

Changes in the factors used in the benchmarks 2012/13

UKPITG 13/13

Issue

1. In 2012/13 new qualifications have been added to the UCAS tariff and changes have been made to the JACS subject coding frame. Both of these factors are included in the UK Performance Indicator (UKPI) benchmarks. The changes to these factors are outlined below.

Recommendation

2. Group the new tariff qualifications into the UKPI entry qualification groups as proposed below. Retain the HESA standard JACS subject area groups.

Discussion

3. The qualifications listed below have been included within tariff calculations from 2012/13.

4. Within the UKPI entry qualification groups, BTEC qualifications are grouped separately from the other qualifications, it is therefore proposed that the new BTEC qualifications are grouped with the rest of these qualifications.

5. Students with specified grade combinations of A-levels, Highers, Advanced Highers or VCEs are grouped according to their grade combinations within the UKPI entry qualifications. All other students with level 3 tariff bearing qualifications, excluding those with International Baccalaureates and BTECs, are grouped based on their total tariff score. For these students it is proposed that the new qualifications are included within the total tariff score calculations which is consistent with standard tariff calculation (XTARIFF) used by HESA.

6. The following table lists the new tariff qualification and the proposed UKPI entry qualification categorisation.

| Code | Qualification | Proposed entry qualification group for UKPIs |
|------|---|--|
| 0B | BTEC Lvl 3 Award Group A (NQF/ASL) | BTEC |
| 1C | BTEC Lvl 3 Award Group B (NQF/ASL) | |
| 2C | BTEC Lvl 3 Award Group C (NQF/ASL) | |
| 3C | BTEC Certificate Group A (NQF/ASL) | |
| 4B | BTEC Certificate Group B (NQF/ASL) | |
| 4C | BTEC Lvl 3 National Certificate (NQF/CQF) | |
| 5B | BTEC Certificate Group C (NQF/ASL) | |
| 6B | BTEC Certificate Group D (NQF/ASL) | |
| 7B | BTEC Lvl 3 Diploma Group A (NQF/ASL) | |
| 8B | BTEC Lvl 3 Diploma Group B (NQF/ASL) | |
| 9B | BTEC Lvl 3 Diploma Group C (NQF/ASL) | |
| B5 | BTEC National Award (NQF) | |
| B6 | BTEC National Certificate (NQF) | |
| B7 | BTEC National Diploma (NQF) | |

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| BB | BTEC Lvl 3 Extended Certificate (NQF/ASL) | | |
| BD | BTEC Lvl 3 National Award (NQF/CQF) | | |
| BF | BTEC Lvl 3 National Diploma (NQF/CQF) | | |
| BI | BTEC Lvl 3 Foundation Diploma 120 (QCF/FAD) | | |
| BJ | BTEC Lvl 4 Foundation Diploma 120+ (QCF/FAD) | | |
| BT | BTEC Lvl 3 Cert (= 50% of National Award 28-36) (QCF/CQF) | | |
| BU | BTEC Lvl 3 Subsidiary Dip (was National Award 60+) (QCF/CQF) | | |
| BV | BTEC Lvl 3 Diploma (was National Certificate 120+) (QCF/CQF) | | |
| BW | BTEC Lvl 3 Extended Dip (was National Dip. 180+) (QCF/CQF) | | |
| BX | BTEC Lvl 3 Foundation Diploma (NQF/FAD) | | |
| BY | BTEC Lvl 3 Extended Certificate (NQF/ASL) | | |
| BZ | BTEC 90 Credit Diploma (QCF) | | |
| CW | Cache Extended Diploma for Children & young people workforce | | Include within the total tariff score calculations (XTARIFF) and allocate to tariff bands |
| G6 | Graded Dance Grade 6 | | |
| G7 | Graded Dance Grade 7 | | |
| G8 | Graded Dance Grade 8 | | |
| R1 | Music Practitioner Extended Diploma | | |
| R2 | Music Practitioner Diploma | | |
| R3 | Music Practitioner Subsidiary Diploma | | |
| R4 | Music Practitioner Extended Certificate | | |
| R5 | Music Practitioner Certificate | | |
| VF | Vocational Dance Advanced Foundation | | |
| VI | Vocational Dance Intermediate | | |

7. From 2012/13, the coding frame for subject has moved over from JACS 2.0 to JACS 3.0. These have been mapped to the same subject area groups and should be comparable across years. Therefore there is no reason to amend the subject groups used within the UKPI benchmarks.

Recommendation: Retain the subject groups used within the UKPI benchmarks and map the new tariff qualifications to the entry qualification groups as proposed above.

Further information

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