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## DfE APPROVED IMI QUALIFICATIONS



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*The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) is the leading awarding organisation for automotive learning and development. We play a vital role in developing and maintaining a skilled, competent and professional workforce, while keeping pace with evolving automotive technologies.*

IMI offers a broad range of DfE approved qualifications, ranging from Light Vehicle and Motorsport, to Accident Repair and Heavy Vehicle. These qualifications provide a genuine alternative to traditional academic routes, such as GCSE and A Level. Our DfE approved qualifications recognise technical and professional education, by enabling learners to gain the key knowledge and skills required by employers. All Key Stage 5 students will actively engage with automotive employers during their course, which helps to bridge the gap between education and employment.

## KEY STAGE 4 (14 – 16 YEARS)

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/performance-tables-technical-and-vocational-qualifications](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/performance-tables-technical-and-vocational-qualifications)

Technical Awards are included in the 14 - 16 Performance Tables. These are broad, high-quality Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications that equip students with applied knowledge and associated practical skills. These qualifications fulfil entry requirements for both academic and vocational study post 16, alongside GCSEs.

## KEY STAGE 5 (16 – 19 YEARS)

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The 16 - 19 Performance Tables detail Technical Certificates and Technical Levels.

Technical Certificates are rigorous Level 2 qualifications that equip post-16 learners with specialist knowledge and skills, enabling entry to employment (within sectors where employers recognise entry at this level), or are required for progression to a Technical Level.

Technical Levels are precise Level 3 qualifications for post-16 learners that wish to specialise in a specific industry or occupation. These qualifications equip individuals with the specialist knowledge and skills to enable entry to employment, or progression to a related higher education course.

According to UCAS information, IMI Technical Level qualifications included in the DfE Performance Tables will now automatically be considered for Tariff points. For information about the UCAS Tariff, visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

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For information about the IMI Qualifications that have received DfE approval, visit [www.theimi.org.uk/awarding](http://www.theimi.org.uk/awarding), or call 01992 511521.

If you have queries about the DfE Performance Tables, visit [www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/reform.html](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/reform.html) for further information.