

Arts Award: qualification information

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Arts Award is a national qualification which recognises how young people aged 25 years and under can develop as artists and arts leaders. Arts Award is a personal learning programme which develops and assesses both arts-related and transferable skills, such as creativity, communication, planning and leadership.

Arts Award Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold are on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF), with Discover being a non-regulated introductory level. Arts Award qualifications* are regulated by [Ofqual](#) (Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) in England, [CCEA Regulation](#) in Northern Ireland and by [Qualifications Wales](#). The awarding organisation is Trinity College London. Trinity College London is the awarding organisation for Arts Award and manages the qualification in association with Arts Council England. Arts Award has also been mapped against the [European Qualifications Framework](#).

All Arts Award qualifications are assigned a total qualification time (TQT). Total qualification time is an estimate of the average time a young person spends with an adviser or adult to support them (guided learning hours) added to the average time spent learning independently. It is recognised that the amount of time needed to complete a qualification will depend on the level of experience of each individual or group. For this reason, the assigned TQT should be used as guidance only. Examples of different delivery approaches can be found at artsaward.org.uk/blog.

Arts Award Level	Awarding organisation	Title on regulators register	Qualification number	EQF equivalent level (European Qualification Framework)	Guided learning hours (GLH)	Independent learning hours (ILH)	Total qualification time (TQT)	Credit value	UCAS points
Explore	Trinity College London (TCL)	Entry Level Award in the Arts (Entry 3)	600/3894/9	EQF Level 1	25 hours	10 hours	35 hours	4	N/A
Bronze	Trinity College London (TCL)	Level 1 Award in the Arts	501/0081/6	EQF Level 2	40 hours	20 hours	60 hours	6	N/A
Silver	Trinity College London (TCL)	Level 2 Award in the Arts	500/9914/0	EQF Level 3	60 hours	35 hours	95 hours	10	N/A
Gold	Trinity College London (TCL)	Level 3 Certificate in the Arts	500/9666/7	EQF Level 4	90 hours	60 hours	150 hours	15	16

* Arts Award Discover is not a regulated qualification

For more information on running Arts Award visit artsaward.org.uk or contact the Arts Award helpdesk at: artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk.

Trinity College London provides details of all successful candidates to the [Learning Records Service](#) (LRS) and to UCAS for young people completing their Gold Arts Award. In order to provide the details, check that you have registered young people's details correctly, including their Unique Learner Number (ULN) so that credits to UCAS points can be matched up correctly. A ULN is a **10-digit reference number** which is used alongside and to access the Personal Learning Record of anyone over the age of 14 involved in UK education or training.

Further information

The level comparisons below are useful to get an idea of the standard of the Arts Award levels against qualifications delivered in secondary and further education settings. However, getting an Arts Award says something unique about a young person and the skills they've gained in creativity, communication, leadership and art form development.

Arts Awards qualifications have funded learning aims. If you are a school, college or formal training provider use the links to the [Find a Learning Aim](#) website to find out details of funding available.

Arts Award Level	Title on regulators register	Fundable by EFA for 16 + and SFA 19+ Learning Aims Reference Service (LARS) **	Example comparison standard (not size of qualification)	Comparable size in points – New UCAS Tariff
Explore	Entry Level Award in the Arts (Entry 3)	60038949	N/A	N/A
Bronze	Level 1 Award in the Arts	50100816	GCSE D-G (3-1) grade	N/A
Silver	Level 2 Award in the Arts	50099140	GCSE A*-C (9-4) grade	N/A
Gold	Level 3 Certificate in the Arts	50096667	A level standard	AS Level B Grade Certificate in Higher Sports Leadership Grade 7 Music performance examination (Distinction)

** Please ensure when you search the Find a Learning Aims website, you check the Teaching Year date filter is selected to the appropriate academic year.

Arts Award is not equal in size to a GCSE or A level but young people are working and assessed at comparable standards. For up-to-date comparisons see: <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>