

Qualifications on Entry - A Silver bullet?

The Problem

Gathering and recording Qualifications on Entry (QOE) is beset with issues. Undoubtedly, the PLR (Personal Learning Record) has helped considerably, but QOE information may not be immediately available in September, and there may be delays in obtaining and recording the information.

Compounding the issue, QOE may be recorded in ways that make it difficult to collate and utilise. A multitude of differing codes and Learning Aims may be used. The numerous different ways in which grades can be recorded compounds the complexity.

GCSEEL	GCSE English Literature	GCSE English Literature	4/5
GCSESci	GCSE Science	GCSE Science	4
GCSEGeog	GCSE Geography	GCSE Geography	5
GCSEMed	GCSE iMedia	GCSE iMedia	L2D
GCSESpt	GCSE Sport BTEC	GCSE Sport BTEC	L2D
GCSESpan	GCSE Spanish	GCSE Spanish	5
60047793	BTEC First Award in Sport		*
60142923	GCSE (9-1) in English Lang...		5

Couple all of this with a necessity to gather QOE quickly to generate target grades and define starting points multiplied across thousands of students; and it can quickly turn into quite a headache.

The Solution

Matching up...

OneGrade already knows about thousands of Qualification and Grade combinations, so when you import your QOE, OneGrade can set to work straight away with a large proportion of your QOE.

	Academic Year ID	Student Ref	Surname	Forenames	Date of Birth	Gender	Entry Learning Aim Ref	Title	Original Grade	Grade	Date Awarded	Entry Learning Aim Type Title	Size	Ofqual Grading Scale	NVQ Level
Details	20/21	AG	Andrew	Genner	03/08/2003		60142923	GCSE (9-1) in English Lang...	5	5		GCSE	1.00	9/8/7/6/5/4/3/2/1	2
Details	20/21	AG	Andrew	Genner	03/08/2003		60047793	BTEC First Award in Sport	*	D*		BTEC First Award (L1/2)	1.00	P/M/D/D*	2
Details	20/21	AG	Andrew	Genner	03/08/2003		GCSEEL		4/5	4		GCSE			
Details	20/21	AG	Andrew	Genner	03/08/2003		GCSESci		4	4		GCSE			
Details	20/21	AG	Andrew	Genner	03/08/2003		GCSEGeog		5	5		GCSE			
Details	20/21	AG	Andrew	Genner	03/08/2003		GCSEMed		L2D	D		GCSE			
Details	20/21	AG	Andrew	Genner	03/08/2003		GCSESpt		L2D	D		GCSE			
Details	20/21	AG	Andrew	Genner	03/08/2003		GCSESpan		5	5		GCSE			

The imported QOE mapped to Entry Types and Grades

For those QOE codes it can't recognise, you can map these to a particular type (GCSE, Level 2 Certificate, Level 2 Diploma etc.). Similarly, you can map any un-recognised grades. And these are all remembered for next time.

...and filling in the gaps

Where a Student has no QOE, with the click of a button, OneGrade will create an average QOE score based upon the average QOE scores for students taking the same qualification(s).

This is a practical and reasonable short-term assumption because in the main, all students taking the same qualification will be at or above the same entry requirement. Therefore, students with missing QOE will be given a target grade based on this average. Later, as missing Qualls on Entry are gathered, the QOE Points will be recalculated based on actual QOE.

Acade Year ID	Stude Ref	Surname	Forenames	Date of Birth	QOEPointsGCSEOnly	QOEPointsAll	Updated manually in GUI	Updated automatic with Avg Points
20/21	AnG	Another	Genner	02/01/2004	3.63	4.69	True	True

Generating Avg Points for a student with no QOE