

Weightings by LDCS subject classification

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1. Table 1 gives the most likely weighting factor for learning aims (except for A levels and GCSEs), as determined by the aim's LearnDirect Classification System (LDCS) code.
2. Some learning aims may attract a different weighting factor to others in the same LDCS stem grouping, where the delivery incurs greater costs.
3. Individual qualifications should be checked against the latest version of LARA.
4. The weightings for A level and GCSE subjects are given in table 2.
5. If anomalies in weighting are identified, the Funding team should be notified by e-mailing cvhfundingqueries@ypla.gov.uk. If the LDCS classification appears to be incorrect, please contact the Data Service: servicedesk@thedata-service.org.uk.

Table 1: LDCS code and typical weighting

LDCS stem	LDCS title	Most likely weighting
A	Business/management/office studies	
AA	Business/finance	A
AB	Management (general)	A
AC	Public administration	A
AD	International business studies	A
AE	Enterprises	A
AF	Management skills (specific)	A
AG	Management planning and control systems	A
AJ	Human resources management	A
AK	Financial management/accounting	A
AL	Financial services	A
AM	Call centres	A
AY	Office skills/administration	A
AZ	Typewriting/shorthand/secretarial skills	A

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LDCS stem	LDCS title	Most likely weighting	
B	Sales marketing and retailing		
BA	Marketing/public relations	A	
BB	Export/import/European sales	A	
BC	Retailing/wholesaling/distributive trades	A	
BD	Retailing: specific types	A	
BE	Sales work	A	
BF	E-commerce	A	
C	Information technology and information		
		Entry and level 1	Level 2 and 3
CA	Information and communications technology (general)	A	B
CB	Computer science	B	C
CC	Using software	A	B
CD	Information work/information use	A	A
CE	Libraries/librarianship	A	A
CJ	Computer technology	B	C
CK	Computer science/computer systems	B	C
CL	Software engineering	B	C
CM	Computer operations	B	C
CN	Computer use	A	B
CP	Using software and operating systems	A	B
CQ	Using text/graphics/multimedia software	A	B
CR	Using Internet software	A	B
CS	Software for specific subjects/industries	A	B
CX	Information work/information use	A	A
CY	Information systems/management	B	C
CZ	Libraries/librarianship	A	A
D	Humanities		
DA	Humanities/general studies/combined studies	A	
DB	History	A	
DC	Archaeology	B	
DD	Religion	A	

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LDCS stem	LDCS title	Most likely weighting
DE	Philosophy	A
DF	Classics	A
E	Politics/economics/law/social sciences	
EA	Government/politics	A
EB	Economics	A
EC	Law	A
ED	Social sciences	A
EE	Social studies	A
F	Area studies/cultural studies/languages/literature	
FB	Culture/gender/folklore	A
FC	Literature	A
FJ	Linguistic studies	A
FM	Area/diaspora studies	A
FN	Languages	A
G	Education/training/teaching	
GA	Education/training/learning (theory)	B
GB	Teaching/training	B
GC	Teaching/training: specific subjects	B
GD	Education/school administration	B
GF	Careers/education guidance work	B
H	Family care/personal development/personal care and appearance	
HB	Personal and self-development	A
HC	Career change/access	A
HD	Basic skills	F
HE	Personal finance/consumerism/rights	A
HF	Parenting/carers	A
HG	People with disabilities: skills/facilities	B
HH	Crisis/illness/self-help	A
HJ	Personal health/fitness/appearance	A
HK	Therapeutic personal care	C
HL	Hair/personal care services	C
J	Arts and crafts	
JA	Art studies	C
JB	Art techniques/practical art	C

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JC	Design (non-industrial)	C
JD	Museum/gallery/conservation skills and studies	B
JE	Collecting/antiques	B
JF	Arts and crafts: leisure/combined	B
JG	Decorative crafts	B
JH	Decorative metal crafts/jewellery	C
JK	Fashion/textiles/clothing (craft)	C
JL	Fabric crafts/soft furnishings	C
JP	Wood cane and furniture crafts	D
JR	Glass/ceramics/stone crafts	C
K	Communication/media/publishing	
KA	Communication/media	A
KB	Communication skills	A
KC	Writing (authorship)	A
KD	Journalism	A
KH	Print and publishing	D
KJ	Moving image/photography	C
L	Performing arts	
LA	Performing arts (general)	B
LB	Dance	B
LC	Theatre and dramatic arts	B
LD	Variety circus and modelling	B
LE	Theatre production	C
LF	Music history/theory	B
LG	Music of specific kinds/cultures	B
LH	Music performance	E
LJ	Music technology	D
LK	Music technology/production	D
M	Sports games and recreation	
MA	Sports studies/combined sports	B
MB	Air sports	B
MC	Water sports	B
MD	Athletics, gymnastics and combat sports	B
ME	Wheeled sports	B

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MF	Winter sports	B
MG	Ball and related games	A
MH	Country/animal sports	E
MJ	Indoor games	B
N	Catering/food/leisure services/tourism	
NA	Hospitality/catering (general)	C
NB	Food/drink services	C
NC	Catering operations	C
ND	Hospitality operations	C
NE	Baking/dairy/food and drink processing	C
NF	Cookery	C
NG	Home economics	C
NH	Food science/technology	B
NK	Tourism/travel	A
NL	Leisure/sports facilities work	A
NM	Country leisure facilities work	E
NN	Arts/culture/heritage administration	A
P	Health care/medicine/health and safety	
PA	Health care management/health studies	B
PB	Medical sciences	B
PC	Complementary medicine	B
PD	Paramedical services/supplementary medicine	A
PE	Medical technology/pharmacology	B
PF	Dental services	B
PG	Ophthalmic services	B
PH	Nursing	B
PJ	Semi-medical/physical/psycho-/therapies	B
PK	Psychology	A
PL	Health and safety	B
PR	Social/family/community work	B
PS	Crisis support/counselling/advice work	B
PT	Caring skills	B
PV	First aid	B

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Q	Environment protection/energy/cleansing/security	
QA	Environmental protection/conservation	B
QB	Energy economics/management/conservation	B
QC	Pollution/pollution control	B
QD	Environmental health/safety	B
QE	Cleansing	B
QG	Funerary services	A
QH	Security/police/armed forces	A
QJ	Fire and rescue services	B
R	Sciences and maths	
RA	Science	B
RB	Mathematics	A
RC	Physics	B
RD	Chemistry	B
RE	Astronomy/space science	B
RF	Earth sciences	B
RG	Land and sea surveying/cartography	C
RH	Life sciences	B
RJ	Materials science	B
RK	Agricultural science	B
RL	Pathological sciences	B
S	Agriculture/horticulture/animal care	
SA	Agriculture/horticulture (general)	E
SC	Crop protection/fertilisers/by-products	E
SD	Crop husbandry	E
SE	Gardening/floristry	E
SF	Amenity horticulture	E
SG	Forestry/timber production	E
SH	Animal husbandry	E
SJ	Fish production/fisheries	E
SK	Agricultural/horticultural engineering/farm machinery	D
SL	Agricultural/horticultural maintenance	E
SM	Rural/agricultural business organisation	B

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SN	Veterinary services	D
SP	Pets/domestic animal care	A
SQ	Land-based studies	E
T	Construction and property (built environment)	
TA	Built environment (general)	C
TC	Property: surveying/planning/development	A
TD	Building design/architecture	B
TE	Construction	C
TF	Construction management	C
TG	Building/construction operations	C
TH	Building maintenance/services	C
TJ	Interior design/fitting/decoration	C
TK	Construction site work	C
TL	Civil engineering	C
TM	Structural engineering	C
V	Services to industry and commerce	
VD	Quality and reliability management	A
VE	Industrial control/monitoring	C
VF	Industrial design/research and development	C
VG	Engineering services	C
VH	Facilities management	A
VJ	Contracting (business/industry)	A
W	Manufacturing/production work	
WA	Manufacturing (general)	C
WB	Manufacturing/assembly	C
WC	Instrument making/repair	C
WD	Testing measurement and inspection	C
WE	Chemical products	B
WF	Glass/ceramics/concretes manufacture	C
WG	Polymer processing	C
WH	Textiles/fabrics (industrial)	D
WJ	Leather footwear and fur	D
WK	Woodworking/furniture manufacture	C
WL	Paper manufacture	C
WM	Food/drink/tobacco (industrial)	C

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X	Engineering	
XA	Engineering/technology	C
XD	Metals working/finishing	C
XE	Welding/joining	D
XF	Tools/machining	C
XH	Mechanical engineering	C
XJ	Electrical engineering	C
XK	Power/energy engineering	C
XL	Electronic engineering	C
XM	Telecommunications	C
XN	Electrical/electronic servicing	C
XP	Aerospace/defence engineering	C
XQ	Ship and boat building/marine/offshore engineering and maintenance	C
XR	Road vehicle engineering	C
XS	Vehicle maintenance/repair/servicing	C
XT	Rail vehicle engineering	C
Y	Oil/mining/plastics/chemicals	
YA	Mining/quarrying/extraction	C
YB	Oil and gas operations	C
YC	Chemicals/materials engineering	B
YD	Metallurgy/metals productions	C
YE	Polymer technology	C
Z	Transport/logistics/warehousing	
ZM	Logistics	A
ZN	Purchasing/procurement and sourcing	A
ZP	Distribution	A
ZQ	Transport services	A
ZR	Aviation	A
ZS	Marine transport	A
ZT	Rail transport	A
ZV	Road transport	A
ZX	Driving/road safety	A

Table 2: LDCS code and weighting for A levels and GCSEs

	Most likely programme weighting factor
GCE A-levels, GCE AS-levels, GCSEs and short-learning aim GCSEs, with the exception of those listed below	A
Agricultural science	B
Applied physics	B
Archaeology	B
Art and design	B
Astronomy	B
Biology	B
Botany	B
Building studies	B
Catering	B
Chemistry	B
Communications studies	B
Computer science	B
Craft and design	B
Dance	B
Design and technology	B
Drama	B
Earth science	B
Electronics	B
Engineering	B
Engineering and technology	B
Environmental science	B
Fashion and textiles	B
Film studies	B
Geography	B
Geology	B
Graphical communication	B
Home economics	B
Human biology	B
Information studies	B
Information technology	B

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Land surveying	B
Marine navigation	B
Media studies	B
Meteorology	B
Motor vehicle	B
Moving image arts	B
Music	B
Performing arts	B
Photography	B
Physics	B
Psychology	B
Science	B
Social biology	B
Textiles	B
Theatre studies	B
Zoology	B