

FAQS

FUNDING CHANGES IN ENGLAND AND LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS 2012

Can my school or college continue to offer Level 3 Cambridge Technicals 2012?

Yes. Students can be registered for Level 3 in September 2019 and will continue to be funded through to completion. There are no indications at this stage that Level 2 funding will be removed before September 2023.

If a student starts in September 2019 on a smaller version of a 2012 Level 3 Cambridge Technical, can they 'top up' to a larger version in the following year?

We don't have any further information about the ability to top up a qualification in Year 2. Until we have further guidance, it may be safer to register students on the largest size qualification.

Why did OCR extend Level 3 2012 Cambridge Technicals if funding was being withdrawn?

As our 2012 Cambridge Technicals were due to expire on 31 August 2019, we took the decision to apply for an extension for these qualifications with the regulator. At this stage we were aware they would be reviewing Level 3 qualifications but there was no indication of an intended timeline for the removal of funding for specific pre-existing qualifications.

In July 2019, the DfE will announce which of these pre-existing qualifications will no longer be eligible for funding. For the qualifications affected, the final teaching cohort will need to be registered before August 2020

What support is OCR going to provide for schools and colleges moving to the 2016 suite?

We're keen to support all our schools and colleges to make the move as easily as possible and we're planning a series of forums and webinars. We'll be in touch after the Easter holidays with details of these.

I understand these changes come before a wider review of funding of post 16 qualifications in England. Does this mean we can expect even more changes in the future?

The government has announced a wide-ranging review of post 16 vocational qualifications in England with a view to reducing the number of qualifications it currently funds. Ahead of the review, the DfE has begun a two-stage consultation process which will close at the end of this year. We expect the review process itself to begin later in 2020 although no withdrawals of funding will take place before 2023 at the earliest.

More information about this significant review is available [here](#).

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