

RSL Checkpoint 24/25

What is the Checkpoint?

The checkpoint is part of Ofqual's VTQ Action Plan. Its key purpose is to identify learners who are expecting a result in the summer and ensure they receive that result on time. RSL's registration process means that learners who are registered to complete in the current academic year will be considered as expecting a result.

Timeline for results from Ofqual

Awarding organisations will work with schools and colleges to identify which students need a result on or before results days in August for progression to further or higher education. A term time checkpoint identifying learners expecting a result will be completed before the main GQ exam season begins in May.

Results for these qualifications will be issued to students on or before A level/Level 3 results day and GCSE/Level 2 results day, as appropriate. Awarding organisations will release these to schools and colleges in advance, to give sufficient time for exams officers to check and prepare them for final release.

RSL embargoed results will be released to centres **Thursday 7th August 2025**.

The key dates calendars include this checkpoint and are available [here](#).

Qualifications in scope

Ofqual have concluded:

- all Level 1 and 2 **performance tables** qualifications are in scope
- all Level 3 qualifications with minimum guided learning hours (GLH) of 180GLH and 16 UCAS points, both performance tables and non-performance tables are in scope

Ofqual have also allowed awarding organisations to include other qualifications that they identify should be in scope.

For **RSL qualifications**, the following qualifications are in scope and centres delivering them will need to complete the actions set out in this guidance:

- 601/7681/7 RSL Level 2 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts.
- all Level 3 qualifications across all subject areas (listed at the end of this document)

Level 3 Award size qualifications do not have a minimum GLH of 180 but are being included as they could be used for progression.

For a flow chart to help to see whether your centre is in scope, please refer to the 'RSL Checkpoint Summary for Centres 2425' document.

Qualifications out of scope

- All non-performance tables qualifications for Levels 1, 2, 4 and 5 are out of scope.

We do, however, strongly encourage centres delivering these qualifications to complete checks to ensure all learner data is accurate.

Centres delivering to a non-standard academic year where learners are not expecting a result by the published results day are **not in scope**, as the action plan is concerned with learners who are expecting to achieve a result in the summer.

What do centres with qualifications in scope need to do?

There is **one** checkpoint with **two** key tasks.

- 1) Checking of learner registrations
- 2) Identifying a Senior Designated Contact (SDC)

1) *Checking of learner registrations*

The purpose of this activity is:

- for centres to thoroughly check their registrations to ensure all learners they are expecting to achieve a result in the summer are registered to do so
- for centres to highlight to RSL where learners will not be achieving and the reason why
- for centres to highlight to RSL learners who have a UCAS application in progress

Guidance for what is considered 'expecting a result'

This refers to learners who, if everything goes as planned, you are expecting will receive a result in the summer.

If you have learners who you are hoping will achieve but you are unsure about e.g. poor attenders, difficult personal circumstances etc., please still indicate that they are expecting a result.

If a learner changes their mind after this checkpoint, or if it becomes clear the learner will need a smaller size qualification, please let us know via the vocational@rslawards.com email address.

Results are dependent on all quality processes taking place, as in a usual year.

For a flow chart to help to see the process for checking learner registrations, please refer to the 'RSL Checkpoint Summary for Centres 2425' document.

The centre should check the list to see that all learners they are expecting to receive a result in August 2025 are included, and then follow the steps shown on the next page, dependent on the outcome.

Our key dates calendars reflect that this check will need to be completed by **Thursday 8th May 2025** <https://www.rslawards.com/vocational-qualifications-dates-fees/key-dates-forms/>

Completing the checkpoint

Generate report

Please note you must have an active account on the cloud.rslawards.com that is linked to your centre to access this section of the site.

To access the Checkpoint report:

- login to cloud.rslawards.com
- hover over your name on the top-right corner of the screen and select 'Reports' from the drop-down menu
- Click on 'View' next to 'Checkpoint Registrations' from the list of reports presented
- Select the current assessment year (2024/5) from the drop-down menu and click 'Search Certifying Registrations'.

This will present all learners who are in scope for the Checkpoint this year.

Where all registrations are accurate:

- Complete the checkpoint form on the site
- Centres will need to identify learners with a UCAS application in this form so please ensure that information is available.

Where registrations are inaccurate/missing:

- If a learner is included where the centre is *not* expecting a result in the summer, please indicate why not in the column next to the learner name.
- Centres will need to identify learners with a UCAS application in this form so please ensure that information is available.
- If learner's are missing who you believe should be registered, a late registration will need to be applied for. Details [here](#)



2) Identifying a Senior Designated Contacted (SDC)

Centres must:

- Provide, and keep up to date, details of a Senior Designated Contact (SDC) from each centre who has the authority to access information and progress decisions swiftly.
- **This is an escalation point so this cannot be the Quality Representative (QR)**, who is already our first point of contact.
- We would recommend keeping the SDC the same across all awarding organisations that your centre works with.

Please provide the details of the SDC using this web form – [Senior Designated Contact details](#) by **Thursday 8th May 2025** at the latest.

For a flow chart to help to decide who is appropriate to be the Senior Designated Contact, please refer to the 'RSL Checkpoint Summary for Centres 2425' document.

UCAS applications

Ofqual expects the following to happen:

- RSL to issue a complete and accurate set of results for certificating learners to UCAS by its deadline
- Actively monitor progress towards results days and the issuing of results to UCAS
- Make appropriate use of data received from UCAS about student admissions in order to track which students are seeking to progress via UCAS. This data should then be reconciled with data received from centres and action should be taken to resolve any inconsistencies or gaps.

We have asked for learners with a UCAS application to be identified in the checking exercise and this will allow us to cross reference with data sent to us from UCAS.

What happens if a centre does not respond to the checkpoint requests

In terms of any missed deadline, the first point of response would always be to contact the Quality Representative at the centre to ascertain what has happened. Should we not receive a response within the requested time frame, this will be escalated to the Senior Designated Contact at the centre.

If this contact is still unsuccessful in providing the required information, an investigation will be conducted into the centre in line with our malpractice policy.





Qualifications in scope

Creative Art and Design	
603/6472/5	RSL Level 3 Award in Creative Art and Design
603/6474/9	RSL Level 3 Certificate in Creative Art and Design
603/6475/0	RSL Level 3 Extended Certificate in Creative Art and Design
603/6476/2	RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Creative Art and Design
603/6478/6	RSL Level 3 Diploma in Creative Art and Design
603/6479/8	RSL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Art and Design

Creative and Performing Arts	
601/7681/7	RSL Level 2 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts
601/8200/3	RSL Level 3 Certificate in Creative and Performing Arts
601/8201/5	RSL Level 3 Extended Certificate in Creative and Performing Arts
603/6467/1	RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts
601/8616/1	RSL Level 3 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts
601/7682/9	RSL Level 3 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts
601/8617/3	RSL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts
601/7683/0	RSL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts





Creative Digital Media	
603/4301/1	RSL Level 3 Award in Creative Digital Media
603/4299/7	RSL Level 3 Certificate in Creative Digital Media
603/4300/X	RSL Level 3 Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media
603/4302/3	RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Creative Digital Media
603/4303/5	RSL Level 3 Diploma in Creative Digital Media
603/4304/7	RSL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media

Creative Industries Practitioners	
603/6335/6	RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma for Creative Industries Practitioners
603/6341/1	RSL Level 3 Diploma for Creative Industries Practitioners
603/6342/3	RSL Level 3 Extended Diploma for Creative Industries Practitioners

Creative Music Industry	
603/5393/4	RSL Level 3 Award in the Creative Music Industry
603/5394/6	RSL Level 3 Certificate in the Creative Music Industry
603/5395/8	RSL Level 3 Extended Certificate in the Creative Music Industry
603/5396/X	RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in the Creative Music Industry
603/5397/1	RSL Level 3 Diploma in the Creative Music Industry
603/5398/3	RSL Level 3 Extended Diploma in the Creative Music Industry



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QUALIFICATIONS**Music Practitioner**

600/6607/6	RSL Level 3 Certificate For Music Practitioners
600/6611/8	RSL Level 3 Extended Certificate For Music Practitioners
600/6613/1	RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma for Music Practitioners
601/7691/X	RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma for Music Practitioners
600/6609/X	RSL Level 3 Diploma For Music Practitioners
600/6612/X	RSL Level 3 Extended Diploma For Music Practitioners
601/7693/3	RSL Level 3 Extended Diploma For Music Practitioners

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