

STRAND 2: CURRICULUM AND QUALIFICATIONS

ITEM	NATIONAL	EAST OF ENGLAND	OTHER
<p>Qualifications reform programme</p>	<p>The new strategy for 14-19 qualifications (31 March 2008) – the full green paper: http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/publications/14-19qualifications/pdfs/14-19Qualifications.pdf</p> <p>The new strategy for 14-19 qualifications – Summary: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/Summary%20doc%20Promoting%20Achievement%20valuing%20success%20-%20a%20strategy%20for%2014-19%20qualifications.pdf</p> <p>Consultation responses (closes 23 June 2008): http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1539</p> <p>The DSCF webpage on qualification reform: http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=3</p> <p>The homepage of the UK Vocational Qualifications Reform Programme (UKVQRP): http://www.dius.gov.uk/vqreform/index.html</p> <p>QCA 14-19 http://www.qca.org.uk/14-19/ QCA presentation: http://livegroup.co.uk/qcaannualreview/documents/MCCFINAL.doc</p> <p>Consultation on (a) establishing an independent regulator for qualifications and tests, and(b) a developmental role for the QCA. Consultation ends March 2008: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=3&pid=368&ctype=TEXT&ptype=Single</p> <p>The National Database of Accredited Qualifications:</p>		<p>Nuffield Review of 14-19 Education and Training, England and Wales: a recent Paper on other European VET experience (2008): http://www.nuffield14-19review.org.uk/cgi/documents/documents.cgi?t=template.htm&a=181</p> <p>and</p> <p>(1) Issues Paper 1: The New 14-19 Diplomas, Nov. 2007. (2) Engaging Youth Enquiry Jul 2007 – Oct 2008. Briefing Sept 2007. http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/</p>

	<p>http://www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk/index.aspx</p> <p>Qualifications and Credit Framework: http://www.qca.org.uk/qca_8150.aspx</p> <p>Evaluation of the first year of trials: http://www.qca.org.uk/libraryAssets/media/qca-07-3380_qcf_year_1_report.pdf http://www.qca.org.uk/libraryAssets/media/qca-07-3355_QCF_Executive_Summary_web.pdf</p> <p>Qualification Reform Support Programme: http://www.grsp.org.uk/</p> <p>UK Vocational Qualifications Reform Programme: http://www.grsp.org.uk/defioftheover/</p>		
The Diploma	<p>A good starting point: http://www.qca.org.uk/qca_13911.aspx</p> <p>or: http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/</p> <p>Essential background reading in the White Paper 'Raising Skills, Improving Life Chances' http://www.dfes.gov.uk/publications/furthereducation/docs/6514-FE%20White%20Paper.pdf</p> <p>Information for young people and parents/carers: http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/</p> <p>QCA links to sites about individual Diplomas (Diploma Development Partnerships): http://www.qca.org.uk/qca_13916.aspx</p> <p>QCA Achievement and Attainment Table points: http://www.qca.org.uk/qca_15536.aspx</p> <p>Diploma qualifications on the National Database of Accredited Qualifications: http://www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk/DiplomaCatalogue</p>	<p>Eastern England region Regional coordinators for Eastern England are: Linda Bostock, SSAT Regional Diploma Coordinator, email: linda.bostock@ssatrust.org.uk Jan Emery, Nord Anglia Regional Coordinator, email: jan.emery@qiaproject14-19.org</p> <p>The Gateway 2 (Sept 2009) results for East of England (19/3/08): http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19/documents/g2_ee_grid.doc</p> <p>Details of regional workforce development: http://www.specialistschools.org.uk/vocationallearning/diploma/regional/default.aspx</p>	<p>House of Commons Ed and Skills Committee: 14-19 Diplomas (2007): http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmselect/cmmeduski/249/249.pdf</p> <p>In January 2008, The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) released an interesting analysis of 14-19 qualifications from the independent schools' perspective: http://www.hmc.org</p>

	<p>Selection.aspx</p> <p>The press release announcing a new Extended Diploma (7/3/08): http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0044 Edexcel's policy watch doc on the Extended Diploma: http://www.edexcel.org.uk/VirtualContent/95085/_18_Extended_Diploma_March_2008.pdf</p> <p>Workforce development: Details of the national Diploma support programme: http://www.specialistschools.org.uk/vocationallearning/diploma/ppsa.aspx and the associated VLE: http://www.diploma-support.com/vle/introduction.html</p>		<p>uk/publications/14-19-CURRICULUM-JAN08.pdf</p> <p>Leaflet on Diplomas produced for employers (Nov 2007): http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/documents/Employers%20leaflet%20Nov07.pdf</p>
Apprenticeships	<p>Websites with good introductions : http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/OptionsAt16/DG_4001327</p> <p>http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/</p> <p>http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/14to19/vocationaloffer/Apprenticeships/youngapprenticeships/</p> <p>The results of the Apprenticeship Review (January 2008). The full report: http://www.dius.gov.uk/publications/world_class_apprenticeships.pdf and information for employers: http://www.dius.gov.uk/publications/britains_talent.pdf</p> <p>Ofsted's Evaluation of Young Apprenticeships (YA) 2004-07: http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/assets/Internet_Content/Shared_Content/Files/2007/dec/youngapprent.pdf</p> <p>Review of equal opportunities in YAs: http://www.employment-studies.co.uk/pdflibrary/444.pdf</p>	<p>E.g. Ipswich YA trial: http://www.ssda.org.uk/ssda/default.aspx?page=3097</p>	<p>Recent Nuffield papers on 14-19 apprenticeships: http://www.nuffield14-19review.org.uk/files/documents173-1.pdf http://www.nuffield14-19review.org.uk/files/documents174-1.pdf</p> <p>Watch the PM talk to Young Apprenticeships: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kBLz4UPVmA</p> <p>DCSF/IES</p>

	<p>“Strategy for Programme led Apprenticeships in England 2007 to 2010” http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/2D284A02-25B6-434F-A5B0-3198DED79A4B/0/ProgrammeLedApprenticeshipStrategy200710.pdf</p> <p>Policy summary Apprenticeships – pre apprenticeships https://newintranet.lsc.gov.uk/doccentre/National/Resources/BusinessPerformanceDevelopment/Policy%20Summary%20template%2008.09%20Apprenticeships%20-%20Pre%20Apps%20(2%20of%203).doc</p> <p>LSC website for National Requirements Document http://217.160.210.43/lsc_campaignresources/cat2_assets.asp?CAT2_ID=465&BRND_ID=27</p> <p>Policy summary Apprenticeships for employees all ages https://newintranet.lsc.gov.uk/doccentre/National/Resources/BusinessPerformanceDevelopment/Policy%20Summary%20template%2008.09%20Apprenticeships%20-%20Pre%20Apps%20(2%20of%203).doc https://newintranet.lsc.gov.uk/doccentre/National/Resources/BusinessPerformanceDevelopment</p>		<p>Research – “Building on Young Apprenticeships” (2007) http://www.employment-studies.co.uk/pdflibrary/444.pdf</p>
<p>Foundation Learning Tier (FLT)</p>	<p>The QCA web pages: http://www.qca.org.uk/qca_8153.aspx</p> <p>The main LSC web page: http://qfr.lsc.gov.uk/flt/about/ and LSC support is available via: http://qfr.lsc.gov.uk/flt/support/</p> <p>LSC prospectus for Progression Pathways: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/national-prospectusprogressionpathways-dec07.pdf</p> <p>The latest FLT Project Briefing:</p>	<p>Providers have access to a special extranet support: http://www.foundationlearningtier.org.uk/extranet/</p>	<p>The GHK report of September 2007: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/FLT_Summary_Report.pdf</p>

	<p>http://www.qca.org.uk/libraryAssets/media/Foundation_learning_tier_project_briefing_3.pdf</p> <p>The QIA support pages: http://www.foundationlearningtier.org.uk/</p>		
Functional skills	<p>A clear exposition from QCA: http://www.qca.org.uk/libraryAssets/media/qca-07-3170_functional_skills.pdf</p> <p>QCA introductory web page: http://www.qca.org.uk/qca_6062.aspx</p> <p>The relevant DCSF web page: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?ctype=None&pid=225&ptype=Contents&sid=3</p> <p>Information about the Functional Skills Support Programme: http://www.lsneducation.org.uk/functionalskills/</p>		
Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTS)	<p>The QCA main webpage on PLTS: http://curriculum.qca.org.uk/skills/plts/index.aspx</p>		
A revised secondary curriculum	<p>The DCSF starting point: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=37&pid=312&ctype=TEXT&ptype=Single</p> <p>Key components on the QCA website: http://curriculum.qca.org.uk/subjects/index.aspx</p>		
Changes to A Levels	<p>OCR Presentation: http://www.actiononaccess.org/?p=2_3_12</p>		
Changes to GCSEs	<p>The DCSF starting point: http://www.children.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=3&pid=230&ctype=TEXT&ptype=Single</p>		

International Baccalaureate	The definitive website: http://www.ibo.org/		<p>Article from the Independent: http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/schools/international-baccalaureate-a-better-preparation-for-university-403599.html</p> <p>Article from the Telegraph: http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/main.jhtml?xml=/education/2007/11/10/fabac110.xml</p> <p>From the Nuffield 14-19 review: http://www.nuffield14-19review.org.uk/files/documents/176-1.pdf</p>