

## Important Technical Qualification update

**Key Stage 4 (KS4) update**

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently published [new technical guidance on 2023 performance table requirements](#). This guidance applies to all Technical Awards for first teaching in September 2021. As part of this guidance we have four Technical Awards **listed below** that do not meet the requirements and, therefore we will not be submitting them for inclusion in the 2023 performance tables.

Based on this reason, the last registration date for the awards will be **31 July 2021**.

Qualification number	Technical Qualification title	Last registration date	Last certification date
1145-20 601/7241/1	Level 2 Technical Award in Engineering	31.07.21	31.12.23
6106-20 601/7244/7	Level 2 Technical Award in Cookery and Service for the Hospitality Industry	31.07.21	31.12.23
4292-20 603/0310/4	Level 2 Technical Award in Vehicle Technology	31.07.21	31.12.23
6720-22 601/7246/0	Level 2 Technical Award in Designing and Planning the Built Environment	31.07.21	31.12.23

As schools and further education colleges select their options for GCSE and Technical Awards in year 9, we are notifying you now so that you can plan for this with enough time to consider your September 2021 curriculum.

For the Performance Tables inclusion, KS4 learners will need to have achieved a grade by summer 2022. We will provide an opportunity for learners to re-sit their theory exam or synoptic assignment (if eligible) in the following academic year.

Please be assured that these withdrawals will not take place until **31 July 2021**.

**Technical Qualifications for Key Stage (KS5) update**

As part of our dedication to the provision of high-quality technical education, we regularly review and monitor the performance and take-up of our qualifications. Following our review, we have identified some Technical Qualifications with either low or no numbers of registrations, and for this reason the last registration date will be **31 July 2020**.

See the enclosed list for details of the qualification titles and the last registration end dates

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**Please note, the last assessment sitting will be the summer prior to the last certification date.**

We understand the disappointment and inconvenience that this may cause to you and your learners. Our decision to discontinue these qualifications is based on the low registration numbers. We will continue to support you to ensure all learners registered onto one of these qualifications has the opportunity to complete their qualification. However, we will no longer accept any new learner registrations after the last registration date.

**Level 2 Land-based qualifications**

From September 2020 the Level 2 Technical Certificates in Land-based on-demand exams will no longer be available as part of the offer for Technicals.

We will continue to offer dated paper and dated on-line exams as part of our offer for Level 2 Technical Certificates in Land-based.

**Get in touch**

If you have any questions or concerns about this update, please contact our Technicals Quality team:

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