

Subject:**APPROVAL OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION
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- Principals and Boards of Governors of all grant-aided post-primary schools and special schools with secondary departments;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools; and
- Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment.

Summary of Contents:

This Circular is concerned with the approval of qualifications for which pupils of compulsory school age will be prepared in grant-aided schools from September 2002.

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1. Since the issue of Circular 2003/6 (Approval of Qualifications for Examination in Summer 2005, published on 9 April 2003), the Department has received information which requires an addendum circular to be published. It has been decided that Jet Set, AQA's Certificate in English Language Skills (ESOL) should be included for pupils taking examinations in this subject in **2004** and **2005**.
2. Under the provisions of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, the Department must approve all courses leading to an external qualification provided for pupils of compulsory school age in grant-aided schools in Northern Ireland. **Any school wishing to provide a course for examination in 2005 which does not appear on either Circular 2003/6 or this addendum should contact Curriculum and Qualifications Branch without delay.**

ADDENDUM TO CIRCULAR 2002/9 AND 2003/6

3. Appendix 3 of each circular should be amended to **include** the following **course**:

AWARDING BODY	LEVEL	SUBJECT TITLE – CERTIFICATE IN
AQA	Levels 1, 2 & 3	English Language Skills (ESOL)

4. Appendix 4 of each circular should also be amended to **include** the following **course**:

AWARDING BODY	LEVEL	SUBJECT TITLE
AQA (ESOL)	Certificate	English Language Skills Level 1

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