

Update on qualification funding status and nested delivery (England only)

The DfE have recently announced their intentions with respect to some legacy qualifications that they will stop funding from 1 August 2020, and also delivery models whereby a smaller qualification is 'nested' within a larger qualification.

Review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below

Following the review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below in England, the Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed its decision to withdraw funding approval from older, pre-existing qualifications where an equivalent mapped redeveloped qualification existed for inclusion in 2020 performance tables.

The City & Guilds pre-existing land-based qualifications directly impacted are (in the red columns) the qualifications in the green column will still be funded:

Pre-existing qualification number	Pre-existing qualification title	Mapped redeveloped qualification number	Mapped redeveloped qualification title
50083880	City & Guilds Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Agriculture	60174481	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Agriculture
50084872	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture	60174511	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture (720)
50084896	City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Countryside Management	60175643	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (1080)
50084902	City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture	60174596	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture (1080)
50085608	City & Guilds Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Countryside Management	60175576	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife Management
60060487	City & Guilds Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Agriculture	60174523	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture (540)

60061133	City & Guilds Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Countryside Management	60175588	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (540)
5008561X	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Countryside Management	60175655	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (720)
5010682X	City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Land-based Technology	60174638	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land-based Engineering (1080)
50082796	City & Guilds Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Animal Management	60175187	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management
50082802	City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management	60175497	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)
50083211	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Animal Management	60175503	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720)
50087083	City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management	6017187X	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080)
50087095	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Horse Management	60171868	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (720)
50087149	City & Guilds Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Horse Management	60171844	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Equine Management
60061121	City & Guilds Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Animal Management	60175205	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540)
60061145	City & Guilds Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Horse Management	60171856	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management (540)
50065038	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Floristry	60174444	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Floristry (540)
50083843	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture	60174559	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture (720)
50083855	City & Guilds Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Horticulture	60174535	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Horticulture
50087204	City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	60175175	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture (1080)
50087241	City & Guilds Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	60175072	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture
60061157	City & Guilds Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Horticulture	60174560	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horticulture (540)

5008401X	City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture	60174547	City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture (1080)
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Learners starting these City & Guilds pre-existing land-based qualifications from 1 August 2020 will not be funded through:

- 16 to 19 study programmes
- level 3 legal entitlement (funded through the AEB, irrespective of where the learner resides in England)
- advanced learner loans (loans)
- European Social Fund (ESF)

The DfE will continue to fund learners who started studying these pre-existing qualifications **before 1 August 2020**, until they complete the qualification, or they reach the qualification's certification end date, whichever happens sooner.

"Nested" pre-existing qualifications

The DfE have also considered the use of these pre-existing qualifications where they are 'nested' within a larger qualification suite. This means that a learner who achieves the smaller qualification can use it to count towards achieving the larger qualification in the same suite. e.g. learners undertaking a 90-credit diploma and then topping up to a 1080 Extended Diploma in the following year.

From 1 August 2020, any learner who started a smaller pre-existing qualification listed above in the 2019 to 2020 funding year will not be able to progress to a larger pre-existing qualification within the suite in 2020 to 2021, and still be funded. This is because the DfE will not approve the pre-existing qualifications for funding from 1 August 2020.

The DfE do not want to disadvantage these learners, so have put in place a transfer process for these nested pre-existing qualifications. This process is only available for the 2019 to 2020 funding year.

In the 2019 to 2020 funding year, providers should make both of the following points clear to their learners:

1. learners will not be able to progress to a larger qualification in the following year, once they have claimed a smaller qualification
2. learners have the option to start on a larger qualification in their first year and claim certification for a smaller qualification

E.g., If a learner starts on a 1080 Extended Diploma qualification in the first year and chooses not to progress to the second year, the provider can claim certification for that learner for a smaller qualification in the same suite, such as 360 or 540. The provider can only do this if the learner has met the rules of combination for the smaller qualification claimed and achieved it in the first year.

Providers may already have learners who have applied to start a smaller qualification in 2019 to 2020, or who have already started a smaller qualification. Providers should tell these learners that they will not be able to progress to a larger qualification in 2020 to 2021 and still be funded. Providers should give them the option to enroll on the larger qualification at the start of the 2019 to 2020 funding year.

Therefore, providers delivering pre-existing qualifications listed above that are part of a suite of nested qualifications in the 2019 to 2020 funding year, are strongly encouraged to start the learners on the larger qualification. The learners must also agree to enroll on the larger qualification.

If a learner meets the rules of combination for a smaller qualification within the 2019 to 2020 funding year, they can choose not to progress to the second year of the larger qualification. In these cases, providers can claim certification for the smaller qualification.

This process applies to:

- 16 to 19 study programmes
- level 3 legal entitlement (funded through the AEB, irrespective of where the learner resides in England)
- loans.

Providers accessing ESF support are advised to seek specific clarification from the relevant government department.

This updated funding guidance does not impact City & Guilds Technical Qualifications (in the green columns in the table above) delivery or funding.

For the full guidance and further information please visit: [gov.uk/government/publications/qualifications-getting-approval-for-funding](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/qualifications-getting-approval-for-funding)