

KS4 Communication

New City & Guilds KS4 Level 2 Technical Awards on 2024 Performance Tables



For new learners starting in September 2022, please ensure that you register on the new qualifications to ensure that you are using the most up-to-date versions, which will count in the 2024 Performance Tables. These qualifications will be available for registrations from 1 August 2022 on Walled Garden.

Please note: The City & Guilds qualification numbers and the QNs have changed, but the titles of the qualifications remain the same. There have been no content changes to any of the new Technical Awards

City & Guilds number	QN	Technical Qualification title	First reg date	First assessments	Last reg date	Last cert date
0170-24	610/0652/X	City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Land Based Studies	1 Aug 2022	Summer 2024	1 Aug 2025	31 Aug 2028
3038-24	610/0656/7	City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Hair and Beauty Studies				
6720-24	610/0657/9	City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Constructing and Maintaining the Built Environment				

There are a number of new features in the updated Technical Awards. These have been introduced to meet new design principles set out by the Department for Education (DfE) and to ensure compliance and approval for the 2024 Performance Tables.

- There will no longer be a Spring exam series - instead there will be a Summer and Autumn exam series
- There will be a paper-based version of the exam only, and a synoptic assignment
- The 'Terminal assessment' rule will apply.

For the KS4 2024 Performance table qualifications, Ofqual introduced the requirement for a 'terminal rule' relating to the examination which specifies:

"An assessment by examination must be taken at the end of a pupil's course of study ("terminal assessment") and this must contribute at least 40% of the total marks available for the qualification. Ofqual's QLCs require that pupils must use towards their final overall grade the result of the assessment by examination sat in the series in which they are completing the course. This should typically lead to candidates sitting the assessment by examination at the end of year 11."

For the updated Technical Awards, due to their assessment structure, this means that both the examination and synoptic assessment must take place at the end of the programme. Details of assessment dates will be published in the assessment and examination timetable. To allow candidates to certificate within the KS4 year if they fail the examination on their first attempt, we have amended the grading arrangements (see Grading section in the qualification handbook); removing the requirement to pass the assessments for certification.

Qualification approval

These new qualifications have new QNs and POs numbers, and meet the new rules set by DfE. However, as the content for assessment has not changed, the centre requirements for approvals means that if, as a centre, you already have approval for the current versions, there will be automatic approval onto the new versions.

For all new centres, or those that have not offered the KS4 Technicals Awards previously, centre and/or qualification approval will be required following the normal process.

Qualification handbooks

These have been published to the relevant qualification page on the City & Guilds website.

Sample assessments

Sample assessments will be available from 1 August 2022 on the relevant qualification page on the website.

Reminder:

City & Guilds KS4 Level 2 Technical Awards – closed

Below is a reminder of the KS4 Technical Qualifications that have closed for registrations and their end certification dates:

City & Guilds number	QN	Technical Qualification title	Last reg date	Last cert date	Last assessments
1145-20	601/7241/1	Level 2 Technical Award in Engineering	31.07.21	31.12.23	Summer 2023
6106-20	601/7244/7	Level 2 Technical Award in Cookery and Service for the Hospitality Industry			
4292-20	603/0310/4	Level 2 Technical Award in Vehicle Technology			
6720-22	601/7246/0	Level 2 Technical Award in Designing and Planning the Built Environment			
5220-20	601/7242/3	Level 2 Technical Award in Digital Technologies			

City & Guilds KS4 Level 2 Technical Awards

The following Level 2 Technical Awards will be closing for registrations this summer. These versions will **not** count towards the 2024 Performance Tables (PT).

City & Guilds number	QN	Technical Qualification title	Last reg date	Last cert date	Last assessments
0170-20	601/7240/X	City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Land Based Studies	31.07.22	31.12.24	Summer 2024
3038-21	601/7247/2	City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Hair and Beauty Studies			
6720-21	601/7245/9	City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Award in Constructing and Maintaining the Built Environment			

Any learners currently on programme on these Technical Awards **must** be registered prior to the last registration date. For learners on the current qualifications, and who are due to certificate in 2023, please ensure that they continue on their current qualification and are not switched part-way to the new qualifications because the first assessment series for the new versions are not until summer 2024.

For the above Technical Awards, the final assessment opportunity for the theory examination and synoptic assignment are given in the tables above. There will be **no further assessment opportunities** after those stated.