

About Ofqual
Who we are and what we do

We are **independent** of
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directly to Parliament



We regulate a broad range of qualifications in England, including GCSEs, AS and A levels. Other regulators exist for the devolved nations of the UK.



We are independent of government and report directly to Parliament, although we do work within the context of government policy. Government decides the national curriculum used by primary and secondary schools, the qualifications that can be offered in schools, and the accountability framework by which schools are evaluated. It also determines the vocational qualifications that can be taught in schools and colleges, and the framework for qualifications used in apprenticeships.

We regulate around 160 awarding organisations who between them award around 13,000 different qualifications. We regulate so that these qualifications are valid and can be trusted, and so that new GCSEs, AS and A levels and other key qualifications are of the required standard.



GCSEs



AS & A levels



Vocational
qualifications