# New GCEs in Vocational Subjects

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**Ideal for candidates who do not want to take a purely academic-style GCE, this new suite of qualifications presents the best of both worlds, by offering a respected GCE qualification that encompasses a 'real-world' vocational approach.**

Encompassing a wide range of AS and A2 Level units, the awards are flexibly structured to enable candidates to choose units that fit their skills, interests and ambitions. At AS GCE Level, single (three units) and double (six units) awards are available. At GCE Level, single (six units) and double (twelve units) awards are available. Grades are awarded from A – E for single awards and AA – EE for double awards.

The awards offer significantly more vocationalism than current VCEs and are designed to offer better progression from GCSEs in vocational subjects. Using work-related contexts, innovative teaching and assessment methods, the new awards offer a broad introduction to vocational areas and are designed to provide a progression route into both higher education and employment related training.

## Subjects

- Applied Art and Design
- Applied Business
- Applied ICT
- Applied Science
- Health and Social Care
- Leisure Studies
- Performing Arts
- Travel and Tourism

## Assessment

As with other GCEs, AS units and A2 units are equally weighted and in the GCE awards, each level forms 50% of the total assessment. Aggregation within and across units, means that candidates can fail a unit but still pass overall. Each unit requires 60 guided-learning hours.

Assessment is by a combination of external tests and portfolio evidence. Some subjects also have external derogated portfolio assessment which is OCR set, teacher marked and OCR moderated.

## Start Date

The qualifications are available for first teaching from September 2005 – AS Level only for the first year. First AS assessment is in January 2006, (first AS GCE certification June 2006). First A2 assessment is in January 2007, (first GCE certification June 2007).

## To find out more

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