels 1 and 2) in order to improve their confidence in the basics.

The English Language Skills (ESOL) (JETSET) qualification has been withdrawn.

To summarise, AQA offers the following provision in Basic Skills subjects at Entry Level:

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Certificate in Adult Literacy	On-demand Tests. No changes.
Certificate in Adult Numeracy	
Entry Level Certificate in Information and Communication Technology (Revised Specification)	Unit-based.

## The AQA Suite of GCSE and Equivalent Qualifications

### A List of GCSE and Equivalent Qualifications Available

This list provides information about all existing specifications for courses starting in September 2006 including Short Courses and Equivalents and Applied GCSEs. A summary of the AQA Suite of Short Courses and Equivalent Qualifications can be found on page 19. A summary of the AQA Suite of Applied GCSEs (including Pilots) can be found on page 20.

GCSE English and ICT are due to be revised for courses starting in September 2009 and GCSE Mathematics for courses starting September 2010. See page 6 for more detailed information about national developments relating to GCSE qualifications. For a summary of revised, new and withdrawn GCSE and equivalent specifications see page 9.

The 'Notes' column provides information about revised and new specifications and page references where more detailed information can be found. **Those areas shaded in blue refer to new or revised specifications for courses starting in September 2006. Those areas shaded in dark blue relate to planned new specifications for courses starting in September 2007 which have yet to be approved by QCA.**

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Art and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fine Art</li> <li>• Graphic Design</li> <li>• Photography</li> <li>• Textiles</li> <li>• 3-Dimensional Design</li> <li>• Unendorsed</li> </ul>	Short Course also available.
Applied Art and Design (Double Award)	Applied.
Bengali	
Biology (New Specification)	Replaces Biology A (Modular), Biology B and Biology (Human) for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. See page 21.

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Business and Communication Systems	A <b>Pilot</b> Business Subjects and Economics Suite is planned for courses starting in September 2007. See page 21.
Business Studies Specification A	
Business Studies Specification B (Short Course also available)	
Applied Business (Double Award) Part of the Applied GCSE Suite	
Chemistry (New Specification)	Replaces Chemistry A (Modular) and Chemistry B for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. See page 21.
Citizenship Studies (Short Course only at the moment) See Notes	A <b>Pilot</b> Full Course is planned for courses starting in September 2007. Note also Social Science: Citizenship AS and planned Full GCE from September 2008 in Citizenship Studies. See page 22.
Classical Civilisation	
Design and Technology (Electronic Products)	Short Courses also available except for Product Design and Systems and Control Technology.
Design and Technology (Food Technology)	
Design and Technology (Graphic Products)	
Design and Technology (Product Design)	
Design and Technology (Resistant Materials Technology)	
Design and Technology (Systems and Control Technology)	
Design and Technology (Textiles Technology)	
Drama	
Economics	See Business Studies above.
Electronics	Available as a second GCSE award as part of the new GCSE Science entitlement. This specification has not been revised.
Engineering (Double Award)	Applied. First certification was in 2006.
English Specification A	See notes on page 2 re Achievement and Attainment Tables and on page 5 re Functional Skills.
English Specification B	
English Specification B (Mature)	
English Literature Specification A	
English Literature Specification B	
Enterprise and Employability Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in (Exact title still to be agreed) New Specification	Short Course Equivalent. This new Level 1 Short Course equivalent is planned for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008. See page 21. Note also recently revised Certificate in Preparation for Working Life (see page 22) and planned new Entry Level Certificate in Work-related Learning and Enterprise.
Environmental Science	Available as a second GCSE Award as part of the new GCSE Science entitlement. This specification has not been revised.
Expressive Arts	
French Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) New Specification	Short Course Equivalent. A <b>Pilot</b> FCSE is planned for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008. See page 22.
French Specification A	Short Course also available.
French Specification B Modular (Revised Specification)	Revised version for first certification in 2007.
General Studies	

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Geography Specification A	Short Courses also available for all three specifications.
Geography Specification B	
Geography Specification C	
German Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) New Specification	See French.
German Specification A	Short Course also available.
German Specification B Modular (Revised Specification)	Revised version for first certification in 2007.
Health and Social Care (Double Award)	Applied.
History Specification A (Based on The Schools History Project)	Short Courses also available for specifications A and B
History Specification B (Modern World)	
History Specification C (British Social and Economic History)	
Home Economics (Child Development)	
Home Economics (Food and Nutrition)	
Humanities	
Human Physiology and Health	Available as a second GCSE Award as part of the new GCSE Science entitlement. This specification has not been revised.
Information and Communication Technology Specification A	Short Courses also available. See note on page 5 re Functional Skills
Information and Communication Technology Specification B	
Applied ICT (Double Award)	Applied.
Italian Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) New Specification	See French.
Italian	Note also the recent introduction of a new Entry Level Certificate in Italian for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2007.
Law	
Leisure and Tourism (Double Award)	Applied.
Mathematics Free-Standing Units (Now allowed pre-16)	Applied. These Free-Standing units at Foundation and Intermediate Levels have only recently been allowed for use pre-16. Each unit represents 60 guided learning hours of work. See page 28 for a complete list of units.
Mathematics Specification A two tier (New Specification)	Replaces three tier for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. See page 20. See also notes on page 2 re Achievement and Attainment Tables and on Page 5 re Functional Skills.
Mathematics Specification B (Modular) two tier (New Specification)	
Applied Media Pilot Single and Double Award (New Specification)	Applied. <b>Pilot</b> examination for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in June 2008. Centres may wish to join the pilot from September 2007.
Media Studies	
Modern Hebrew	
Music	
Panjabi	
Performing Arts: Dance	
Applied Performing Arts Pilot (Single and Double Award)	Applied. <b>Pilot</b> examination since September 2004. Centres may wish to join the pilot from September 2007.

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Physical Education Specification A	Short Courses also available
Physical Education Specification B	
Physical Education (Games)	
Applied Physical Education (PE) Pilot (Single and Double Award)	Applied. <b>Pilot</b> examination since September 2005. Centres may wish to join the reserve list for this limited pilot for courses starting in September 2007.
Physics (New Specification)	Replaces Physics A (Modular) and Physics B for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. See page 21.
Polish	
Preparation for Working Life Level 1/Level 2 Certificate (Revised Specification)	Short Course Equivalent. Minor revisions (see page 22) being introduced for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. Centres following one year courses from September 2006 will need to enter candidates for the existing specification. Note also planned new Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Enterprise and Employability (exact title still to be agreed) (see page 22) and planned new Entry Level Certificate in Work-related Learning and Enterprise (exact title still to be agreed) both from September 2007.
Psychology	Available as a second GCSE Award as part of the new GCSE Science entitlement. This specification has not been revised.
Religious Studies Specification A (Christianity)	Short Courses also available for all three specifications.
Religious Studies Specification B Modular (World and Philosophical Perspectives)	
Religious Studies Specification C (World Religions)	
Science Specification A (Single Award) Multiple Choice Tests (New Specification)	These specifications replace Science: Single and Double Awards Specification A (Modular) and Science: Single and Double Awards Specification B (Co-ordinated) for courses starting in September 2006. Both specifications cover the same content and form the core Science requirement of the new POS. See page 21.
Science Specification B (Single Award) Structured Questions (New Specification)	
Science Additional (New Specification)	
Additional Applied Science (Single Award) Food, Forensic and Sport Science (New Specification)	Applied. This specification is part of the new GCSE Science suite for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. See page 21.
Applied Science (Double Award) New Specification	Applied. This specification, which has been adapted to meet the new POS for Science, replaces the previous Applied Science (Double Award) for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. See page 21.
Sociology	
Spanish Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) New Specification	See French.
Spanish Specification A	Short Course also available.
Spanish Specification B (Modular) Revised Specification	Revised version for first certification in 2007.
Statistics	Note that this qualification will not count as a Mathematics GCSE for the purposes of the Achievement and Attainment Tables from 2006 onwards.
Urdu	

## GCSE Short Courses and Applied GCSEs

### GCSE Short Courses

A list of Short Course GCSEs and equivalent qualifications is provided separately below. Centres may wish to choose one or more Short Courses from the AQA suite to meet the needs of a particular group of students. **Specifications shaded in dark blue are those where planned provision has yet to be approved by QCA. Revised/New Specifications for courses starting in September 2006 are shaded in blue.**

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Art and Design	
Business Studies B	
Citizenship Studies	Note planned new Full Course. See page 22.
Design and Technology (Electronic Products)	
Design and Technology (Food Technology)	
Design and Technology (Graphic Products)	
Design and Technology (Resistant Materials Technology)	
Design and Technology (Textiles Technology)	
Enterprise and Employability Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in (Exact title still to be agreed) New Specification	Short Course Equivalent. This new Level 1 Short Course equivalent is planned for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008. See page 22. Note also recently revised Certificate in Preparation for Working Life (see page 22.) and planned new Entry Level Certificate in Work-related Learning and Enterprise.
French Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) New Specification	Short Course Equivalent. A Pilot FCSE is planned for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008. See page 22.
French	
Geography A	
Geography B	
Geography C	
German Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) New Specification	Short Course Equivalent. See French.
German	
History A (Based on The Schools History Project)	
History B (Modern World)	
Information and Communication Technology A	
Information and Communication Technology B	
Italian Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) New Specification	Short Course Equivalent. See French.
Mathematics Free-Standing Qualifications Foundation and Intermediate (now available for use pre-16)	Short Units – 60 GLH each. Now available for use pre-16. See page 28.
Physical Education A	
Physical Education B	
Physical Education (Games)	
Preparation for Working Life Level 1/Level 2 Certificate (Revised Specification)	Short Course Equivalent. Minor revisions (see page 22) being introduced for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. Centres following one year courses from September 2006 will need to enter candidates for the existing specification. Note also planned new Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Enterprise and Employability (see page 22) and planned new Entry Level Certificate in Work-related Learning and Enterprise (exact titles still to be agreed for these) both from September 2007.

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Religious Studies A (Christianity)	
Religious Studies B Modular (World and Philosophical Perspectives)	
Religious Studies C (World Religions)	
Spanish Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) New Specification	Short Course Equivalent. See French.
Spanish	

### Applied GCSEs

AQA offers Applied GCSEs in seven subject areas (Engineering has recently been added). Note the recent revision to Applied Science (Double Award) and the introduction of a new Additional Applied Science (Single Award) as part of the new GCSE science suite both for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. **Areas shaded in dark blue relate to planned future provision. Revised/New Applied Science specifications for courses starting in September 2006 are shaded in blue**

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Applied Art and Design (Double Award)	
Applied Business (Double Award) (See Notes)	A <b>Pilot</b> Business Subjects and Economics Suite is planned for courses starting in September 2007. See page 21.
Engineering (Double Award)	First Certification was in 2006
Health and Social Care (Double Award)	
Applied Information and Communication Technology (ICT) (Double Award)	
Leisure and Tourism (Double Award)	
Additional Applied Science (Single Award) Food, Forensic and Sport Science (New Specification)	Single Award specification as part of the new GCSE Science suite. See page 21.
Applied Science (Double Award) New Specification	Revised version matching the new POS for Science. See page 21.

AQA is also piloting Applied GCSEs in three subject areas – Media, Performing Arts and Physical Education (PE). Both single award (two units - equivalent to one GCSE) and double award (four units - equivalent to two GCSEs) qualifications will be available in these. **Applied Media, new from September 2006, is shaded in blue.**

Specifications available for courses starting in 2006 for centres which have already joined the pilots and in 2007 for new Pilot centres	Notes
Applied Media Single and Double Award Pilot (New Specification)	<b>Pilot</b> examination for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. Centres may wish to join the pilot from September 2007.
Applied Performing Arts Single and Double Award Pilot	<b>Pilot</b> examination since September 2004. Centres may wish to join the pilot from September 2007.
Applied Physical Education (Single and Double Award Pilot)	<b>Pilot</b> examination since September 2005. Centres may wish to join the reserve list for this limited pilot for courses starting in September 2007.

### Additional Information re Revised and New Specifications

#### Mathematics and Science

#### Revised GCSE Mathematics for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008

All GCSE Mathematics specifications have been revised to have two rather than three tiers of assessment for first certification in 2008. The Higher tier will cover grades A\* to D and the Foundation tier will cover

grades C to G. The curriculum content is unchanged across the subject but the content in each tier has expanded to allow for the extra available grade. Full details of the content in each tier are given in the specification documents.

Teaching towards these revised qualifications commenced in September 2006 and the first two tier modules for Specification B (Modular) will be available from November 2006. From this date, it is important that candidates expecting to complete a qualification in June 2008 or later are entered for the two tier modules 1 to 4. The codes for these modules all begin with the digit 4 eg 43001/H is the Higher tier, Handling Data paper for the revised specification. UMS marks from modules 1 to 4 gained in the three tier specification can, however, be used for aggregation in the two tier specification. The final modular, three tier examinations at all tiers will be in June 2007 with the Intermediate tier only available in November 2007. In the linear specification, all three tiers will be available for the last time in June 2007 with the Intermediate and Higher available the following November.

### **GCSE Mathematics Coursework**

Centres will be aware that the Secretary of State announced the withdrawal of coursework in GCSE mathematics on 27 September 2006. AQA's revised, two tier specifications for first qualification in 2008 include coursework and coursework will continue to be part of all GCSE qualifications in Mathematics until November 2008. GCSE Mathematics qualifications from 2009 onwards will not include coursework.

AQA is currently awaiting final advice from QCA on the requirements for 2009 before developing revised linear and modular specifications and specimen material. As soon as these are available they will be published on the AQA Website and dispatched to all centres. Information on the AQA Website will be updated as the details of 2009 specifications become clear.

### **Revised GCSE Science Suite for courses starting September 2006**

Further information about changes to GCSE Science for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2007 (Specifications A and B) and 2008 (all other Specifications) can be found in a recent QCA publication 'Science: Changes to the Curriculum from 2006 for Key Stage 4' published in 2005 and available for downloading from the QCA website ([www.qca.org.uk](http://www.qca.org.uk)).

Detailed information about AQA's new Science suite can be found on the AQA Website ([www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)) in the new GCSE Sciences Community section which can be accessed via the link on the home page. Note also the availability of a Science Forum on the AQA Website. This is a pilot scheme which we hope to be able to extend to other subjects in the future.

The following GCSE Science specifications will be withdrawn after the 2007 examinations – Biology Specifications A and B and Human Biology, Chemistry Specifications A and B, Physics Specifications A and B, Science Modular Specification A single and double award and Science Co-ordinated Specification B single and double award.

It is to be noted that centres will be able to enter students for other Science courses outside the main Science suite once all students have covered the required programme of study. AQA offers GCSE courses in Electronics, Environmental Science, Human Physiology and Health and Psychology. These have not been revised.

### **Work-related Learning and Enterprise Provision**

#### **New GCSE Business Subjects and Economics Pilot Suite for courses starting September 2007**

AQA is planning to introduce a new GCSE Business Subjects and Economics Pilot Suite for courses starting in September 2007. There will be a modularised approach to assessment providing a more flexible and tailor-made approach. Content will be similar to existing GCSEs in Business Studies A and B, Economics, Business and Communication Systems and Applied Business.

### **Revised and New Level 1/Level 2 Certificates**

Both of the certificates listed below provide a useful means of recognising achievement for all students in work-related learning and enterprise which is a statutory requirement at Key Stage 4.

Each certificate is broadly equivalent to a Short Course GCSE. Centres may wish to enter students for both Certificates to enable them to achieve the equivalent of a Full GCSE for work-related learning and enterprise.

Note also the planned new Entry Level Certificate in Work-related Learning and Enterprise for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008 (subject to QCA approval).

### **Revised Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life**

The Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life (equivalent to a GCSE Short Course) has been revised slightly to include coursework and a small section on Enterprise for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2008. The existing specification which is totally externally assessed will be examined for the last time in 2007. Those centres providing a one year course from September 2006 will need to enter students for the existing specification.

### **New Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Enterprise and Employability**

AQA is planning to introduce a new Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Enterprise and Employability (title still to be agreed) for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008 (subject to QCA approval). The course, equivalent to a GCSE Short Course, could be used to provide a qualification for enterprise education and activities at Key Stage 4 and Young Enterprise schemes.

### **New Pilot Applied GCSE in Media (Single and Double Award)**

A restricted pilot is in place for courses starting in September 2006. Centres may wish to consider joining the pilot for courses starting in September 2007.

### **Pilot Applied GCSE in Performing Arts (Single and Double Award)**

This pilot has been running since September 2004. Centres may wish to consider joining the pilot from September 2007.

### **Pilot Applied GCSE in PE (Single and Double Award)**

A restricted pilot has been in place since September 2005. Centres may wish to join the pilot reserve list for courses starting in September 2007.

### **New Level 1 MFL Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) Pilot\***

This certificate, for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008 (subject to QCA approval), bridges the gap between the Entry Level Certificate and GCSE. It will certificate achievement at National Curriculum Levels 4, 5 and 6. The certificate will encompass all four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing and will be available in four languages (French, German, Italian and Spanish).

The certificate will be unitised and available through the AQA Unit Award Scheme (See page 30).

Note also the recently introduced Entry Level Certificate in Italian for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2007 as part of the MFL Entry Level Suite with French, German and Spanish.

### **New Full Course GCSE in Citizenship Studies Pilot\***

AQA is hoping to run a Pilot Full Course GCSE in Citizenship Studies for courses starting in September 2007 and first certification in 2008 (subject to QCA approval). At the moment AQA offers a GCSE Short Course only in this subject.

Note also plans to develop a Full GCE in Citizenship Studies (new title). At the moment AQA offers an AS only in Social Science: Citizenship.

\* AQA plans to introduce these qualifications nationally from September 2008 for first certification in 2009 (again subject to QCA approval).

## **The AQA Suite of A Level (GCE Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced) Qualifications**

### **A List of A Level Qualifications Available**

This list includes information about all existing specifications for courses starting in September 2006.

All A Level qualifications, excluding Applied GCEs and GCE Mathematics and Statistics, which have recently been introduced, are being revised for courses starting in September 2008. It is to be noted that revisions may also require changes to the titles of the qualifications. For more detailed information about national developments relating to Advanced Level qualifications see page 7. For information about new, revised and withdrawn specifications see page 12.

Achievement and Attainment Table points are now offered for Advanced Subsidiary qualifications which are taken early, ie at Key Stage 4.

Please note that the new Applied GCEs (a list of which can be found on page 26) are available as single and double award AS and single and double award Advanced.

**Specifications shaded in dark blue relate to planned new provision for courses starting in September 2006 (Extended Project Pilot) and September 2008 (New Full GCEs) subject to QCA approval. Please note that Home Economics is being withdrawn.**

<b>Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Accounting	
Archaeology	
Art and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unendorsed</li> <li>• Fine Art</li> <li>• Graphic Design</li> <li>• Photography</li> <li>• Textiles</li> <li>• Three-Dimensional Design</li> </ul>	
Applied Art and Design	Applied. For first certification AS 2006 Advanced 2007.
Bengali	
Biology/Biology (Human) Specification A	AEA in Biology also available from AQA. See page 26.
Biology Specification B	
Business Studies	
Applied Business	Applied. For first certification AS 2006 Advanced 2007.
Chemistry	AEA in Chemistry also available from AQA. See page 26.
Citizenship Studies (See Notes)	See under Social Science: Citizenship
Classical Civilisation	
Communication Studies	
Computing	
Critical Thinking (New Full GCE Specification from 2008)	Planned Full GCE for courses starting in September 2008.
Dance	
Design and Technology: Food Technology	
Design and Technology: Product Design	
Design and Technology: Systems and Control Technology	
Drama and Theatre Studies	
Economics	AEA in Economics also available from AQA. See page 26.
Electronics	

<b>Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006</b>	<b>Notes</b>
English Language Specification A	
English Language Specification B	
English Language and Literature Specification A	
English Language and Literature Specification B	
English Literature Specification A	
English Literature Specification B	
Environmental Science (See Notes)	Note new title 'Environmental Studies' for courses starting in September 2008
Extended Project Pilot Level 3 (New Pilot)	AQA has been awarded a contract to run the Extended Project Pilot. Please contact Sue Lewis in the Guildford Office Tel 01483 477 906 if you are interested in joining the pilot. For information re Extended Projects see page 5.
French	
General Studies Specification A	Note that a fourth objective test alternative 'Themes in European Culture' will be available for Specification A Unit 4 for first examination in June 2007
General Studies Specification B	
Geography Specification A	
Geography Specification B	
German	
Government and Politics	
Health and Social Care	Applied. For first certification AS 2006 Advanced 2007.
History	
History of Art	
Home Economics	This qualification is being withdrawn. See recent communication from the subject department. There will be full accreditation in 2009, with a re-sit opportunity for all units except coursework in January 2010.
Information and Communication Technology	
Applied Information and Communication Technology	Applied. For first certification AS 2006 Advanced 2007.
Law	
Leisure Studies	Applied. For first certification AS 2006 Advanced 2007. Replaces Leisure and Recreation.
Mathematics	First certification was in 2005. Revisions do not apply except with regard to AEA type questions.
Mathematics Free-Standing Qualifications (60 guided learning hours)	Applied. See pages 25 and 28.
Media Studies	
Modern Hebrew	
Music	
Panjabi	
Philosophy	
Physics Specification A	
Physics Specification B	
Polish	

<b>Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Psychology Specification A	AEA in Psychology first certificated in 2004. See page 26.
Psychology Specification B	
Religious Studies	
Applied Science	Applied. For first certification AS 2006 Advanced 2007.
Science for Public Understanding (See Notes)	AS only at the moment. Planned Full GCE for courses starting in September 2008.
Social Science: Citizenship (See Notes)	AS only at the moment. Planned Full GCE in Citizenship Studies for courses starting in September 2008. Note planned change of title.
Sociology	
Spanish	
Sport and Physical Education	
Statistics	First certification was in 2005. Revisions do not apply except with regard to AEA type questions.
Travel and Tourism	Applied. For first certification AS 2006 Advanced.2007.
Use of Mathematics	AS only. Related to Free-Standing Mathematics Qualifications. See below and page 28.

### **Free-Standing Advanced Subsidiary Specifications and Applied GCEs**

#### **Free-Standing Advanced Subsidiary Specifications**

At the moment, AQA offers three free-standing Advanced Subsidiary qualifications namely **Science for Public Understanding, Social Science: Citizenship and Use of Mathematics**. These were introduced to broaden the curriculum offer post-16. They are proving popular both as contrasting and as complementary Advanced Subsidiary qualifications and are being increasingly used at Key Stage 4.

Achievement and Attainment Tables now include points for Advanced Subsidiary qualifications taken early.

Since the introduction of Citizenship as a compulsory requirement at Key Stage 4, the AS in Social Science: Citizenship provides a useful means of progression. Science for Public Understanding AS is also likely to become more popular after the introduction of the new GCSE Science suite which includes a core GCSE based on a similar approach to Science. Some centres enter their whole year group for either the Social Science: Citizenship AS or the Science for Public Understanding AS.

Note: Full GCEs are planned for these two options from September 2008. The title of the Social Science: Citizenship specification will change to become Citizenship Studies.

The AS in Use of Mathematics was introduced as a useful means of recognising achievement for students not taking the standard Advanced Mathematics courses. The qualification is made up of two of the four Advanced Free-Standing Mathematics Qualifications listed on page 29 plus the 'Applying Mathematics' unit.

#### **List of Free-Standing Advanced Subsidiary Specifications for Courses Starting September 2006**

<b>Specifications available for Courses starting in September 2006</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Science for Public Understanding	Planned introduction of Full GCEs from September 2008. Note the planned new title for Social Science: Citizenship – Citizenship Studies.
Social Science: Citizenship	
Use of Mathematics	Note relationship to FSMQs. See page 29.

## Applied GCEs

Applied GCEs replaced AVCEs for courses starting September 2005 and first certification in 2006 AS and 2007 Advanced. Please note that these specifications are not being revised for courses starting in September 2008 as they have only recently been introduced. A list of Applied GCEs is provided below.

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Applied Art and Design (Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Single and Double Award)	
Applied Business (Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Single and Double Award)	
Health and Social Care (Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Single and Double Award)	
Applied Information and Communication Technology (Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Single and Double Award)	
Leisure Studies (Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Single and Double Award)	This qualification replaces VCE Leisure and Recreation. AQA is the only Awarding Body offering both the Single and Double Award Advanced.
Applied Science (Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Single and Double Award)	
Travel and Tourism (Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Single and Double Award)	

## Advanced Extension Awards

Advanced Extension Awards are offered by all the Awarding Bodies on a shared basis. AQA offers four of these – see below. A list of relevant Awarding Bodies can be found on the QCA website ([www.qca.org.uk](http://www.qca.org.uk)).

It is intended that these qualifications will disappear once AEA type questions are introduced into all A Level examinations from September 2008. See page 8.

This list provides information about those Advanced Extension Awards available from AQA for courses starting in September 2006.

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Biology	Offered by AQA on a shared basis. Psychology was examined for the first time in 2006.
Chemistry	
Economics	
Psychology	

## New Extended Project Pilot

AQA has been awarded a contract to run the Extended Project Pilot from autumn 2006. Please contact Sue Lewis in the Guildford Office Telephone: 01483 477 906 if you are interested in joining the pilot. For information re Extended Projects see page 5.

## AQA Provision as at September 2006 – Other Qualifications and Assessment Schemes

### Basic Skills - Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy Levels 1 and 2

Basic skills subjects are available as Entry Level Certificates and Basic Skills Level 1/Level 2 qualifications. Basic Skills qualifications are now available pre-16 and are awarded Achievement and Attainment Table points. Achievement and Attainment Tables from 2006 will include information about achievement in Basic and/or Key Skills for those students who have achieved in both Literacy/Communication and Numeracy/Application of Number. (See page 2). Basic Skills provide a useful means of assessing the skills needed 'for' work as part of the work-related learning and enterprise requirement at Key Stage 4.

Some centres looking for Level 1 qualifications for some of their students may wish to combine a Level 1 in a Basic Skill subject with AQA's recently revised Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life (broadly equivalent to a GCSE Short Course) (See page 22) or with the planned new Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Enterprise and Employability being introduced from September 2007 (see page 22).

Centres will be able to meet many of the work-related learning statutory requirements by following such courses.

It will also be possible in future to combine a Basic Skill Level 1 qualification with a Level 1 Foundation Certificate in Secondary Education (FCSE) in a Modern Foreign Language being introduced from September 2007 (see page 22).

Some centres may wish to enter Teaching Assistants for Basic Skills qualifications in order to provide them with additional confidence in the basics.

Basic Skills at Levels 1 and 2 consist of multiple choice tests and are available as follows:

Specifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Adult Literacy	There are plans for Basic Skills to be replaced by Functional Skills – see page 5.
Adult Numeracy	

Note:

- The Basic Skills Tests act as proxies for the Key Skills Tests.
- There is no Basic Skill qualification in ICT, though adult standards for ICT have already been published.

### Key Skills Levels 1-4

#### The Main Key Skills

Achievement and Attainment Tables from 2006 will include information about achievement in Basic and/or Key Skills for those students who have achieved in both Literacy/Communication and Numeracy/Application of Number. (See page 2).

The Main Key Skills are available as separate units as follows:

Qualifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Application of Number	There are plans for the Main Key Skills to be replaced by Functional Skills – see page 5. The term 'Functional Skill', however, does not appear appropriate at Levels 3 and 4.
Communication	
Information and Communication Technology	

At Levels 1 and 2 these consist of multiple choice tests and a portfolio. The multiple choice tests used are the same as those used for the Basic Skills in Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy. The Basic Skills Tests act as proxies for the Key Skills Tests.

At Levels 3 and 4 these consist of a test and portfolio.

## The Wider Key Skills

The Wider Key Skills are available as separate units as follows:

Qualifications available for courses starting in September 2006	Notes
Improving Own Learning and Performance	These may become part of planned provision relating to Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills (See page 5).
Problem Solving	
Working with Others	

At Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 these consist of a portfolio only. They are now awarded Achievement and Attainment Table points and will be awarded UCAS points from summer 2007.

These qualifications provide suitable recognition of achievement in employability skills required as part of the Key Stage 4 statutory requirement for work-related learning and enterprise.

It is expected that the Wider Key Skills will be included as part of any requirements for Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills (see page 5).

### Free-Standing Mathematics Qualifications (FSMQs) Levels 1–3\*

#### Foundation and Intermediate Levels

These qualifications, which are each **equivalent to 60 Guided Learning Hours (GLH)**, were originally introduced for use post-16 but QCA has recently agreed that they can now be used pre-16. Although not officially GCSEs in terms of size, these qualifications are available at Levels 1 and 2. The free-standing units are treated as qualifications in their own right, ie each unit of work is certificated separately. Achievement and Attainment Table points will be available for them from June 2007. FE funding is available from the LSC. FSMQs are particularly suited for the following groups of students:

- Those who are unable to gain a full GCSE in mathematics but who are capable of achieving a smaller qualification relating to a specific aspect of mathematics, usually at Foundation or Intermediate Levels
- Those who require mathematical understanding specific to their studies at whatever level, such as financial literacy for citizenship or business studies
- Those who take GCSE mathematics early and wish to continue studying mathematics but who are not necessarily aiming to achieve a full AS qualification.

The following units/qualifications can be achieved as free-standing units:

Qualifications/Units available for courses starting in September 2006	Level
Managing Money	Foundation (Level 1)
Working in two- and three- Dimensions	
Making Sense of Data	
Calculating Finances	Intermediate (Level 2)
Handling and Interpreting Data	
Using Algebra, Functions and Graphs	

The following FSMQs at Intermediate Level have been **withdrawn**.

Qualifications/Units	Notes
Solving Problems in Shape and Space	These qualifications have been withdrawn after the 2006 examination.
Making Connections in Mathematics	

## Advanced Level

These Level 3 Advanced free-standing units can be achieved as separate units or as part of the Advanced Subsidiary qualification in **Use of Mathematics** (see page 25). UCAS points are available for individual units on a scale equivalent to one third of AS study. FE funding is available from the LSC.

Qualifications/Units available for courses starting September 2006	Notes
Using and Applying Statistics	
Working with Algebraic and Graphical Techniques	
Modelling with Calculus	
Using and Applying Decision Mathematics	Additional FSMQ for courses starting in September 2006 and first certification in 2007.
Applying Mathematics	Advanced Subsidiary Unit to be added to create an AS in Use of Mathematics.

\* AQA has won a contract with QCA to pilot several GCSE, GCE and Free-Standing Mathematics qualifications.

## Vocationally-related Qualifications (VRQs) in Counselling (Levels 2, 3 and 5) and Electronics

### Counselling

AQA offers the following VRQs in Counselling at Level 2. The On-demand Test can be taught pre-19 in schools. Other VRQs in Counselling are usually taught post-19 in FE Colleges, HE Institutions and by Private Training Organisations.

Qualification	Notes
The Intermediate Certificate in Introduction to Counselling Concepts (Level 2)	On-demand Test. Available pre-19.
The Intermediate Certificate in Counselling Skills (Level 2)	Available post-19. On the Section 97 List.

AQA offers the following VRQs in Counselling at Levels 3 and 5.

Qualification	Notes
Advanced Certificate in Counselling (Level 3)	These are available post-19 only and are on the Section 97 List. The Higher Diploma in Counselling Practice has recently been introduced for first certification in 2006
Advanced Diploma in Counselling (Level 3)	
The Higher Diploma in Counselling Practice (Level 5)	

### Electronics

AQA also offers an On-demand Test in Electronics.

Qualification	Notes
Test in Electronics	Please note that this is not a QCA approved qualification. It is not recognised in Achievement and Attainment Tables.

## **Access to Higher Education Courses**

AQA is an Authorised Validating Agency (AVA) for the following Access to Higher Education courses:

- Level 3 Access Courses which are available to adults post-19, usually in FE Colleges, who do not possess traditional Level 3 qualifications. These specially designed courses allow them to prepare for and gain entry to Degree and other Higher Education Programmes
- Level 3 International Foundation Programmes which are available for overseas students under 19. These study routes are equivalent to Access courses and are accepted for entry to many Higher Education Programmes
- Level 2 pre-Access courses. These courses are specifically designed for adults who require preparatory study before commencing an Access course
- GCSE equivalents. Students follow AQA approved courses in English, Mathematics and Science at Level 2 which allows AQA to confirm that the students have reached a standard equivalent to GCSE Grade C or above, for the purposes of Initial Teacher Training.

AQA Access to Higher Education Scheme are holding Information and Advice Meetings in the Spring Term 2007. The meetings will provide opportunities to discuss the benefits of AQA validation of new or existing Access to Higher Education provision within your college. Venues – Bristol, Birmingham, London, Manchester and York.

If you require further information about the AQA Access to Higher Education Scheme contact:  
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## **The AQA Unit Award Scheme**

This Scheme, which is not a qualification, provides formal recognition of achievement in short programmes of work or activity at all levels and for all abilities.

The scheme provides a useful means of recognising achievement in a range of areas including, for example, work-related learning, PSHE and Citizenship, Basic Skills and extra curricular activities.

It also provides a useful means of recognising achievement in Special Education.

Centres can write their own units or use ready-made units for any area of work or activity. Ready-made units can be free-standing units developed by other centres in the Scheme or the units which form part of the unit-based AQA Entry Level Certificates (see page 14).

Visit the relevant pages of the AQA Website ([www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)) for a list of available units. Free-standing units are on the Unit Award Scheme pages while Entry Level units can be found in the relevant Entry Level specifications.

## Contact Information

For more detailed information about qualifications and/or Introductory/Support meetings, please log on to the AQA Website ([www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)) or contact the relevant department.

Information regarding who to contact for specific enquiries can be found in the AQA publication 'Contacting AQA' (last updated September 2006) available to download from the AQA Website.

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