

Level 3 Cycles	Reformed Qualifications	Date of First Teaching
Cycle 1	Alternative academic qualifications (large and small) Small AAQs in: ICT practitioners, Health and social care, Science, Medicine and dentistry, Nursing and subjects and vocations allied to medicine, Engineering. Small AAQs by exception in: Building and Construction, Child development and well-being, Direct learning support, Teaching and lecturing.	September 2025
	Technical qualifications Occupational entry and additional specialist technical qualifications in: Construction and the Built Environment; Digital; Education and Early Years; Engineering and Manufacturing; and Health and Science.	
Cycle 2	Alternative academic qualifications (large and small) Large and small AAQs in all SSAs that were not part of Cycle 1, including those which do not align to an occupational route such as Performing arts. Technical qualifications Employer proposed and occupational progression qualifications in: Construction and the Built Environment; Digital; Education and Early Years; Engineering and Manufacturing; and Health and Science.	September 2026
Cycle 3	Alternative academic qualifications (large and small) Business as usual approvals for alternative academic qualifications in any SSA. Technical qualifications	September 2027



Employer proposed and occupational progression qualifications in all remaining routes. Business as usual approvals for any technical qualifications in any route.