



Subject Benchmark Statements

List of statements available on the QAA website

Subject Benchmark Statements describe the nature of study and the academic standards expected of graduates in specific subject areas. They show what graduates might reasonably be expected to know, do and understand at the end of their studies.

Subject Benchmark Statements are available for bachelor's degrees with honours, master's degrees, and professional qualifications in Scotland. Statements for health professions are now out of date but available on request.

Below is a full list of the Subject benchmark Statements available on our website:

www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements

Bachelor's degrees with honours

Accounting (2019)
Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Food and Consumer Sciences (2019)
Anthropology (2019)
Archaeology (2014)
Architectural technology (2019)
Architecture (2020)
Area Studies (2019)
Art and Design (2016)
Biomedical science (2019)
Biosciences (2019)
Business and Management (2019)
Chemistry (2019)
Classics and Ancient History (including Byzantine Studies and Modern Greek) (2019)
Communication, Media, Film and Cultural Studies (2019)
Computing (2019)
Counselling and psychotherapy (2013)
Creative Writing (2019)
Criminology (2019)
Dance, Drama and Performance (2019)
Dentistry (2002)
Dietetics (pre-registration) (2019)
Early childhood studies (2019)
Earth sciences, environmental sciences and environmental studies (2019)
Economics (2019)
Education Studies (2019)
Engineering (2019)
English (2019)
Events, Hospitality, Leisure, Sport and Tourism (2019)
Finance (2019)
Forensic science (2012)
Geography (2019)

Health Studies (2019)
History (2019)
History of Art, Architecture and Design (2019)
Housing studies (2019)
Landscape Architecture (2019)
Land, Construction, Real Estate and Surveying (2019)
Languages, Cultures and Societies (2019)
Law (2019)
Librarianship, Information, Knowledge, Records and Archives Management (2019)
Linguistics (2019)
Materials (2017)
Mathematics, Statistics and Operational Research (2019) - Annex to Mathematics, statistics and operational research to cover integrated master's degrees (2009)
Medicine (2002)
Music (2019)
Optometry (2019)
Osteopathy (2019)
Paramedics (2019)
Philosophy (2019)
Physics, Astronomy and Astrophysics (2019)
Politics and International Relations (2019)
Psychology (2019)
Social Policy (2019)
Social Work (2019)
Sociology (2019)
Theology and religious studies (2019)
Town and Country Planning (2019)
Veterinary Nursing (2019)
Welsh (2016)
Youth and Community Work (2019)

Master's degrees

Architecture (2010)
Business and Management (2015)
Chemistry (2019)
Computing (2019)
Counselling and Psychotherapy (2013)
Criminology (2014)
Dentistry (2002)
Dietetics (pre-registration) (2017)
Engineering (2020)
Forensic Science (2012)
Librarianship, Information, Knowledge, Records and Archives Management (2019)
Mathematics, Statistics and Operational Research (MMath) (2015)
Medicine (2002)
Optometry (2019)
Pharmacy (MPharm) (2002)
Physics (2008)

Professions in Scotland

Benchmark statements for qualifying awards for professions in Scotland have been developed by QAA, the relevant professional body and the Scottish Government.

These are currently under review.

Career Guidance and Development (2014)
Clinical Psychology and Applied Psychology (Clinical Associate) Scotland (2006)
The Standard for Childhood Practice (2007)
Midwifery (2009)
Nursing (2009)
Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (2008)

Healthcare professions

The following Subject Benchmark Statements for Healthcare Professions are now out of date and have been removed from our website. Please refer to the relevant PSRB for current professional standards and competencies.

Audiology (2006) Arts
Therapy (2004) Clinical
Psychology (2004) Clinical
Sciences (2004)
Dental Care Professions (2005)
Health Visiting (2001)
Midwifery (2001)
Nursing (2001)
Occupational Therapy (2001)
Operating Department Practice (2004)
Orthoptics (2001)
Physiotherapy (2001)
Podiatry (2001)
Prosthetics and Orthotics (2001)
Radiography (2001)
Speech and Language Therapy (2001)